

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2003**

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Since this was the annual organization meeting, the Chancellor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room and presided during the election of the Board Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board Action

Board Members Present      Pat Dean  
   Anne DeMartini  
   Linda Flores  
   Tom Hallinan  
   Paul Neumann  
   Abe Rojas  
   Delsie Schrimp  
   Sherrene Barnard (Student Trustee) – *joined meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

Others Present                      B. Au, M. Baker, S. Biasca, M. Christopherson, D. Clark, K. Clark, P. Fisher, D. Jamison, B. Jensen, L. Kubeck, L. Mayhew, W. McLeod, P. Mendez, V. Metcalf, R. Peralta, G. Railey, G. Retamoza, J. Riggs, G. Rose, R. Sandoval, T. Scott, D. Solomon, N. Stavrianoudakis, M. Sunquist, J. Swank, S. Uyeshiro, J. Walker, J. Williams, S. Woodside, E. Osnaya (recorder)

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Reorganization of the Board of Trustees                      Education Code section 35143 requires that the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees be conducted within 15 days after the first Friday in December. In compliance with this code section, the Board of Trustees accomplished the following:

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Election of Board Chair                      Chancellor Fisher opened the floor to nominations for Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Neumann nominated Trustee Schrimp. Trustee Hallinan seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, seconded by Trustee Neumann, that nominations be closed and that the Board of Trustees elect Ms. Schrimp Chair of the YCCD Board of Trustees.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Special Presentation                      Board Chair Schrimp made a special gift presentation to Trustee Neumann as outgoing Chair of the Board. Trustee Neumann said that he had enjoyed his term as chair because of the support from his fellow trustees. The other Board members shared how

much they appreciated Mr. Neumann's leadership and commended him for a job well done.

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Election of Board Vice Chair

Board Chair Delsie Schrimp asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Hallinan nominated Trustee Linda Flores for this position. Trustee Dean seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, seconded by Trustee Hallinan, that nominations be closed and that the Board of Trustees elect Trustee Flores as Vice Chair of the YCCD Board of Trustees with authority and power to act on behalf of the Chair of the Board in the event of her absence.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Trustee Flores thanked trustees for the appointment. She said she looked forward to this learning experience.

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Appointments of the Secretary to the Board and Stenographer to the Board

Chair Schrimp appointed Dr. Pamila Fisher secretary to the Board of Trustees and Ms. Elisa Osnaya as stenographer for the Board of Trustees.

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Time/Place of Regular Board Meetings

The Board designated that the date and time of regular Board meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, with two meetings to be held at Columbia College.

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Representatives to the Stanislaus County Annual Meeting and Schools Board Association

Chair Schrimp said she would like to appoint one person to serve as the Board's representative on the Stanislaus County Committee on School District Organization and on the Stanislaus County Schools Board Association, as has been done in the past. Mr. Rojas had indicated interest in this appointment and Ms. Schrimp asked if he was still interested and if anyone else was interested. Mr. Rojas indicated his willingness to serve, as did Mrs. DeMartini. Chair Schrimp said she would like to appoint Mr. Rojas as the representative and Mrs. DeMartini as the alternate, who would serve if Mr. Rojas were not able to attend the meetings. She asked if that was acceptable to them. Mr. Rojas accepted. Mrs. DeMartini said whatever Chair Schrimp decided would be acceptable but pointed out that Mr. Rojas had already been appointed to serve on the VIP/JPA Board. She encouraged Chair Schrimp to reverse the order of the appointment. Mr. Rojas accepted the change. Consequently, Chair Schrimp appointed Trustee DeMartini to serve as the voting representative to attend the Stanislaus County annual meeting where vacancies on the Stanislaus County Committee on School District Organization are filled, as well as the Board

member to serve on the Stanislaus County Schools Board Association. Trustee Rojas was designated the alternate Board representative.

Recess to Closed Session

At approximately 3:45 p.m. the Board of Trustees recessed to closed session in YCCD Conference Room B for the purpose of discussions pursuant to G. C. Section 54957 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and G. C. 54957.6 - Collective Bargaining (YFA and CSEA).

Open Session

At 5:35 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session in the YCCD Board Room.

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Report out from Closed Session

Chair Schrimp reported that there was no action taken during closed session, hence there was nothing to report.

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Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini, seconded by Trustee Rojas, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2003.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Student Activity Reports

Sherrere Barnard, Student Trustee, presented the student activity report for Columbia College. She said that students had been busy with the following activities:

- ❖ Activity Sticker Sale Day
- ❖ Preparing for a candidates' forum
- ❖ Participation in the March in March in Sacramento
- ❖ Participation in the Missing Student Project which involves placing statues (on the Capitol green) representing college students missing from community colleges due to budget cuts.

Rebecca Freeman, ASMJC President, reported that MJC students also will participate in the March in March and the Missing Student Project. Ms. Freeman said they plan to purchase two statues for this project. She mentioned that the MJC Foundation also will purchase a statue to support the project.

Ms. Freeman also reported that they held a successful joint leadership retreat with Columbia College, as well as a successful Bachelor Auction fundraising event.

Ms. Freeman mentioned that she had attended the Governor's Inaugural celebration and found it to be informative and provided

her the opportunity to speak with several of our representatives, Trustee Schrimp and the Secretary of Education Richard Riordan.

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Academic Senate Activity Reports

Michelle Christopherson, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that with their appointment of Dr. Marianne Franco as accreditation faculty co-chair, all faculty co-chairs have now been named. She said the Academic Senate also has been reviewing the Facility Master Plan and the prioritized list of projects. The Senate feels strongly about two items: Founder's Hall renovation to correct health and safety issues, and support for building the Science Center (including the Great Valley Museum and the planetarium) on the current site of the Ag building. Ms. Christopherson said the Senate also decided that the issue of plus or minus grading would be submitted to the Excellence Committee for their thorough review.

There was no report from Columbia College.

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Activities and Announcements

Chair Schrimp announced that Dr. Stephen Stroud, Faculty Consultant to the Board, was absent from the meeting because he was conducting a community band concert this evening.

Mother Lode Festival of Singing

President Riggs reported that Columbia College professor John Carter coordinated "A Festival of Singing" in October. Eleven choirs, composed of 300 students, participated from Sonora, Summerville and Calaveras high schools and Columbia College. Performances ranged from classical to jazz. Approximately 600 spectators attended this event.

ASCC Sponsors Canned Food Drive

Sherrene Barnard, Student Trustee, reported that Columbia College's Associated Student Government sponsored a successful canned and non-perishable food drive from November 3 through December 1, 2003. She said all food items were donated to the ATCCA Food Bank for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to local residents. Collections were accepted throughout campus with the Library graciously accepting canned food items as payment of library fines. Ms. Barnard commended fellow student Veerend Chand who alone donated over 100 cans of food.

MJC Dairy Judging Team Wins Two National Awards

President Williams reported that the MJC Dairy Judging Team continued the college's winning tradition as it garnered the 1<sup>st</sup> High Team Overall Award, as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> High Individual Overall Awards at the International Post Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held on October 2. Dr. Williams said the competition is tough and competitors include large four-year institutions. MJC also took first place for the fourth time in the last five years at the North American International Livestock Exposition Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, held

November 9, 2003. Coach Mark Anglin and his MJC team members were congratulated for their outstanding performance.

West Campus  
Development Project

Chancellor Fisher reported that the option agreement between YCCD and KG-MN, LLC to develop and lease areas of Modesto Junior College's West Campus expired on November 6, 2003. Due to changing political climate and lack of community support over time, the District exercised its right not to renew the option agreement and reached an amicable conclusion. The District has refunded the developer's deposit of \$25,000. As a result, the Chancellor said the property now will be included and planned for in the District's Facilities Master Plan.

Institute Days

Dr. Williams reported that MJC's Spring Institute Day will be held on Friday, January 9. Classified staff are in charge of this activity and chose the theme of *Wellness: Physical and Financial*. They plan to have a motivational speaker, a health fair, presentation of the Cardoza Award, and breakout sessions after lunch.

Dr. Riggs said that Columbia's In-Service Day will be held Thursday, January 8. The focus of the day will be on preparing for accreditation. They also will review the Facilities Master Plan and the Academic and Classified Senates will hold several meetings in the afternoon.

Trustees were invited to attend both activities.

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Presentations/Updates  
CSU Stanislaus  
Leadership Program

Chancellor Fisher reported that a recent study indicates that 70-80% of community college senior administrators will be retiring within the next seven years, which will create a great need for community college leaders. Working with colleagues in the Higher Education Consortium of Central California (HECCC), Dr. Fisher suggested they help address the need for leadership development in local community colleges. HECCC members agreed and the Chancellor played a key role in developing a new Graduate Certificate Program at CSU, Stanislaus that began in the fall of 2002. The program included 15 units of graduate study in areas such as human resources, finance, technology, instruction, resource development and leadership.

Faculty in the program included Dr. Riggs, Ms. Teresa Scott, Ms. Lynn Kubeck and Chancellor Fisher. Other YCCD administrators served as mentors, speakers and interviewees. Twenty-five students signed up for this first program. Eighteen completed the program, eleven of which are YCCD staff. Chancellor Fisher and trustees congratulated the YCCD graduates of the program: Michael Akard, John Chappell, Marcos Garcia, Barbara Jensen, George Railey, George Retamoza, Gina Rose, Ray Sandoval, Denise Solomon, Michael Sundquist, and Sandra Uyeshiro.

Chancellor Fisher introduced George Retamoza, who along with George Railey, Gina Rose, Ray Sandoval and Barbara Jensen, described their experience in the program and what they had gained to prepare them for future community college leadership roles. Mr. Retamoza said he hoped the Board would continue to support this program and the Chancellor's efforts in this regard. Barbara Jensen dedicated the poem titled "The Bridge Builder" to Dr. Fisher. On behalf of the class, Ms. Jensen presented the Chancellor with a certificate of gratitude and thanked her for being their role model and providing support and leadership. Class participants indicated that some would pursue leadership positions, as well as work toward doctorate degrees. Chancellor Fisher said that CSU, Stanislaus has articulated with UOP to accept this program toward their doctoral program. The same is being explored with Claremont University and Oregon State University.

Trustees indicated that they liked the idea of "growing your own" leaders and asked if this program will continue. Dr. Fisher explained that CSU, Stanislaus is in the process of evaluating the program and hopes that a new class will begin next fall.

Chair Schrimp presented the YCCD graduates with a small token in recognition of completion of the program.

#### USDA Grant

The Yosemite Community College District/CampusWorks Inc. partnership has yielded several benefits to the District's colleges and to the YCCD community at large. Besides the management of the Datatel Administrative System project and other technological assistance, CampusWorks assisted with a new USDA Rural Utilities Services grant. President Riggs said this is a three-year grant that provides \$500,000 primarily for equipment. Its purpose is to set up a rural information infrastructure program that will serve Tuolumne, Calaveras and Stanislaus Counties. The goal is to make available a broad range of vocational training and academic offerings via the use of the technology that will be established. There are a number of partners involved, which include the Miwuk Indian tribe. Lynn Kubeck, YCCD Chief Information Systems Officer, provided an update on some of the activities and explained how the grant integrates with other District technology projects. Ms. Kubeck said that to date, the integration and coordination of the USDA grant, the District Microwave Upgrade Project and the CALVIP/Videoconferencing upgrade project has realized a cost savings of over three-quarters of a million dollars. Gary Mendenhall, Dennis Gervin, Bill Woodard, Lynn Kubeck and CampusWorks, Melissa Colon, and Wendy Link were commended for their efforts in putting this project together.

#### MJC Pre-Construction Program

President Williams provided a status report on the MJC Pre-Construction Program. He and Pedro Mendez, Director of Technical Education, presented an overview of the program and

followed up on the concerns expressed by a member of the public at the last Board meeting.

Dr. Williams explained that the Program has been funded by the State Chancellor's Office of Economic Development to support instruction, to help cover facility costs and support the VICA Small Contract Center. One of the issues raised at last month's meeting was whether MJC was fulfilling its contractual obligation to provide basic education to students in the program. Dr. Williams explained how that is being done during the 30-day assessment period of the program. A second concern was whether MJC is recruiting "cream of the crop, college-ready students." Dr. Williams said that the majority of the students that participate in this program generally test out at the fifth-grade level in reading and sixth-grade level in math and sometimes lower. He said 90% of the students in the program are not college-ready students. Although, some of the students become college ready and move on to degree programs and transfer to 4-year colleges. Dr. Williams said the target populations are from the west and east side areas, with a focus on the Hispanic community. Another concern that was surfaced was the move of the training facility to the East Campus. Dr. Williams said the program site is moving to East Campus because the 7<sup>th</sup> Street facility will no longer be available after January 1. He explained that the move should not have a negative impact because students already travel to East Campus three times per week.

Pedro Mendez, Director of Technical Education, provided additional information about the program. He said 57% of the participants are Hispanic, and 84% have been identified as low-income and that of the 226 participants, 140 graduated and 84 are working in the construction field, earning anywhere from \$9 to \$40 per hour.

Trustee Flores asked about the recruitment process. Mr. Mendez explained that he and his staff recruit in cooperation with the Habitat for Humanity, City of Modesto, the King Kennedy Center, Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) and other organizations who refer individuals. Mr. Mendez said the majority of program participants are not high school graduates. Trustee Flores said she understood that the GI Forum initially was involved with this program and asked what their role is currently. Mr. Mendez said that the GI Forum was initially one of the agencies that advocated with the City for vocational training for the Hispanic community. Currently, they are supporting the Small Contractor Center which provides services to unlicensed contractors.

Trustee Hallinan asked if the information that was just provided to them had been shared with Mr. Donoso. Trustee Neumann said it is important that we communicate the information about our recruitment efforts to Mr. Donoso. Trustees had hoped that he

would be present at this meeting to get the answers he requested. Dr. Williams will follow up in writing with Mr. Donoso.

SEBA JPA Assessment

The School Employee Benefits Association (SEBA) has been the District's self-funded health benefits plan since it was formed in 1989 with Sylvan, Riverbank, and Hughson school districts.

Teresa Scott, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Services, reported that with rapidly escalating costs of medical services and major high cost claims, the JPA was no longer financially feasible. The SEBA Board voted to dissolve the JPA effective December 31, 2003, but the deficit fund balance continued to grow. Ms. Scott said the cumulative SEBA deficit now stands at \$2,270,000. Allocated proportionately, YCCD's share is \$2,000,000 which has been paid. The District had budgeted \$1,500,000 in anticipation of the assessment and, as a result, is approximately \$500,000 short. It is unknown at this time what the final deficit will be by December 31, 2003, but the total District costs for health benefits in 2003 is likely to be in excess of \$13 million.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Rojas, seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board of Trustees take the following action:

Purchase Orders

Approve the purchase orders issued from October 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003.

On the purchase orders, the motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes (Dean, DeMartini, Flores, Hallinan, Rojas, Schrimp) and 1 abstention (Neumann).

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On the remainder of the Consent Agenda and the Personnel Items, the following action was approved with a vote of 7-0.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Walnut and almond hulling and drying services from Cover's Dehydrator to be used in the Beckwith Ranch at Modesto Junior College.
- b. Various books of assorted titles from Ann Lowry, to be used in the Library at Modesto Junior College.
- c. A Brother MFC – 5100C multi-function printer, scanner, copier, fax machine from Mary Sahlman to be used in the MJC Forensics Team in the Arts, Humanities and Communications Division at Modesto Junior College.
- d. A \$150 donation along with tableware and raffle prizes from American AG Credit to be used for the Ag Seniors' Day at Modesto Junior College.



- e. A \$150 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cover to be used for the Ag Annual Seniors' Day Luncheon at Modesto Junior College.
- Special Appointment – Riggs Approve the appointment of Dr. Jim Riggs, President of Columbia College, to serve on the Fresno City College Athletic Program Review Team on December 9, 2003.
- Special Appointment – Fisher Approve the appointment of Chancellor Fisher as a member of AACC's Leading Forward National Advisory Panel. The panel will oversee the implementation of a multi-million dollar Kellogg Foundation grant designed to develop new community college leaders.
- Chancellor Fisher explained that AACC received a two-year grant as a result of the work they have done regarding community college leadership. Dr. Fisher said this is a \$2 million planning grant that may become a \$10-20 million action grant for colleges to use for leadership programs. Nine CEOs were asked to be on the advisory panel, and she is one of them. Her appointment is for two years. The Advisory Panel will meet twice a year (once in conjunction with an established meeting). One of the meetings has already taken place. The Kellogg Foundation will pay for airfare and lodging.
- Notice of Completion of Contract Accept the work performed by Nicro, Inc., for the Water Cross Connect at Modesto Junior College, West Campus, Bid #03-1519, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment to be made.
- Notice of Completion of Contract Accept the work performed by Champion Industrial Contractors, Inc., for the Steam System Maintenance at Modesto Junior College, East Campus, Bid #03-1520, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment to be made.
- Project Applications/Amendments 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: **(Report #2107)**
- a. Child Development Permit and CRI Technical Assistance Project – MJC  
Submitted to First 5 California (formally the California Children and Families Commission)  
Agency share: \$1,832,838 (revised from \$1,000,000)  
Proposer share: \$0
  - b. Curriculum Development Focus Group & Job Shadowing – MJC  
Submitted to Foster Farms Dairy  
Agency share: \$500: Proposer share: \$0

Personnel Items

- Dr. Bennett Tom Grant retirement emeritus status to Dr. Bennett Tom, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services, Yosemite Community College District, effective July 1, 2004, and officially commend him for 11 years of valuable service to the District.
- Monica Sanchez Approve the probationary appointment of Monica Sanchez to Financial Aid Technician II, Financial Aid/ Scholarships, Modesto Junior College, effective December 2, 2003, contingent upon funding.
- Brandi Supnet Approve the probationary appointment of Brandi Supnet, Financial Aid Technician II, Financial Aid/Scholarships, Modesto Junior College, effective December 2, 2003, contingent upon funding.
- Sheila Johnson Approve the probationary appointment of Sheila Johnson, Support Staff II, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective December 8, 2003 (10-month work year).
- Sally McGee Approve the probationary appointment of Sally McGee, Support Staff II (50%), EOP&S, Modesto Junior College, effective December 11, 2003, contingent upon funding.
- Monika Schortner Approve the probationary appointment of Monika Schortner, Program Representative I (50%), Student Development, Modesto Junior College, effective December 11, 2003, contingent upon funding (10-month work year).
- Gerald Baldwin Approve the reinstatement of Gerald Baldwin to Transportation Technician III, YCCD Transportation, effective January 1, 2004.
- Cynthia Taylor Approve a temporary increase in assignment from 32 hrs/10 months to 40 hrs/10 months for Cynthia Taylor, Cook/Baker, Columbia College, effective October 9, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
- Reorganization: MJC  
Classified Management Approve:
- a. Elimination of the MJC Farm Manager position (management salary schedule range 10) effective no later than June 30, 2004;
  - b. Creation of a new MJC Agricultural Operations Manager (management salary schedule range 22);
  - c. Staffing of the new management position through an open, competitive process.
- Short-Term Appointee List Approve the list of short-term appointees.

## Discussion Items

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Report on Employee  
Negotiations

Discussions with the District's three employee organizations regarding 2003-2004 contract negotiations are continuing. Richard Peralta, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, reported that based on this process, he was pleased to report that tentative agreements had been reached with the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) and the Leadership Team Advisory Committee (LTAC).

Mr. Peralta said both agreements provide for continuation of 2002-2003 salary schedules in 2003-2004 and no employee contributions toward the cost of medical benefits in 2003-2004. **(Reports #2108 and #2109)** Also, changes in eligibility criteria for retiree medical benefits and a "Golden Handshake" retirement incentive program in 2004 are provided.

The Vice Chancellor added that a comparable proposal has been extended to representatives of CSEA Chapter 420, the District's exclusive representative for classified employees, and further discussions are pending.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, seconded by Trustee Rojas, that the Board of Trustees:

1. Approve a 2003-2004 negotiated agreement with the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) subject to successful completion of the Association ratification process and
2. Approve a 2003-2004 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Leadership Team.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Veterans Day

At the November Board meeting, trustees approved the 2004-2005 Academic Calendars. At that time there were questions and concerns from trustees and staff about when the Veterans Day holiday would be observed. Trustees asked that college presidents revisit the issue with their respective Calendar Committees and that the item be brought back to them for further consideration. At this meeting, Presidents Riggs and Williams reported that the colleges' Calendar Committees found that observing the holiday on Friday, November 12, would work best for students. Otherwise, two holidays would fall on Thursday in the month of November, and students would miss two days of classes. Dr. Riggs mentioned again that the State Chancellor's Office had advised that legally either November 11 (the actual holiday) or November 12 could be observed.

Some trustees felt strongly that the actual holiday should be observed and thought that the veterans on campus felt the same way. Audience member, Janice Walker, voiced her concerns and supported observing the actual holiday. Lew Mayhew, YFA president, clarified that he had brought up this issue last month at the request of the YFA Rep Council, who out of a sense of patriotism asked that the actual day be observed which also would allow the members of the college community to attend events in the community. Vice President Wilma McLeod pointed out that activities honoring veterans would be held on campus on the 11<sup>th</sup> (as in the past) and that students who might not otherwise attend such an event would be able to do so. Trustee Schrimp asked trustees to consider the Calendar Committees' recommendation and what is in the best interest of the students.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee Rojas, that the Board of Trustees ask the Calendar Committees that Veterans Day be observed on Thursday, November 11, 2004.

The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes (Dean, DeMartini, Flores, Hallinan, Neumann, Rojas) and 1 no (Schrimp).

(Note: Revised academic calendars – **Reports #2104a and #2105a**)

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Brown Act Workshop

Over the years trustees and staff have participated in several Brown Act workshops, including those provided by the Community College League of California (CCLC) to all new trustees at their statewide orientation, as well as local workshops. Janice Walker, a member of the public, had requested that this item be on the agenda and that the Board consider holding a workshop offered by consultants she recommends. Trustee Neumann thanked Ms. Walker for raising the issue of compliance with the Brown Act and reminding trustees to be aware that some things were not followed as rigorously as they could be. He said, however, the Board does not see a need for a workshop at this time, but they will be careful that proper procedures are followed. Chair Schrimp said that trustees have had various opportunities to attend similar workshops, and they can consider future seminars for the newer members of the Board. Chancellor Fisher stated that trustees have the opportunity to attend seminars on the Brown Act at trustee conferences. In fact, trustees will have the opportunity to attend such a workshop at the upcoming trustee conference in January.

Ms. Walker offered to pay the entire cost of a seminar presented by the First Amendment Coalition. Trustees thanked her for her offer, but declined.

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Board Bylaws/Policy 5570  
- First Reading

Chancellor Fisher reminded trustees that staff have been reviewing and updating the entire policy manual, and those policies will be presented to the Board in the spring. YCCD Board Policy 5570 (Student Credit Card Solicitations) is a new policy designed to regulate marketing practices used on campuses by credit card companies. Nick Stavrianoudakis, Director of External Affairs, reported that the Community College League of California Board Policy & Administrative Procedure Service has determined that this policy is legally required. To assure compliance with Title 5, section 54400, boards must take steps to adopt this policy by December 31, 2003. Following a first reading, the policy will be placed on the January agenda for a second and final reading. Trustees conducted the first reading of policy 5570. Trustee Hallinan asked that the procedures for this policy be shared at the next meeting.

### **COMMENTS**

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Comments from the Public

Sandra Woodside, Professor of Sociology at MJC, reported that a year ago she had addressed the Board of Trustees asking for trustees to extend medical benefits for domestic partners. She said that since that provision was granted, less than five people have signed up for these benefits, and it has made a great difference for those few. Professor Woodside expressed her appreciation to Vice Chancellor Peralta, Venesse Metcalf, Director of Human Resources, Alice Noriega, Benefits Manager, and the Benefits Task Force for their efforts. She also thanked the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor for their generosity. Trustees thanked her for reporting back to the Board.

Janice Walker said that she would like to have a copy of the policies (mentioned previously) that will be presented to the Board for approval. She said she also would like an explanation of why there is a difference between what central duplicating charges faculty to duplicate class materials and what the District charges for copies of public records. Ms. Walker said she would submit her requests in writing.

Lew Mayhew, YFA president, expressed his appreciation to the YCCD negotiations team (Chancellor Fisher and Vice Chancellors Peralta and Scott) for their help with a smooth process.

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Comments from the Board  
of Trustees

Trustee DeMartini reported that she had attended various events, including the Red, Black and Green Ball, the Regional Fire Training Center graduation ceremony, and the Stanislaus County School Boards Association annual meeting. She said that service awards were presented at that meeting, and that Trustee Rojas had been recognized. In recognition and appreciation of 20 years of distinguished service rendered to public education in

Stanislaus County, a Certificate of Merit was awarded to Trustee Rojas. As he was unable to attend that meeting, Mrs. DeMartini presented the certificate to Mr. Rojas at this meeting.

Trustee Pat Dean said she had been on tours of Columbia College and MJC and attended a Calaveras County Schools meeting. She also reported that the tennis courts at Columbia College will be repaired soon thanks to a community effort to raise the money needed. Ms. Dean acknowledged Trustee Neumann for his donation toward that project.

Trustee Rojas, who is Chair of the Turlock Salvation Army Advisory Group, expressed his appreciation to trustees, Chancellor Fisher, Dr. Williams, and college staff that attended the Kettle Kick Off event in November. Mr. Rojas said the Turlock community recognized YCCD's support.

Chair Schrimp reported that she attended the CCLC Convention in November. She said it was interesting to hear the League's comments about the new Governor and how things are going statewide. Chancellor Fisher said the convention was worthwhile and that the college presidents had attended, as well as the Community College Leadership students.

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Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 14. The meeting will be called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room and then recess to closed session in Conference Room B. Open session will reconvene at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Schrimp thanked staff for all that they have done for the District this year and expressed best wishes to everyone during the holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Delsie Schrimp, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Pamila J. Fisher, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees