The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Delsie Schrimp at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussions pursuant to G. C. Section 54957 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and G. C. 54957.6 - Collective Bargaining (CSEA).

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:30 p.m. 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
Tom Hallinan
Abe Rojas
Delsie Schrimp

Board Members Absent
Paul Neumann
Sherrene Barnard (student trustee)

Others Present

14,815 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 December 10, 2003.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

14,816 Student Activity Reports
Toni Neville, newly appointed ASMJC President, replaced Rebecca Freeman and presented the student activity report. She is majoring in Political Science and plans to go to law school.

Ms. Neville reported that students would be co-hosting the 10th Annual Martin Luther King event on Saturday, January 24 and a book signing reception featuring Yolanda King and Elodia Tate on Thursday, February 5. Students continue to promote the Student Activity Sticker program and are looking for more business sponsors. Proceeds from this program will help support student events and educational experiences. With regard to student participation in the March in March and the Missing Student project, Ms. Neville reported that ASMJC had purchased two student statues to display on the Capitol lawn and plan to take students to the march.
Mary Miles, ASCC President, reported that in honor of Black History Month a display would be exhibited in the Rotunda of the Manzanita Building. Planned activities for the coming months include a political forum in February, the March in March and the Missing Student Project, and a multicultural Earth Day Event and graduation in April. Ms. Miles acknowledged and congratulated Ms. Coni Chavez on her appointment as Dr. Riggs’ administrative assistant, and Dr. Kathryn Jeffery on her move to the position of chief campus administrator of the Community College of Southern Nevada - West Charleston Campus.

Dr. Jeffery read a heartfelt retirement letter which expressed her appreciation to trustees, colleagues, staff and students for their contribution to her success at Columbia College. Chancellor Fisher added that although Dr. Jeffery's retirement date is in March, her last day on campus will be January 23 and this would be her last Board meeting. Trustees were appreciative that Dr. Jeffery shared her letter and indicated that not only would she be missed at the college but in the community as well. The Chancellor and the Board wished her well in her new post. Chancellor Fisher invited everyone to have cake after the Board meeting in honor of Dr. Jeffery.

Michelle Christopherson, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that the Senate had finished its review of the YCCD Board Policies. They had flagged the policy on copyrights (policy #3640) and have submitted their revisions for consideration. She said the Senate also has formed a committee to explore creating an honors program at MJC and faculty are working closely with Dr. Williams on that concept. At this point they are still in the investigation stage with Fall 2004 as their target date for implementation of the program.

Ida Ponder, CC Academic Senate President, reported that the focus of their in-service day activities had been the accreditation process. She said accreditation committees would begin meeting in the next week or so. Ms. Ponder said the feedback has been positive. Faculty seem happy with the layout of the committees and the process. She also reported that there have been discussions about forming an advisory committee to look into the high cost of books and explore ways to keep costs down for students. Ms. Ponder said program reduction procedures also are being addressed by a committee comprised of faculty and division deans. Dr. Riggs talked to them about the possibility of a local bond and Ms. Ponder said that there is much interest about that.

Dr. Riggs introduced his new administrative assistant Coni Chavez to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Chavez comes from the position of Student Life Advisor/Outreach Coordinator at Columbia College. She started her new position in December. Dr. Riggs added that Doralyn Foletti, former student trustee, had been hired on a temporary basis to fill the position vacated by Ms. Chavez.
REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Chancellor Fisher called attention to these colleagues that have been recognized by their peers and who contribute to our pursuit of excellence. Chair Schrimp said it was very positive to recognize YCCD staff in this way.

Mathematics Professor John Leamy was selected as one of this year’s eight Teaching Excellence Award recipients by the California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges. He also was elected president of the California Mathematics Council – Central Section (an organization of mathematics educators from kindergarten to university levels).

Political Science Professor Ted Hamilton has been named in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, a national publication that identifies and profiles top educators since 1990. This is the fourth time that Professor Hamilton has received this honor. Teachers are nominated by current or former students who feel the instructor has made a positive impact in their life and educational goals.

Dr. Kathryn Jeffery, Vice President for Student Services, was honored as one of the featured graduates of the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. She and other alumni, who have achieved successful careers in education, were recognized in the October 23 issue of Black Issues in Higher Education magazine.

Bobby Boswell, MJC Athletic Trainer/Instructor of Physical Education, was awarded the Chair Academy’s 2004 International Exemplary Leadership award. The Academy is recognizing him for his many achievements, including his instrumental role in developing and implementing MJC’s associates degree program in athletic training/sports medicine. Mr. Boswell will be honored at the Chair Academy’s Annual International Conference in Reston, Virginia in March.

Trustees congratulated our outstanding honored colleagues.

Dr. Fisher reported that the representatives of the Yosemite Faculty Association and the Yosemite Community College District reached a tentative agreement for 2003-2004. The proposal was submitted to the YFA membership prior to the holiday break and it was ratified by a vote of 164 (in favor) to 15 (opposed).


Dr. Fisher said that, as indicated previously, the Leadership Team had signed a similar agreement. She also said discussions
Martin Luther King Jr. Event

Dr. Williams reported that Cornel West, one of the best-known black scholars in America and professor at Princeton University, would give the keynote address at MJC’s Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 24, in the MJC Auditorium. The title of his presentation will be that of his recent book, Race Matters. The event is free and open to the public and is cosponsored by the City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department, Modesto Peace Life Center, Modesto Junior College, The Modesto Bee, California State University, Stanislaus, Frailing, Rockwell & Kelly, Kaiser Permanente, Blue Cross of California, and The Modesto Irrigation District. The doors will open at 6 p.m. The Modesto Community Choir will perform from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

14,820 Presentations/Updates
Grant Development Update

Ms. Shelly Conner, Director of Grant Development and Special Projects, reported that during the 2002-2003 academic year, YCCD’s grant development and management activities continued to expand. Ms. Conner presented an annual summary of grants obtained and sources of funds. She said that as resources have declined in the last two years, so have our grant funding streams. However, we continue to move forward to maintain a statewide and federal presence and build strategic partnerships so that we are able to compete effectively for those programs that are a priority. During this reporting year competitive and ongoing funded activities totaled over $11 million, categorically funded programs totaled over $7 million, and contract education increased to $1.5 million at both Modesto Junior College and Columbia College. Chancellor Fisher pointed out that the Workforce Training Center also continues to be successful with their contracts with local business and industry partners. Ms. Conner acknowledged Laurie Masingale, Rhonda Wolf, Linda Diggs-Gray, and Human Resources and Fiscal Services staff for their high level of support.

Chair Schrimp said she is impressed every year with the funding that their efforts bring to our colleges.

Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Update

Chancellor Fisher reported that in August 2002, the Board of Trustees directed staff to begin the process of developing a Facilities Master Plan for the District. Over the next year and a half, committees representing all employee groups and college and Central Services personnel were established to undertake that effort. Trustees previously reviewed portions of this plan at a retreat in October. A draft Facilities Master Plan is complete and available on the YCCD website for review and comment (www.yosemite.cc.ca.us). Mr. Nick Stavrianoudakis, Director of External Affairs, who coordinated this project, briefly reviewed the plan and stated that over 50 projects have been identified with an estimated cost of over $600 million. He mentioned that the site plans are missing from the FMP, but they should be available soon. When they are complete, they will be distributed to trustees.
and posted on our website. The next step is to make final revisions so that the Plan can be presented to the Board in February for adoption. Mr. Stavrianoudakis acknowledged the many individuals who were instrumental in developing the plan including Steering Committee Co-Chairs Dennis Gervin and George Retamoza at MJC and Chair Jim Riggs at Columbia College.

Trustee Rojas said that if we go out for a bond and the Turlock center is not built for 5-10 years, he does not know what the bond would have to offer his constituents from Turlock and the surrounding area. Chancellor Fisher clarified that if the center did not make the first cut, Turlock residents would still benefit greatly from new facilities on our campuses, as there are many students from the outlaying areas that attend our classes and use our facilities. She said she hopes that wherever people live in our service area, they realize that anything that improves Columbia and MJC will benefit everyone. Mr. Rojas said he felt that student numbers would increase if a facility were in Turlock. Chancellor Fisher said that the Board can look at that issue in more depth as they prioritize the list.

Trustee Rojas also asked why the cost of the Turlock and West Side centers are different and yet they appear to be duplicate facilities with the same facility characteristics. The Chancellor said that would be a question to ask the architect. However, she said it appeared that the West Side project calls for a significantly larger amount of acreage to allow for future growth.

Mr. Rojas was very complimentary of the overall plan and commended staff for their work on the document. Dr. Fisher stated that at the direction of the Board, this document was put together internally without the use of a consultant, which saved the district a substantial amount of money. The Chancellor said she takes no credit for putting the FMP together. She said the college presidents, Ms. Maria Baker, and other staff worked hard on this project. However, the credit for its “customer-friendly” format and the coordination effort goes to Mr. Stavrianoudakis.

Trustee DeMartini asked for clarification about what will be on the February agenda relative to the FMP; and if trustees decide to go forward with a local bond, would they still be able to make revisions to the Plan. Chancellor Fisher explained that in February trustees would be asked to approve the FMP as a long-range plan which gives us direction and guidance. The FMP should be considered separate from the bond campaign. Dr. Fisher said that if trustees decide on a bond and determine the amount they would ask the public to support, at that time trustees would need to identify the projects that would likely be funded by a successful bond. Dr. Fisher further explained that if trustees decide not go out for a bond, Ms. Baker would then use the project list for the 5-year master plan and place some of those projects in line for state funding. She assured Mrs. DeMartini that trustees would have plenty of opportunities to review and revise the Plan.
Trustee Rojas talked about including land acquisition on the FMP. He said the district should identify sites that could be used for development in the future. He said he felt prospective property sites should be identified and included in the Plan, even if the money is not invested. Mr. Stavrianoudakis pointed out that the Plan includes a section about land acquisition. Dr. Fisher asked Trustee Rojas to take a look at that section and see if it captures his concept or if that section needs to be strengthened. She also pointed out that it will be difficult to shorten the list of needed buildings, even without an extra cost, but that would be up to the Board. She added that generally the public does not want to use bond money in that way.

Trustees thanked staff for their good work on this document.

State Budget Update

Chancellor Fisher and Vice Chancellor Scott reported on the Governor’s State of the State Address and his proposed state budget. On January 15, the Community College League of California will host a workshop to analyze the community college components of the Governor’s proposed budget. Ms. Scott said some of the proposed elements include no mid-year cuts to community colleges, no COLA, 3% enrollment growth, increasing student fees to $26 per unit and $50 per unit for holders of baccalaureate degrees, and consolidation of several categorical programs into block grants or general apportionment. More will be known and shared with the Board in the near future. Trustee DeMartini pointed out that the increase in fees does not benefit our colleges. Those fees are used by the state to help with the state deficit.

Trustee Hallinan said he would like a written update on the budget before the next Board meeting. Dr. Fisher said she would be sharing that information with District Council and the Board as it becomes available.

ACTION ITEMS

14,821 Consent Agenda

A motion was 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 November 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003.

Ms. Janice Walker, audience member, said she understood that purchase orders over $10,000 are listed on the agenda, and asked if change orders corresponding to previously approved purchase orders are presented to the Board for approval. Vice Chancellor Scott said that the old DSK system showed all change orders and were included on the Board agenda. However, she said she just learned that in implementing the new Datatel system, change orders had not been included in the monthly report. It is a bug in the system that was being corrected. Technically, change orders...
have not been approved by the Board since the change was made to Datatel. Vice Chancellor Scott said staff will manually put that report together and a list of all change orders over $10,000 will be provided to the Board.

Acceptance of Gifts
Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

a. Eight potted indoor plants from Diane Stewart for the new LRC Building at Columbia College.

b. Various books of assorted titles from Gloria Coats and from 49-99 Cooperative Library System, Central Association of Libraries, to be used in the Library at Modesto Junior College.

c. A DVD player from Florine L. Carter to be used in the Art Department (room 204) at Modesto Junior College.

Special Appointment – Flores
Approve the appointment of Trustee Linda Flores to the ACCT Member Communications Committee for the term of January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004.

Trustee Rojas congratulated Trustee Flores on her appointment to the ACCT Member Communications Committee. Ms. Flores said she looked forward to serving in this capacity.

Nonresident Tuition Fee
Adopt a 2004-2005 nonresident student tuition fee of $149, consistent with the statewide average.

Vice Chancellor Scott explained how this fee is determined. She said this annual fee is formula driven and based on our current cost of education. Neighboring college districts also were surveyed as to what is their non-resident fee to insure that our fee is consistent with the statewide average.

Notice of Completion of Contract
Accept the work performed by Champion Industrial Contractors, Inc., to replace HVAC Equipment at the Redbud Building at Columbia College, Bid #03-1522, 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 #2110)

a. Teacher Qualification Program – Spring 2004 Semester – MJC Submitted to the Stanislaus County Office of Ed. Agency share: $33,600; Proposer share: $0

b. Job Development Services – MJC Submitted to the City of Modesto Agency share: $20,000; Proposer share: $0

c. Chief Architect – MJC Submitted to Advanced Relational Technology, Inc. Agency share: $4,000 (approx. cost of 50 software licenses) Proposer share: $0

d. Modesto Junior College Bridges to Baccalaureate Program -MJC Submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services
Agency share: $600,000; Proposer share: $0

e. Child Care Instructional Materials – CC/MJC
  Submitted to California Department of Education
  Agency share: $3,758; Proposer share: $0
  Adopt resolution number 03-04/11

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Personnel Items

Opal Bye
  Grant retirement status to Opal Bye, Columbia College Child Care Center teacher, effective January 31, 2004 and commend her for 13 years of valuable service to the District.

Dr. Kathryn Jeffery
  Grant retirement emeritus status to Dr. Kathryn Jeffery, Vice President for Student Services, Columbia College, effective March 9, 2004 and commend her for 10 years of valuable service to the District.

Jean Volz
  Approve the probationary appointment of Jean Volz, Permit Processing Technician II (75%), Child Development Training Consortium, Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective December 15, 2003, contingent upon funding.

Ofelia Gomez

Annie Francisco

Patricia Kinley
  Approve the probationary appointment of Patricia Kinley, Library Media Technician II, Columbia College, effective December 11, 2003.

Carol Ellis
  Approve the probationary appointment of Carol Ellis to Admissions & Records Technician II, Student Services, Modesto Junior College, effective January 5, 2004.

Sharin Barnes
  Approve the probationary appointment of Sharin Barnes to Support Staff II, Child Development Training Consortium, Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective January 5, 2004, contingent upon funding.

Jennifer Duarte
  Approve the probationary appointment of Jennifer Duarte to Outreach Recruiter, Financial Aid, Modesto Junior College, effective January 5, 2004, contingent upon funding.

Barbara Wall
  Approve the probationary appointment of Barbara Wall to Financial Aid Technician I, Financial Aid, Modesto Junior College, effective January 20, 2004, contingent upon funding.

Coni Chavez
  Approve the classified management appointment of Coni Chavez, Administrative Assistant to the President, Columbia College,
Deborah Parr Noblitt  Approve the appointment of Deborah Parr Noblitt, Child Development Training Consortium Project Manager, Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective December 22, 2003, contingent upon funding.

Cindy Lovett  Approve the appointment of Cindy Lovett to the position of Child Development Training Consortium Project Manager, Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective December 22, 2003, contingent upon funding.

Laura Hurst  Approve the probationary appointment of Laura Hurst to Support Staff II, Early College Programs, Modesto Junior College, effective January 13, 2004, contingent upon funding.

Heidi Meyer  Approve the interim full-time academic appointment of Heidi Meyer, Math Instructor, Columbia College for the Spring 2004 semester only.

Dr. Judith Redwine  Approve the administrative appointment (interim) of Dr. Judith Redwine to the position of Vice President for Student Services, Columbia College, effective January 12, 2004 for a period not to exceed one year.

Heather Gillis  Approve the probationary appointment of Heather Gillis, Instructional Assistant II, Academic Achievement Center at Columbia College. The appointment will be for 9 months per year at 19 hours per week, effective January 8, 2004.

Prasad Mathai  Approve the increase in assignment from 70% to 100% for Prasad Mathai, Lab Assistant I, Computer Lab, Learning Resources, Modesto Junior College, effective May 1, 2004.

Short-Term Appointee List  Approve the list of short-term appointees.

The motion approving the Consent Agenda and personnel items carried with a vote of 6-0.

14,823 REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION Chair Schrimp reported that there was no action taken during closed session. Consequently, there is nothing to report.

Discussion Items 14,824 2002-2003 Audit Report The auditing firm of Matson and Isom completed the 2002-2003 audit of the District’s fiscal operations. The audit report and financial statements were prepared using the guidelines of a newly required reporting model for public colleges and universities required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The audit consists of the examination of the District’s financial statements, a review of the systems of internal accounting controls and a review of state and federal compliance areas mandated by the Single Audit Act, the State Department of Finance Guide and the California Community Colleges State
Chancellor’s Office.

The audit report was previously provided to the Board for their review. (Report #2111) Vice Chancellor Scott provided a brief background update and pointed out that the district has moved from using a fund-based reporting model to a Business Type Activity model (BTA). She commended Ms. Deborah Campbell, YCCD Controller, and Mr. Gary Whitfield, MJC Business Manager, for their hard work on this task.

Ms. Scott introduced Mr. Bryce Gibbs, a representative from the auditing firm. He reviewed the audit communication between the auditor and the Board of Trustees, which explained the auditor’s responsibility and the procedures they audit under. Mr. Gibbs formally presented the audit report and summarized the financial statements. He reported that the district’s audit report was an unqualified report with a clean opinion. This means that the district complied with all requirements. Mr. Gibbs pointed out that the district has $68 million in net assets which does not include a liability of about $17 million for post retirement health benefits. He said that liability will need to be recorded in the near future and that will change the district’s overall financial position. He recommended that the district address this liability now.

Trustee DeMartini asked why the Criminal Justice Training Center JPA was not included in the audit. She was informed that the CJTC JPA is currently dormant with no financial relationship. Trustee DeMartini also asked Mr. Gibbs how he would rate the district in comparison to other districts. He responded that YCCD has a history of consistently receiving good audit reports and that is not always the case elsewhere.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees receive the 2002-2003 audit report and authorize its filing with the appropriate state agency in accordance with Education Code Section 84040.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Sabbatical Leaves – 2004-2005

The Columbia College and MJC Sabbatical Leave Committees submitted their recommendations regarding 2004-2005 sabbatical leave recipients. The Committees’ recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the college presidents.

Applicable Education Code sections require that employees who are granted sabbatical leaves either post a bond in an amount equal to the salary received during the period of the leave, or enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees for the proportional repayment of the amount received during the leave if service is not provided to the District in an amount twice the length of the leave.

Trustee DeMartini asked if these would be all the sabbaticals approved this year. Lew Mayhew, YFA President, clarified that
these were all the applications submitted by faculty. Chancellor Fisher stated that more requests could be submitted.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees approve 2004-2005 sabbatical leaves for the following YCCD academic employees:

**Academic Year 2004-2005**
Laura Paull - MJC  
William H. Wilson - CC  

**Fall Semester 2004**
Michael Strangio - MJC  
Robert Droual - MJC  
Kim Manner - MJC  
Ellen Stewart – CC

In addition approve Resolution No. 03-04/10 in lieu of a bond for the recipients.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

This was the second and final reading of YCCD Board Policy 5570 (Student Credit Card Solicitations) to regulate marketing practices used on campuses by credit card companies. The Community College League of California identified this policy as being legally required. A first reading was conducted in December. (Report #2112)

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board of Trustees conduct a second reading and approve Board Policy 5570.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Trustee Hallinan reviewed the procedures related to this policy (Student Credit Card Solicitations) which were previously provided for trustee’s review. (Report #2113) He recommended deletion of the portion that references prohibiting vendors to offer gifts.

Dr. Wilma McLeod, MJC Vice President of Student Services, said there is a nationwide effort to address the issue of credit card solicitations because of the escalating rate of student debt across the country. She said MJC’s practice has been to limit the number of times vendors can be on campus to solicit business and require that they offer debt counseling for students at no cost. This has not been a problem on our campuses.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee DeMartini, that the Board of trustees adopt the procedures, deleting the portion (bullet #3) about prohibiting the offer of gifts.

The vote was 3 ayes (DeMartini, Hallinan, Rojas) and 3 nos (Flores, Dean, Schrimp). The motion did not carry and may be brought back for further discussion.
The Community College League of California (CCLC) has informed us that from January 1 through February 15, the annual nominations for membership on the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) board will be accepted in the League Office. Nominations are to be made by a member district board of trustees, and each district may nominate only members of its board. Background materials were previously distributed to trustees. After discussion, trustees determined that they would not nominate a candidate this year.

**COMMENTS**

Janice Walker, audience member, informed the Board that Mr. John Rose, a local resident who has addressed the Board in the past, had been elected president of the Stanislaus Taxpayers' Association.

Ms. Walker said trustees had mentioned previously that they would be attending a Brown Act workshop. She asked who would be attending and where the workshop would be held. It was indicated that the workshop is part of the Legislative Conference in Sacramento and that trustees would be attending several different sessions at the Conference. The Conference is open to the public but requires a registration fee.

Ms. Walker also mentioned that this year is an election year for some YCCD Board members. She asked when the filing period begins for trustees wishing to run again. Ms. Walker was referred to the Elections Office for that information. She asked which trustees planned on running for reelection. Some trustees indicated they would run.

Trustee Dean reported that she had attended Institute Day activities at Columbia College and participated in some of the break out sessions. She found the activities quite worthwhile.

Chair Schrimp stated that she and Trustees Rojas and DeMartini had attended Institute Day activities at MJC and that the keynote speaker was exceptional.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, February 11. 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.