

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Delsie Schrimp at 4:00 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room. Immediately following, the Board of Trustees recessed to closed session in YCCD Conference Room B for the purpose of discussion pursuant to G. C. Section 54957 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, and G. C. 54957.6 - Collective Bargaining (CSEA).

At 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened to open session in the YCCD Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present	Pat Dean Anne DeMartini Linda Flores (arrived at approx. 4:15 p.m.) Tom Hallinan Abe Rojas Paul Neumann Delsie Schrimp Sherrene Barnard (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)
Board Members Absent	None
Others Present	B. Au, M. Baker, G. Boodrookas, M. Christopherson, K. Clark, P. Fisher, D. Gervin, D. Jamison, J. Johnson, W. Locke, L. Mayhew, V. Metcalf, F. Osnaya, R. Peralta, I. Ponder, J. Redwine, G. Retamoza, J. Riggs, G. Rose, C. Sampson, T. Scott, B. Scroggins, N. Stavrianoudakis, S. Stroud, J. Swank, J. Walker, J. Williams, D. Willson, D. Wirth, E. Osnaya (recorder)
14,831 Report out from Closed Session	Chair Schrimp reported that there was no action taken during the Board's closed session.
14,832 Approval of the Minutes	A motion was made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Hallinan, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2004. Trustee Rojas asked that a correction to the minutes (on page 5) be made to clarify that his inquiry about the cost of the Turlock and West Side Centers was why the estimated cost was different when both projects appeared to be the same. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0 as corrected.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

14,833
Student Activity Reports

Dr. Judith Redwine, Interim Vice President of Student Services at Columbia College, was introduced by President Riggs. Dr. Redwine presented the students' activity report. She informed the Board that student activities included a successful candidates' forum, plans for the March in March and a multi-cultural event.

Dr. Redwine also expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to come to YCCD. She also commended the Board's leadership with regard to diversity.

Chancellor Fisher and Chair Schrimp said that we are fortunate to have Dr. Redwine join the Columbia team.

There was no report from ASMJC.

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Academic Senate Activity Reports

Michelle Christopherson, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that Title 5 and the Ed Code remind faculty of their responsibility to be involved in hiring practices and to formalize that process. To that end, she said the Senate had formed a Hiring Prioritization Committee consisting of six faculty members, two instructional administrators, and one non-voting student. The committee will work to prioritize new and replacement faculty positions. Ms. Christopherson reported that faculty have been working with the college president, vice presidents, and administrators as they develop this process. Trustee Neumann asked if this would replace the Instructional Administrators Council's prioritization process. Ms. Christopherson stated that it would build on that process. Faculty will work with the college deans to iron out any problems/concerns and final recommendations will go to the college president. She clarified that this process focuses on full-time faculty (including counselors and librarians) positions. Dr. Fisher further clarified that there already exists a detailed process on how individuals are selected for specific positions; this process would address deciding which positions will be filled and would be recommendations to the president.

Ida Ponder, Columbia College Senate President, reported that on March 18, the college will be hosting the Occupational Olympics on campus. Students from the local high schools will compete in the different vocational areas and awards will be presented to the winners. Ms. Ponder added that a career faire also will be held that day. A long list of local businesses will participate in the faire.

Trustees thanked the Senate presidents for their reports.

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Activities/Announcements

Dean's/President's Lists

Chancellor Fisher reported that in the Fall 2003 semester there were 149 students named on the Dean's List at Columbia College and 724 students on the President's List at MJC. The lists acknowledge full-time students who have achieved a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or better with no grade lower than "C" and at least 12 completed units of work in associate degree-applicable courses. These excellent students were congratulated on their achievements.

Columbia College Instructor
John Carter Honored

Dr. Riggs reported that Music professor John Carter was named to the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004*, which recognized the top 5% of educators in the country. Nominations for the honor must come from former students, who have been recognized for academic excellence themselves in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*. Professor Carter has taught at the college for 20 years and also directs the Columbia College Community Chorus.

Annual African American
Education Conference &
Teen Summit

President Williams reported that final preparation is underway for MJC's 16th Annual African American Education Conference & Teen Summit on Saturday, February 21, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on MJC's East Campus. The conference is designed to help community youth in grades 7-12 gain the necessary skills and motivation to stay in school and continue on to college. This year's program will feature keynote speaker Dr. Joe Marshall, co-founder and executive director of the Omega Boys Club "Street Soldiers." Conference admission is free, however, pre-registration is requested. Registration forms are available at the MJC Student Development Office on East Campus or by calling 575-6700.

Staff Recognition Dinner

Chancellor Fisher pointed out a date change for this annual event. She reported that due to the availability of a Golden Handshake after March 19, most retirement notices will be made later than usual this year. Because the Staff Recognition Dinner Committee needs adequate time to prepare for this event, the date has been changed to May 20 at The Seasons Catering (formerly the Elks Lodge) in Modesto. Dr. Fisher asked everyone to save this date and help us recognize our many wonderful colleagues who will be retiring.

Board Meeting Broadcast

Chancellor Fisher reported that as a result of the change in the board meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday, the amount of time necessary to record and deliver a tape for broadcast in that same week is not adequate. Therefore, the Board meetings will now be broadcast on the Tuesday following the week of recording, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Channel 2 – Public Access. This was the only alternative and no evenings are available.

Community College Times
Article

It was reported that Chancellor Fisher was recently asked by the Community College Times, a nationwide community college publication, to write an op ed piece for their Martin Luther King Holiday and Black History Month issue. The article was published in the Times' January 20, 2004 edition. Chair Schrimp said that inclusion of this article in this national publication reflects favorably upon the district and serves to enhance the district's reputation and commitment to equity and diversity.

Kaiser Permanente
Donation

Kaiser Permanente recently opened two medical clinics in Modesto and has plans for a major hospital that will open in part by 2005 and be completed by 2007. Ms. Diane Wirth, Dean of Allied Health/Family and Consumer Sciences, reported that the Allied Health Department has been working closely with Kaiser to increase the number of professionals available to work at their facilities. Kaiser previously made a \$30,000 donation to the MJC Foundation in support of college programs and nursing scholarships in particular. Dean Wirth shared that at a community event held at the McHenry Mansion on January 29, Kaiser made another generous donation to the Foundation in the amount of \$135,000. She indicated that these funds will be used to develop a second high-tech distance instruction classroom. Dean Wirth said we currently have one distance learning classroom which has allowed us to increase our nursing applicant pool by letting us connect with Columbia College. Dean Wirth said she looks forward to the continued partnership with Kaiser. Trustee Neumann asked if this donation will allow for an increase in the number of student nurses. At this time it will not, Dean Wirth said, because of the facility size and the staffing ratio, but it will in the long term. She added that although nationally most schools are having difficulty getting nursing applicants, MJC has not had that problem. Trustees thanked Dean Wirth for her report.

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Presentations/Updates
The Bellwether Award

YCCD was honored recently as one of ten national finalists for the Bellwether Award. This award is given annually to recognize outstanding and innovative community college programs. After a competitive application process, the Yosemite Community College District was invited to make a presentation on our Beyond Tolerance Initiative at the 2004 Community College Futures Assembly on February 1. Trustee Abe Rojas, Venesse Metcalf, Director of Human Resources, Jim Johnson, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Communication, and Felicia Osnaya, Technology Manager, represented YCCD at the Futures Assembly. Ms. Metcalf provided background information on how the district was nominated for the award. Ms. Felicia Osnaya presented trustees with the plaque presented to them at a special reception. Dr. Jim Johnson read

the letter of recognition from Secretary of Education Rod Paige. Trustee Rojas explained that the selection process had been conducted by graduate students who searched throughout the country for innovative community college programs. He said thousands of possibilities were narrowed down to the one hundred that were invited to apply for consideration. From those one hundred applicants ten finalists were chosen. Trustee Rojas said the presentations were very competitive and said that YCCD made an outstanding presentation.

Chancellor Fisher thanked the group for taking the time to represent the district in such a positive way.

State Budget Update

Teresa Scott, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Services, reported that since the last Board meeting, more details of the Governor's proposed budget for community colleges had been released. She said that given the state's fiscal condition, the proposal is as good as could be expected. However, the Governor's proposal is based on the passage of Proposition 57. If that proposition fails, Vice Chancellor Scott said his proposal will be moot and community colleges, as well as all public agencies, will be subject to both mid-year cuts in March and drastically reduced funding in 2004-2005. Vice Chancellor Scott said the only new item to report is a 1.84% COLA which was inadvertently omitted from the Governor's budget language. Chancellor Fisher added that the proposed fee of \$26 per unit and the \$50 preferential fee for degree holders continue to be concerns.

CCLC Legislative Conference - Sacramento

On January 25-26, the Community College League of California held its annual Legislative Conference. Representatives from YCCD attended to receive the latest information regarding the Governor's budget proposal, important propositions affecting community colleges on the March ballot, and to hear from various state agency representatives and legislators on political strategies. Trustees Dean, DeMartini, Flores, Hallinan, Rojas and Schrimp, both college presidents, Chancellor Fisher, and staff scheduled appointments and met with YCCD's six area legislators and/or their representatives (Senators Jeff Denham, Chuck Poochigian, Rico Oller; and Assemblymembers Dave Cogdill, Greg Aghazarian, and Barbara Matthews).

Trustee Hallinan said he was impressed to hear that no one seems to know what will happen if Proposition 57 does not pass other than there will be severe cuts. Chancellor Fisher reported that the major fiscal challenges we faced last year in order to serve students were conveyed to our representatives. She said that if Propositions 57 and 58 do not pass and we face another crisis of the same magnitude, our district will face extremely severe cuts. Chair Schrimp stated that it is important

to let everyone know that we need to support these propositions. Student Trustee Sherrene Barnard stated that she will be talking to and encouraging her fellow students about supporting the propositions.

Dr. Williams shared that he and Mr. Stavrianoudakis had the opportunity to meet with The Modesto Bee editorial board regarding the passage of Proposition 57 and they had since published an op ed piece in support of that proposition. He also met with the Turlock Journal board and they were overwhelmingly in favor of supporting Proposition 57.

National Legislative Summit
– Washington, D.C.

Chancellor Fisher reported that on February 9-10, Trustees Linda Flores and Delsie Schrimp joined her in representing the YCCD at the National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. The focus of the discussions was on key issues before Congress this year that impact community college students. The Chancellor moderated a general session at the conference on the topic of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and served as the facilitator for the California Briefing Session. Trustees and the Chancellor met with our area congressional representatives (Ose, Pombo, Radanovich and Cardoza) or their staff. Trustees Flores and Schrimp reported that it was a great opportunity to personally meet these people and provide them information that helps educate them about who we are, who we serve, and what our needs and concerns are. Key issues that were discussed included the Pell Grant, protecting the Perkins money, the proposed redefinition of higher education institutions, WIA (Workforce Investment Act), and modification of the HOPE scholarship to help low- and middle-income community college students. Chancellor Fisher reiterated that maintaining personal relationships with our representatives is important and that our presence and perseverance really makes a difference.

ACTION ITEMS

14,837
Consent Agenda

Trustee Neumann asked about the purchase order related to the repair of the tennis courts at Columbia College. Dr. Riggs reported that after bids were sought for this work and the donations were collected, the commitment was made and the check was issued to begin the project. Chancellor Fisher mentioned that Trustees Dean, Neumann and the late Trustee Mitchell had been very involved in moving this project forward.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda and the personnel items.

Ms. Janice Walker, audience member, said she had asked about change orders being included in the purchase order report and that she still did not see them listed this month.

Chancellor Fisher said that the Board had been advised of the process and asked Vice Chancellor Scott to comment. Ms. Scott stated that they realized last month that change orders were not included in the purchase order report, and indicated then that they were working on adding them to the report. Ms. Scott said that when implementation of the new software started, the purchase order report had to be designed because Datatel did not include such a report. Ms. Scott said she anticipated that they would be able to make the changes in time for the February meeting. However, it has taken longer than anticipated and Ms. Scott said plans are to have all change order information by March. Ms. Scott clarified that her staff had started to make the modifications to the report the day after the January Board meeting, but had been delayed due to staffing issues.

Ms. Walker commented on the fees paid to attorney Marilyn Kaplan and said the Board should look into that. Chair Schrimp informed Ms. Walker that the Board is aware of Ms. Kaplan's charges. She added that there have been some lawsuits that have required a lot of time.

Trustee DeMartini stated that since one of the trustees cannot vote on purchase orders, she requested that at this and future meetings a motion be made to approve purchase orders and a separate motion be made for the other consent items. Trustee Neumann stated that he usually abstains but would not need to do that this evening.

Chair Schrimp repeated that a motion had been made by Trustee Rojas, seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board of Trustees take the following action on the Consent Agenda and the Personnel Items.

Purchase Orders

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

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. A greenhouse humidifier from Charles Tieman to be used for the commercial greenhouse in the Ag and Environmental Sciences Division at Modesto Junior College.
- b. Auto parts from Heritage Ford to be used in the Automotive Technology and Auto Body program at Modesto Junior College.
- c. Construction materials from Lowe's #1086 to be used in the Construction Technology program at Modesto Junior College.

- d. A LX200 Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and field tripod from Brad Hawn to be used for the astronomy program at Modesto Junior College.
- e. Thirty tons of almond hulls from Ty Angle Ranch to be used in the Sheep Unit at Modesto Junior College.
- f. Nine hundred bales of grass/clover hay from Myron Strasser, Jr. to be used for the Livestock Judging Team to help students attend national judging contests at Modesto Junior College.

LRC Building Name Approve the name of *Tamarack Hall* for the Columbia College new Learning Resource Center Building.

Sabbatical Leave Reports – MJC Accept the 2002-2003 sabbatical leave reports from the following MJC faculty:

Academic Year 2002-2003

Marianne Franco
Stan Spector
Tim Vaughan

Spring Semester 200302

Linda Kropp
Terry Hartman

Fall Semester 2002

Sue Adler
Alex Beattie
Derek Madden
Jane Mengel
Brian Sanders
Charmaine Wesley-Hartman

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 #2114)**

- a. SBC Foundation Grant/Technology Outreach for Hispanic Businesses – MJC
Submitted to Stanislaus County
Proposer share: \$0
- b. Japanese Agricultural Training Program – MJC
Submitted to the Japan Agricultural Exchange Council
Agency share: \$104,305; Proposer share: \$0
- c. Corporate College Services – MJC
Submitted to YCCD Head Start Hispanic Services Partnership
Agency share: \$8,320; Proposer share: \$0

Personnel Items

Cindy Ann Rose Approve the probationary appointment of Cindy Ann Rose, Support Staff II, Student Services, Columbia College, effective January 20, 2004.

Karin Collins Approve the probationary appointment of Karin Collins, Program Representative III, Child Development Training

Consortium, Modesto Junior College, effective January 20, 2004, contingent upon funding.

Regina Amador Approve the probationary appointment of Regina Amador, Administrative Secretary, Ray Simon Criminal Justice Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective January 28, 2004.

Cindy Buie Approve the probationary appointment of Cindy Buie, Bookstore Operations Lead, Columbia College, effective January 30, 2004.

Thomas Lee Approve the promotional appointment of Thomas Lee, Software/Network Analyst, Technology Services, Modesto Junior College, effective January 28, 2004.

Jacqueline Jordan Approve the probationary appointment of Jacqueline Jordan to Instructional Assistant II, Center for Learning Assistance (CLA)/Basic Skills, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective February 2, 2004, contingent upon funding (10-month work year).

Fatima Bettencourt Mendes Accept the resignation of Fatima Bettencourt Mendes, Child Development Center Associate Teacher, Allied Health/Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective January 8, 2004.

Gloria Miller Accept the resignation of Gloria Miller, Scholarship Coordinator, Financial Aid/Scholarship Office, Modesto Junior College, effective January 2, 2004.

Laura Filice Accept the resignation of Laura Filice, Child Development Center Associate Teacher, Allied Health/Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective January 9, 2004.

Daniel Olmos Accept the resignation of Daniel Olmos, Campus Security I, YCCD, effective February 6, 2004.

Rebecca Heinrich Approve a voluntary reduction in assignment from 20 hrs/week (50%) to 19 hrs/week (47.5%) for Rebecca Heinrich, Custodian, Yosemite Community College District, effective February 1, 2004.

Teresa Finley Confirm the termination of employment of Teresa Finley, Program Representative I, Modesto Junior College, effective December 31, 2003.

Short-Term Appointee List Approve the list of short-term appointees, in accordance with state law (AB500-Goldberg).

The motion on the Consent Agenda and personnel items carried with a vote of 6 ayes (Dean, DeMartini, Flores, Neumann, Rojas, Schrimp) and 1 no (Hallinan).

Discussion Items

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Propositions

Chancellor Fisher explained that we belong to the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) and the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) organizations which collectively makes up the CCLC. The boards of the CCCT and the CEOCCC traditionally have taken positions on initiatives that could have a significant impact on community college programs and services. Both the CCCT and CEOCCC recommend that local boards take a "Support" position on each of the following propositions. Chancellor Fisher stated that the resolutions were all written by the League and only in two cases we used our district numbers and name to customize the resolutions.

Proposition 55

Proposition 55 allows the state to issue \$12.3 billion of general obligation bonds for construction of K-University school facilities. For community colleges, \$920 million would be allocated for new construction, related infrastructure, upgrades and to purchase equipment to be used in these buildings. At stake for YCCD is \$12.21 million for construction and equipment for the MJC Auditorium Renovation/Expansion project. In the last bond in 2002, we received \$1.026 million for preliminary plans and working drawings for this facility, as well as funding for Columbia College's Learning Resource Center.

Proposition 57

Proposition 57 would authorize the issuance of up to \$15 billion of bonds to finance the 2004-05 year-end general fund deficit and the cost of other general obligations existing prior to June 30, 2004. The bond authorization will become operative only if the voters approve this bond and Proposition 58.

Proposition 58

Proposition 58 requires the Legislature to balance the budget every year in the future and prohibits bond financing of any future deficits. In addition to requiring the enactment of a balanced budget, Proposition 58 will also address fiscal emergencies and establish a budget reserve.

Trustee Hallinan said he felt that he could follow the League's recommendations and support Propositions 55, 57 and 58. The entire YCCD Board of Trustees expressed its support of these three propositions.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee DeMartini, that the Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 03-04/14**, in support of Proposition 55 – The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004, **Resolution 03-04/16**, in support of Proposition 57 – The Economic Recovery Bond Act, and **Resolution 03-04/17**, in support of Proposition 58 – The California Balanced Budget Act.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Proposition 56

Proposition 56 would amend both the State's Constitution and statutes to change the state budget process. Its major provisions would include the following:

- ❖ Permit the Legislature to enact budget-related taxes and spending with 55 percent vote rather than the two-thirds currently required;
- ❖ Require 25 percent of "excess" state revenues (up to five percent of General Fund spending) to be set aside and used only in certain circumstances;
- ❖ Require that the Legislature and Governor lose salary and expenses each day the budget is late and require the Legislature to stay in session until the budget is passed; and
- ❖ Prohibit a legislator from punishing or threatening to punish another legislator for a budget-related vote.

It had been recommended that the Board of Trustees consider the pros and cons and determine if they would approve **Resolution 03-04/15**, in support of Proposition 56 – Budget Accountability Act.

There was discussion that while Propositions 55, 57 and 58 directly impact our district, Proposition 56 was different. Trustee Hallinan stated that if we go out for our own bond, supporting Proposition 56 may not serve us well. Trustee DeMartini strongly disagreed with the state groups' suggestion to support Proposition 56. Dr. Fisher pointed out that Rhode Island, Arkansas and California are the only states that don't have a 55 percent vote law. She said that we also are affected by the fact that with a fiscal year that begins on July 1, it is chaotic not to know until September what our budget will be. Trustee Dean felt that it is about time that there are penalties for delaying passage of a budget. Trustee DeMartini again voiced her strong disagreement with the proposition.

Ms. Walker stated that she would not have supported Proposition 55, but would definitely not support 56 because it would increase taxes. She does support Props 57 and 58.

There was no motion made regarding the resolution in support of Proposition 56.

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Quarterly Report on the
District's Financial Condition

Vice Chancellor Scott reported that consistent with prevailing fiscal practices and in compliance with current statute, staff have prepared the quarterly statement of the District's financial condition for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. **(Report #2115)** She stated that since no mid-year cuts had been proposed, the budget should stand for this year. Ms. Scott said we don't anticipate amending the budget too dramatically and only few amendments would be made as we approach the end of the fiscal year. She added that both colleges are in line to

meet the 3% growth and earn the 17,000 FTES. Vice Chancellor Scott pointed out that this report indicates that we did not have significant or material activities affecting us. However, it does indicate that we are facing significant fiscal problems. She said we are very vulnerable, especially if Proposition 57 does not pass. As is required by law, Chair Schrimp held a public hearing to review the report. As there were no comments from the public the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, seconded by Trustee Rojas, that the Board of Trustees direct staff to submit a copy of the required report to the County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Facilities Master Plan

Chancellor Fisher reported that at the January 2004 Board meeting, the YCCD Draft Facilities Master Plan was presented to the Board of Trustees. An overview was provided regarding the goal, process and organization of the plan. Further revisions have been made since January and those changes were provided to trustees. The Chancellor said Mr. Stavrianoudakis, the college presidents and college staff have produced a document that represents staff's best thinking. Over 50 projects totaling more than \$600 million are included in the Plan. The Chancellor said that trustees have the option to pull items that they feel need to be referred back to staff for further study or comment. She reminded trustees that they are not selecting projects for a potential bond campaign at this time. She said that would happen in June or July. The Facilities Master Plan is a necessary first step to analyze and address facility needs of the district over the coming years and can be used to guide the development and financing of future projects; if the Plan is adopted it indicates that trustees agree with the concepts. Dr. Fisher said that the one project that is creating community concern is project #30 (9-Hole Golf Course). The concern is that this project may not be appropriate. There also was much discussion about concerns with project #26 (Scenario Village and Emergency Command Center), and some questions about #7 (Beckwith Ranch). It was decided to revisit these three projects. Clarification also was provided on projects #15 (Agriculture Instructional Science Complex & Animal Facility) and #11 (Science Building Lab). Trustee Rojas asked for clarification on why the acreage for the West Side Center (Project #32) is much larger than that for the Turlock Center (Project #31). Dr. Fisher explained that the site for the West Side Center takes into consideration the possibility of it becoming the site for a future campus. Trustee Hallinan commended staff for adding the Oakdale Center to the Plan.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2004 YCCD Facilities Master Plan and that projects #30, #26 and #7 be reviewed and brought back to the Board for future action, if appropriate. **(Report #2116)**

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Chancellor Fisher explained that staff's intention is to bring the FMP back to the trustees again in early summer when work may begin on a bond. Trustees thanked staff for their efforts. Mr. Stavrianoudakis thanked Dr. Riggs, Dr. Gervin, Mr. George Retamoza, and Dean Gina Rose who were the chairs and co-chairs of the steering committees at each college.

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STRS/PERS Golden
Handshake

Mr. Richard Peralta, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, reminded trustees that they had approved agreements with the Leadership Team and the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) for the 2003-04 year. A major component of those agreements is the offering of Golden Handshake retirements to eligible staff which provide an opportunity for eligible STRS and PERS members to receive an additional two years of service credit upon retirement within a specified "window period." To enable this additional service credit, Board approval of these resolutions is necessary to open the window for the golden handshake period.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board of Trustees approve **Resolution No. 03-04/12** for the STRS Golden Handshake and **Resolution No. 03-04/13** for the PERS Golden Handshake.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

COMMENTS

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Comments from the Public

Ms. Janice Walker asked if during closed session the trustees discuss anything else other than what is listed on the formal Board agenda, or, did they limit their discussion to what is listed on the formal agenda. Chair Schrimp said that they limit their discussion to what is listed on the formal agenda. Ms. Walker said she had heard the result of an appeal and wondered if that had been brought up in closed session. Chancellor Fisher stated that no comments would be made about closed session.

Ms. Walker thanked Trustee Dean for providing her a copy of materials about the California Public Records Act.

Ms. Walker also asked how the Board determines which trustees travel to conferences. Chair Schrimp responded that it is a very informal process. Usually the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board are given the opportunity to go. If that does not

work, one of the other trustees may go. It is not something that the Board votes on as a whole.

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Comments from the Board
of Trustees

Trustee Hallinan commented on a positive article about community colleges which appeared recently in The Sacramento Bee written by Dan Walters.

Chair Schrimp announced that Trustee Abe Rojas had a birthday coming on February 12 and wished him a happy birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, March 10. 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.

Delsie Schrimp, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Pamila J. Fisher, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees