

**Representative Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**October 12, 2005**

Meeting is called to order by YFA President, Jillian Daly, at 3:10 p.m.  
MJC East Campus Faculty Lounge

**Members Present: 20**

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

**REP COUNCIL:** (9) Dan Keller for Michael Akard, (10) Sue Adler, (11) Jim Curl, (12) Linda Kropp, (13) Deborah Laffranchini, (14) Jon Kropp, (15) Dan Martin, (16) Larry Scheg, (17) David Ward, (18) Sandra Woodside, (19) Desdemona Martinez and (20) Jim Stevens.

**Excused Absence :** Hanna Louie and Steve Stroud  
**Absent Members :** John Mendes and Vicki L. Nelson-Hollis  
**Quorum :** Established

**MINUTES :** 9/21/05 approved, as amended.

**REPORTS**

**TREASURER/BUDGET ANALYST NANCY SILL**

**Treasurer Report:** Nancy reported that the financial statements for the month ended September 30, 2005 were not yet completed by the YFA accountants (Baudler & Flanders, CPAs). In addition, she reported that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 were not yet complete, but should be finished within the next couple of weeks.

**Budget Analyst Report:** Nancy provided a spreadsheet to the council (attached to the original minutes) regarding FTES Projections created by Jane Chawinga on October 7, 2005. Based on Jane’s projections, MJC is estimated to have to pull back about 189 FTES from the coming summer in order to make base. It was also noted that if Columbia does not increase their Positive Attendance sections this fall and next spring that they may not have enough FTES to pull back in order to make base. Nancy also noted that based on her conversation with Teresa Scott, base is achieved as a district and MJC would be able to make up Columbia’s deficit in order to reach base FTES reported to the State. An open discussion then pursued where members made various suggestions on how both colleges could maximize their FTES. Some suggestions included that Columbia College increase their online course offerings and that both colleges could schedule for a strong early-start summer. Nancy also mentioned that any summer class that begins before the fiscal year-end (June 30, 2005) and is at least 20% complete before year-end can be counted in either the ‘05-‘06 year or the ‘06-‘07 fiscal year. It was also recommended that Rep members should work closely with their own divisions to review scheduling in order to maximize FTES.

**PAC CECE HUDELSON-PUTNAM**

**Funds:** PAC has approximately \$13,000. Based on a vote from YFA Rep Council, \$500 will be donated to Steve Collins to support him in his bid for a position on the upcoming Modesto City Schools Board.

**Prop 75 & 76:** The Union is using money for political purposes to support the campaign. PAC takes guidance from PAC’s Executive Board and its membership. Cece will encourage the PAC to send out membership applications, and a communication to members regarding 74, 75, and 76. Cece will contact CSEA and CTA to locate activities local PACs are using to combat these propositions.

**MOTION:** Linda Kropp/David Ward.  
**M/S/C :** “To advise PAC to support the campaign against Propositions 75 and 76 and for all educational purposes detrimental to our college.”

## **MJC VP      CECE HUDELSON-PUTNAM**

Faculty Evaluation Training: Friday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Forum 101. There will be additional training sessions in November and in January to ensure that evaluators are following the guidelines. A good turnout is expected.

## **COLUMBIA VP      ERIK ANDAL**

Evaluator Training Session: Erik reported that Columbia did not have a good turnout for the Evaluator Training session. Attendance is an issue at the training sessions. "The Best Practices in Teaching," a supplemental resource for evaluators, was used.

Sabbaticals Leave Issues: Dr. Riggs did fund an additional semester sabbatical to go to the person next in line last year. Erik commented that this is a peace maker to resolve the issue and that the sabbatical will be taken next year. The matter is now resolved pursuant to Article 7 of the Contract which states: "...following three (3) years of service following a previous Sabbatical Leave."

A petition to have Patricia Harrelson removed from the sabbatical committee was considered but will not move forward. Rep Council members suggested that we have procedures clarified by creating a committee to review the contractual language and procedural guidelines.

MOTION PASSED: "That an adhoc committee be made to consult with the past Sabbatical Leave Committee members of both colleges to get their perspectives on sabbatical leave contract language and procedural guidelines." Dan Keller /Debbie Lafranchini.

Members of the committee will be Erik Andal, Sandra Woodside, Jim Curl, and Jillian Daly.

## **FACULTY CONSULTANT      STEVE STROUD**

No report. Excused absence.

## **COLLEGE COUNCIL      MIKE AKARD**

No report. Excused absence.

## **PRESIDENT      JILLIAN DALY**

College Council Meeting. Discussed fee waivers for high school students concurrently enrolled at MJC and a high school. We have approximately 374 high school students on campus this Fall. Last Spring, we had 687. Senate has indicated that by not charging a fee, we are saying you get what you pay for, but Jillian noted that as fees increase students receive the same education as they received prior to the increase, and so the logic seems flawed. The Academic Senate is still against fee waivers for high school students. By consensus, the YFA Rep Council asked Jillian to vote against fee waivers.

President's Search Committee. The committee will start all over. The President's search committee met with Dr. Williams and learned that when the process begins, the same constituents will be asked to choose their members to serve again. As long as the committee follows the process, there should be no problem getting another extension from the state to have Dr. Scroggins continue as interim president.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Faculty Survey and Negotiations. Medical benefits for retirees, healthcare provider, benefits for adjunct, co-pays, limit overload or not, and online load were on the list of faculty survey issues reported by division reps. Jillian Daly reported that Mike Smedhammer and Brian Sanders are creating the faculty survey. They need any additional issues from Division Reps. within the next week.

Bylaws Revision Meeting for Rep Council Members. At noon on Friday, October 28, 2005 in the Faculty Lounge, E. Campus. Please RSVP as lunch will be provided.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Video Conferencing Rep Council meetings. Jillian recommended that the location for future meetings be changed to FH 155 to allow video conferencing, or that possibly YFA and the Senate could purchase equipment to enable video conferencing. Video conferencing could possibly draw two Columbia College members as it would be convenient for them to attend YFA meetings. Comments followed regarding how FH 155 is inconvenient, how

the set-up of the room might be inappropriate for meetings, and how snacks might not be admitted in Founders Hall. Rep. Council decided by consensus that until video conferencing equipment and its cost be determined, that Rep. Council meetings continue in the Faculty Lounge with telephone conferencing available for Columbia College Reps.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.**

**Recording Secretary: Molly Navarro**