

**AGENDA**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2002**

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**2:00 P.M.**

Call to Order - Fir 2

Recess to closed session

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
  2. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9: Anticipated Litigation

**3:30 P.M.**

Reconvene to public session

Strategic Conversation - Juniper 1

Columbia leadership will facilitate an interactive dialogue with trustees and staff on the subject of our "Excellence Initiative."

**5:00 P.M.**

Reconvene to public session - Dogwood Forum

**Public Comment:** Persons who want to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda item may do so when the item is discussed. Persons who want to comment on district business issues not included on the agenda can do so as part of agenda item "**F. Comments from the Public.**" All speakers must complete a Speaker Request Form in advance and give it to the Board stenographer. Individuals may be limited to 5 minutes each.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2002.

**A. REPORTS**

1. Student Activity Reports
2. Academic Senate Activity Reports

**B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. New Columbia College Campus Map

Columbia staff have produced a new comprehensive 3-dimensional map, showing different elevations and pathways between buildings. The outside back cover includes details about essential information. Thanks go to Kathryn Jeffery and Andy Maurer for this exceptional product.

2. Children's Concert at Columbia College

On March 12 over 2,000 Tuolumne and Calaveras County students from grades 4 through 8 will attend a Children's Concert at the Oak Pavillion. Columbia College's 45-piece Symphony of the Sierra Orchestra will present two performances for the children. The Central Sierra and Calaveras Arts Councils co-sponsor the event.

3. Columbia College Hosts Occupational Olympics

For the second year, Columbia College will host the Occupational Olympics for Tuolumne and Calaveras County high school students. On March 21 the event will involve over 200 competitors in nine different vocational subjects.

4. Horizon Line Production

Funded by a grant from Tuolumne County, Columbia College will present the production "Horizon Line" by the National Conference for Community and Justice. The play informs and educates about hate crime recognition and prevention. On March 18, an evening performance will be open to the public. On March 19, three performances will be held for high school and college students. There is no fee but admission will be by ticket only, due to the limited seating in the Dogwood Theater.

5. Staff Recognition Dinner

The annual YCCD Staff Recognition Dinner is set for Friday, May 10. The event will be held at Johnathan's at the Elks Lodge in Modesto. Trustees, staff and guests are welcome and are encouraged to save that date on their calendars.

6. Hispanic Education Conference

MJC will host its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Hispanic Education Conference on Saturday, March 16 on East Campus. This daylong event features speakers, discussions and workshops that will highlight career opportunities and the benefits of obtaining a higher education. Keynote speakers will be actor/community activist Edward James Olmos and Consuelo Castillo Kickbush, Lt. Colonel (retired), U. S. Army.

7. Edward James Olmos

On the evening of March 16, Mr. Olmos will speak in the gymnasium on the topic of "We're All in the Same Gang." The event is open to the public and tickets (\$25 and \$10) are available through the MJC Auditorium Box Office Monday through Friday from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. Celebrate MJC Gourmet Food, Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

The annual "Celebrate MJC Gourmet Food, Wine Tasting & Silent Auction" is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 6-9 p.m. at the SOS Club. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the MJC Foundation, 575-6068, or through Physical Education, 575-6269. All proceeds support the Pirates' athletic program and the 21 intercollegiate sports offered at MJC.

9. Federal Legislation

YCCD Board of Trustees President Joe Mitchell, Trustee Allister Allen and Chancellor Fisher participated in the ACCT's National Legislative Seminar in mid February. Contacts were made in each congressional office regarding issues of concern to community colleges. Of special importance are Pell grants, reauthorization of the welfare reform act and several serious challenges to the associate degree in nursing. The Chancellor facilitated a general session featuring Assistant Secretary of Adult Education Dr. Anita D'Amico and Assistant Secretary of Labor Dr. Emily DeRocco. Also highlighted were recently passed legislation positively affecting community colleges whose success was attributed to the efforts of the NLS attendees in 2001.

10. State and Local Fiscal Update

The fiscal prognosis for the state of California generally, and community colleges specifically, continues to be grim. As reported widely in the press, the state's revenue shortfall had been projected to be \$12 - \$14 billion. Last week the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) stated that the shortfall may be as much as \$5 billion more than predicted by the Governor. The LAO also stated that the COLA is likely to drop to 1.8% and that there may be a new charge to districts for contributions to the PERS fund. The LAO also recommends several dramatic changes for funding of categorical programs, including the elimination of the Partnership for Excellence program. As always, these predictions and recommendations will be the topic of numerous intense debates over the next four or more months.

Locally, YCCD has been planning carefully for funding of increases in staff salaries, increases in health benefits rates, and pressing technology and capital construction needs. Reduction in expected state funding this year and next made it more difficult to meet these needs, but plans are in place nonetheless. Of major concern now is that MJC's enrollment projections for this year are significantly below their target. First indications of a problem in this area appeared in mid fall and have been the focus of much attention ever since. Despite many staff's efforts, the numbers have not improved. In fact, it now appears that MJC's 2001-2002 FTES may be equivalent to last year, and not the desired 4% growth. A portion of that 500 FTES loss will be picked up by Columbia (approximately 100 FTES) and plans call for a large MJC first summer session that could help somewhat. However, it is not possible to make up the entire loss. Thus, as budgets are adjusted for this year, and developed for next year, a significant drop in revenue has to be assumed.

**B. INFORMATION ITEMS**

10. State and Local Fiscal Update (Continued)

At this time, work is proceeding in two directions. One focus is to implement and manage significant enrollment growth for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. The other focus is to identify ways and funds to cover the shortfalls for the next two years until the state's economy and community college funding improves. Strategies and solutions to this major task will be found but it will require all constituencies to work collaboratively to identify and implement them.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Purchase Orders

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase orders issued from January 1, 2002 to January 31, 2002.

2. Acceptance of Gifts - MJC

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Donation of \$25,000 from Diane Gagos to be used for student intern housing in the Ag and Environmental Sciences Division at Modesto Junior College.
- b. Donation of \$5,000 from Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc., to be used in the development of a 12-acre demonstration walnut orchard at the Beckwith Road demonstration farm laboratory at Modesto Junior College.
- c. Two Audiovox 14-channel UHF radios from Myrna Gervasoni to be used in Health Services at Modesto Junior College.
- d. Dental chair from Michael Gerber to be used in the Dental Assisting program at Modesto Junior College.
- e. A Compaq Presario 5726 Computer with monitor from Max Norton to be used by the MJC Forensics Team at Modesto Junior College.
- f. Delivery, set-up, skirting and steps from Duppa Villa Mobile Home Sales, to be used for the new mobile home for West Campus housing for Agriculture student interns at Modesto Junior College.
- g. Various books of assorted titles from Chris Vaughn to be used in the Library at Modesto Junior College.

3. Special Appointment - Peralta

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Richard Peralta as president of the Schools Employee Benefits Association (SEBA). SEBA is the District's self-funded health insurance plan and includes Sylvan and Riverbank Schools Districts. Mr. Peralta has served as Board President since SEBA's inception in 1989.

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4. Acceptance of Claim

The District has received a claim from Terry P. Lyle, Instructor in Allied Health and Family and Consumer Sciences at Modesto Junior College, in the amount of \$2,100 for investigation fees and \$750 for legal fees incurred by Mr. Lyle to substantiate his position regarding issuance of a certificate for a respiratory care student.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the claim filed by Terry P. Lyle and direct staff to process the appropriate paperwork to Accounts Payable so payment can be made on this claim.

5. Project Applications/Amendments

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. EIP Job Profile - Seal Fill Operator - MJC  
Submitted to Del Monte Foods - Plant #1  
Agency share: \$5,999.25; Proposer share: \$0
  - b. EIP Job Profile - Tray Pack Operator - MJC  
Submitted to Del Monte Foods - Plant #1  
Agency share: \$10,297.75; Proposer share: \$0
  - c. Fundamentals of Electricity - MJC  
Submitted to Modesto, Merced and Turlock Irrigation Districts  
Agency share: \$4,400; Proposer share: \$0
  - d. AmeriCorps: Foster Youth Mentor Program Endowment Grant - MJC  
Submitted to California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
Agency share: \$30,000; Proposer share: \$0
  - e. SB 551 Funding for the Promotion of Tolerance - CC  
Submitted to Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors  
Agency share: \$13,736; Proposer share: \$0
  - f. Columbia College Child Development Contract for Facilities Revolving Fund  
Submitted to California Department of Education  
Agency share: \$150,000; Proposer share: \$0
- Adopt Resolution No. 01-02/08**

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Project Applications/Amendments (continued)

- g. Columbia College Mother Lode Scholars Program - CC  
Submitted to National Science Foundation  
Agency share: \$205,356; Proposer share: \$0
- h. Child Development Permit Project YCCD  
Submitted to California Children and Families Commission  
Agency share: \$442,000; Proposer share: \$0
- i. Child Development Training Consortium - MJC  
Submitted to California Department of Education, Child  
Development Division  
Agency share: \$3,707,740; Proposer share: \$0
- j. Funds for Enrollment Growth, Associate Degree Nursing  
(AND) Program - MJC  
Submitted to the Chancellor's Office of the California  
Community Colleges  
Agency share: \$147,302; Proposer share: \$0
- k. Agriculture Education, Marketing and Outreach - MJC  
Submitted to U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Agency share: \$40,000  
Matching required: \$40,000
- l. Instruction Materials - MJC/CC  
Submitted to California Department of Education  
Agency share: \$3,000; Proposer share: \$0
- m. Columbia College Child Care Center Permanent Facility -  
CC  
Submitted to the Orfalea Family Foundation  
Agency share: \$3,000,000; Proposer share: \$0
- n. General Child Care & Development Program Funding - CC  
Submitted to Child Development Division/California  
Department of Education  
Agency share: \$297,300; Proposer share: \$0  
*(This grant summary was previously approved by the  
Board on 7/12/01 - it now requires adoption of **Resolution  
No. 01-02/10**)*

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Columbia College Physics Program

The Columbia College Physics Program is an outstanding example of creative teaching. For the past eight years, Dr. Dennis Albers, Professor of Physics and Math, has been developing a number of innovative student projects and classroom exercises that have improved student retention and transfer success into the Sciences at universities. In 1994, Dr. Albers reinvented the Introductory Physics curriculum and, as a result, both success rates and FCI scores (a national standardized test for understanding of Physics course material) nearly doubled, and enrollment has increased by 50 percent. Dr. Albers will present slides and brief descriptions of some of the measures taken that turned this course around. The innovations that Dr. Albers initiated are examples of the fine quality of teaching and learning at Columbia College and are representative of the "Excellence Initiative."

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees receive the report and commend Dr. Albers for his work and his presentation.

2. The Shakespeare Semester in London - Spring 2003

MJC is seeking Board approval of a Shakespeare Semester in London for Spring 2003. This activity will bring national and statewide recognition to MJC and the District. The 25-29 students will take courses in transfer level English and theatre classes taught by Dr. Peter Raleigh. Students will be housed in the facilities of Westminster Kingsway College, a well established institution. College president Dr. Williams will be available to answer questions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve MJC's Shakespeare Semester in London for Spring 2003.

3. CCCT Board of Directors Election - 2002

The voting period for the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors ends April 25. There are 19 candidates for ten two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy on the Board. The candidates are listed on the attached sheet. Biographical sketches were distributed previously to the trustees.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees each complete a ballot indicating their preferences for the CCCT Board of Directors. These ballots will be forwarded to the Chancellor for compilation and the completion of a single Board ballot.

**E. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

1. Retirement - Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees grant retirement emeritus status to Allan Ramsaran, Counselor at Columbia College, effective June 30, 2002, and officially commend him for thirteen and one-half years of valuable service to the District.

2. Appointment of Educational Administrator

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Martha Robles to the position of Director of Student Success & Special Projects, Student Services, Modesto Junior College, effective February 12, 2002.

3. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Kathleen Hairston to Instructional Assistant - Health Education Telecourse (.025%), Physical, Recreation and Health Education, Modesto Junior College, effective January 31, 2002 (9-month work year).

4. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Letitia Senechal to Student Outreach Recruiter, Matriculation/Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective February 1, 2002.

5. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Rosanne Faughn to Program Representative I, Planning & Budget, Modesto Junior College, effective February 11, 2002, contingent upon funding.

6. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Martin Almarez, Custodian, Facilities Planning and Operations, effective February 11, 2002.

7. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Ascencion Macias to the position of Custodian (50%), Facilities Planning and Operations, effective February 25, 2002.

**E. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

8. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of George Yeager, Maintenance III Painter, Facilities Operations, YCCD, effective March 4, 2002.

9. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Ljiljana Kekic, custodian, Facilities Planning and Operations, effective February 25, 2002.

10. Probationary Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Douglas Yocum, Grounds Maintenance Specialist, Facilities Planning and Operations, MJC, effective March 1, 2002.

11. Promotional Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the promotional appointment of Homer Evins, Custodial Supervisor, Facilities Planning and Operations, MJC, effective February 7, 2002.

12. Promotional Appointment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the promotional appointment of Gail Damas to Reprographic Operator II (75%), Duplicating, Modesto Junior College, effective February 19, 2002, contingent upon funding.

13. Temporary Appointment - Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the temporary appointment (interim - sabbatical leave replacement) of Debra Tavernier to the position of Nursing Instructor, Allied Health Division, Modesto Junior College, for Spring 2002.

14. Out-of-Class Assignment - Classified Management Position

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a 60 percent temporary out-of-class classified management position for John Chappell as Interim Director of Technology and Media Services at Columbia College, effective March 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

**E. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

15. Voluntary Reduction of Assignment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the voluntary reduction in assignment from 100% to 75% for Lisa Schut, Child Development Center Site Supervisor, Allied Health/Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective February 4, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

16. Salary Recommendations - Classified Managers

The Leadership Team classification study delayed review of the TRIO Program Directors until federal funding could be determined to provide for increased costs in salaries. This process is now complete and the following recommendation is made based on the review.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a change in salary placement for the following TRIO Program Directors from Leadership Team salary schedule range 20 to range 21, effective 1, 2002: Francisco Banuelos, Martha Robles and Roberto Mendes.

17. Temporary Appointment - Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the temporary appointment (interim) of Michael Akard to the position of Computer Laboratory Instructor/Coordinator, Instruction, Modesto Junior College, effective December 31, 2001 until on or before May 17, 2002 (until full-time position is filled).

**F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

This time is for comments on district business items not included elsewhere on the agenda. Persons wanting to address the Board of Trustees at this time should have completed a Speaker's Request Form and given it to the Board stenographer. Individuals may be limited to 5 minutes each.

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2002, at Modesto Junior College. Closed session will be at 3:00 p.m. A Strategic Conversation on the topic of the "Excellence Initiative" will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the MJC Staff Dining Room. Open session will begin at 6:00 p.m.