

**YOSEMITE FACULTY ASSOCIATION (YFA)  
Representative Council Meeting**

**UNAPPROVED  
MINUTES  
March 15, 2006**

Meeting is called to order by YFA President Jillian Daly at 3:00 p.m., MJC East Campus Faculty Lounge

**Members Present:**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** (1) Erik Andal, (2) Jillian Daly, (3) Cece Hudelson-Putnam, (4) Alan Layne, (5) Nancy Sill, (6) Mike Smedshammer, (7) Gene Womble, (8) Sandra Woodside.

**REP COUNCIL:** (9) Michael Akard, (10) Sue Adler, (11) Jim Curl, (12) Linda Kropp, (13) Jon Kropp, (14) Dan Martin, (15) Larry Scheg, (16) Desdemona Martinez, (17) Charmaine Wesley-Hartman; (18) John Mendes, (19) Jim Stevens, (20) David Ward; (21) Steve Stroud.

**Excused Absence** : None  
**Absent Members** : Frank Drummond, Vicki Nelson-Hollis, Deborah Laffranchini  
**Quorum** : Established

**Guests** : Brian Sanders, YFA Chief Negotiator  
Brian Sinclair, YFA representative on Measure E Coordinating Committee

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** YFA has a new representative on the Measure E Coordinating Committee, Cheryl Mulder from the Physical, Recreation & Health division.

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**MINUTES** : The Minutes of January 18, 2006 and February 8, 2006 were presented for approval.

**MOTION:** Alan Layne./Erik Andal  
**M/S/C** “That approval of the Minutes for meetings conducted on January 18, 2006 and February 8, 2006 be TABLED until the April 12 meeting.”

**REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT JILLIAN DALY**

Feb/March District Board Meetings. At the February meeting, there was an excellent faculty turnout and the meeting proved to be very exciting for the sabbatical reports. The Negotiations Reopening proposal was accepted as presented.

CCC Initiative for November’s Election. The California Community College consortium that includes , among others, FACCC, the LA Guild, the California Federation for Teachers, and the League of California Community Colleges, has approved the CCC initiative which calls for (1) a constitutional amendment to separate community colleges from K-12 in terms of the Prop 98 funding; (2) create an independent bilateral governance system similar to the CSU system and UC systems in order to separate ourselves from the governor and make ourselves more independent; and (3) reduce the current student fees from \$26 to \$20. The Chancellor’s office is organizing a signature drive during the month of April to obtain the 600,000 qualified signatures required to get the initiative on the November ballot. For more information, go to [FACCC.org](http://FACCC.org).

Recent Contract Issues. Jillian was contacted by one of the immediate administrators who felt he/she had the right to visit an instructor's classroom or to administer student evaluations whenever he/she chooses. Together they reviewed the contract language and what can and cannot be done in terms of evaluations. During Jillian's report of this recent contract issue, evaluations and self-evaluations, including online evaluations, was discussed which included the rights of Deans and Division shared governance. Jillian suggested that one of our future projects should be the fine-tuning of the evaluation process. In the meantime, perhaps YFA and the Academic Senate can create a packet that sets forth how faculty believes evaluations should be conducted. This will allow YFA to present a good evaluation discussion in the Fall. It was also recommended that a sub-committee be formed to work on this and to also work on improving online instruction guidelines.

YFA Elections. The last day to turn in your nominations for the YFA Spring elections is April 4. Sandra Woodside, YFA's Interim Secretary, will be running for the office of Secretary. Erik Andal announced that he will not be running for re-election as the Columbia College VP/Grievance Officer and announced that Gene Womble will be a candidate for that position. Emails have been sent to all the Division/Area Deans and also to all Rep Council members whose terms are ending, advising them that they may run for re-election. There were recommendations to rearrange the YFA Rep Council numbering of Divisions/Areas. They are as follows: #11–Science, Math & Engineering; #12–Science, Math & Engineering (Math); #13–Mathematics, Science & Engineering; and #14–Physical, Recreation & Health Ed. The nomination forms go out in the next week or two.

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

YFA Retreat/JILLIAN DALY. Because of the compressed calendar and the fact that the academic year is quickly coming to an end, the YFA retreat will occur in September rather than in April. YFA has a lot of information and a retreat in the Fall can be used to discuss the goals and issues of the incoming 2006-2007 Executive Board and Rep Council.

Measure E Coordinating Committee/BRIAN SINCLAIR. The committee was discharged with Alternative 4 that went forward. There was some discussion at College Council as to the makeup of the Measure E Coordinating Committee and that resulted in a vote that there not be joint representation on College Council and on the Measure E Coordinating Committee. A major concern at the last Measure E Committee meeting was the discovery of major discrepancies between the PMP and the FMP. Brian gave some examples why the FMP must be updated. The Measure E Committee's website contains a draft copy and an approved copy of the FMP. Of major concern to those in attendance is the exclusion of the committee's official Minutes on its website. Brian has brought this to the committee's attention but has not been successful in convincing the committee to have the Minutes included for public viewing. He will continue in his pursuit to have the Minutes included. Campus planning interviews with the pool of firms that have applied are being finalized. Two of the groups will be interviewed by the Measure E Coordinating Committee at its next meeting on March 21. A question and answer session followed, with Brian encouraging members interested in the interview process to attend the committee's next meeting.

Review the draft of the YFA Bylaws/JILLIAN DALY. Jillian reported that the Bylaws are near finalization. A tracked copy and a finalized copy of the Bylaws will be posted on the YFA website for faculty's review. Most likely, the Bylaws will be ratified sometime in April.

Recommendations for the Faculty Consultant/JILLIAN DALY & BRIAN SANDERS. There were two basic suggestions to change the Faculty Consultant requirements. (1) Under Eligibility, as that section is presently written, a candidate must have served as a Senate or YFA President for a minimum of one full term or have served for two years on the Executive Board of the Senate or YFA, including at least one year of experience on either the College Council or District Council. In order to recruit a larger pool of candidates, it was proposed that Eligibility be revised to extend eligibility to someone who has served at least two years on the Executive Board, without the College Council requirement. It was also recommended that a new section be created which would define the grounds for removal of a faculty consultant.

MOTION: Jim Curl/Linda Kropp  
M/S/C **“To move forward with the Faculty Consultant position and accept the modifications to the Faculty Consultant position by eliminating the one-year**

**experience requirement on either the College Council or the District Council and to create a new accountability section for the recall of a Faculty Consultant.”**

Negotiation Update. TABLED.

**TREASURER/BUDGET ANALYST                      NANCY SILL**

Please see attached written report.

**MJC VP/PAC                      CECE HUDELSON-PUTNAM**

No report given.

**COLUMBIA VP                      ERIK ANDAL**

No report given.

**COLLEGE COUNCIL                      MIKE AKARD**

A written report was submitted and is attached.

**FACULTY CONSULTANT      STEVE STROUD**

Steve Stroud presented the problems that arose at the last District Board meeting regarding the BBSS proposal which went directly to the Board and bypassed channels that should have occurred. He voiced his opinions openly to the Board and made it clear that he could not support the BBSS proposal as presented. In his YFA Rep Council report, he outlined his reasons for not accepting the proposal and closed by stating that he felt it was not shared governance.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Recording Secretary: Molly Navarro**