

The Accrediting Team returned in October 2007, looking especially at prior recommendations 2, 4, and 7. MJC was put on probation for lack of progress on recommendations 4 and 7. Columbia College passed their follow-up visitation..

A special report is due to the Accrediting Team by October 15, 2008 to address recommendations 4 and 7. The report must demonstrate what is being done to correct the deficiencies. A mid-term report is also due on the same day addressing all seven recommendations. The Accrediting Team will be returning next year 2008-09.

Part of the circumstances leading to MJC being put on probation is that WASC itself was reviewed by the Department of Education and asked to tighten up its own performance. Instead of the standard six year review cycle, those institutions that receive recommendations will now be given only two years to address their deficiencies and show improvement. As a result of the changes in policy, this year 30 colleges have been placed on warning/probation.

MJC has established a steering committee made up of leaders from all college constituencies. A work group has been for each recommendation. Point people have been identified to ensure the work is accomplished on time. The Co-chairs for the previous self study of 2005 were brought back in to become members of the various recommendation work groups.

President Daly would like Representative Council members to take time to review the seven recommendations. If there is a recommendation group one is interested in working on, let President Daly or Jim Sahlman, Academic Senate President, know. Much work needs to be done in a relatively short period of time. The more parties involved, the easier data collection will become.

2. **MJC Strategic Plan Process** **Handout:** Chandler Gilbert Community College Strategic Plan

YCCD has created its strategic plan. Central Services is now creating a strategic plan. MJC hired a consultant and is in the process of creating its strategic plan. MJC needs to ensure our plan feeds into the District plan.

MJC held a forum with seven community leaders for an environmental scan. Approximately 40 faculty attended the forum.

3. **Changes to College Council Structure**

A facilitated meeting with Dr. Rose, President of MJC, has led to changes in how College Council will operate in the future. Faculty had expressed concern that College Council was losing its force as avenue for shared governance on important issues relating to MJC. With the changes instituted through discussion and action by Dr. Rose, College Council will again become a venue for real dialogue rather than a reporting venue. In order to take a first step in accomplishing this goal, more council meetings have been added to facilitate discussion. The first hour of College Council will be reserved for business reports. The second hour, at least through Spring, will be devoted to a specific topic to be discussed in detail. The next meeting will focus on the MJC budget and budget priorities.

4. **Co-YFA/Senate Retreat Late Spring**

Faculty leadership has been engaged in discussion on how to get faculty involved and/or re-involved in leadership and mentor new members to move into faculty leadership positions.

YFA would like to hold a retreat for interested faculty for IBB training. YFA would hire the YCCD/YFA facilitator, Victoria Simmons, to present the workshop training.

However, we need to get people reengaged before hold a faculty retreat on Interest based Bargaining. IBB is a problem solving technique not just a bargaining tool. The Chancellor and other high-level administrators are interested in using an IBB-type process for problem-solving within the institutions.

The recommendation of the Representative Council is to begin with a YFA/Senate retreat to discuss how to get people re-engaged. Upon completion of that task, and implementation of any recommendations that emerge from the retreat, the YFA can the add IBB training into the mix.

A date for the CO-YFA/Senate Retreat is to be determined and announced. The retreat will be for all members of the YFA Representative Council and all Senators currently serving in the Academic Senate.

NEGOTIATION UPDATES

1. **Interest-Based Bargaining PowerPoint Handout:** Core Concepts & Principles of Interest-Based Negotiations

Brian Sanders provided the Representative Council with an update on the bargaining process and where the two teams stand on a variety of issues. The YFA Bargaining Team was looking for some additional guidance and direction from the Representative Council members on proposed forms and some language changes to the contract.

For specifics on items which are being discussed in the bargaining process, please refer to Table Talk, the official, approved minutes of the bargaining team meetings. Table Talks are emailed directly to faculty, once approved, and are posted at the YFA Website: <http://yosemite.edu/yfa>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **New Budget Analyst Sought**

Nancy Sill will be resigning as Budget Analyst at the end of this school year. President Daly is making an appeal for individuals interested in filling the position. The position comes with 40% release time. The YFA Budget Analyst serves on College Council, on the YFA Executive Board, and is the MJC Faculty Co-Chair for the MJC Budget Committee.

2. **Spring Election List** **Handout:** Rep Council Elections At-A-Glance

The handout identifies representatives who are up for election this year. Student Services should reflect DSPS/EOPS.

Molly Navarro, YFA Executive Secretary, sends emails to the Division Deans that terms for the representatives of the identified divisions have been completed and elections for new representatives are now due for the division.

In addition to the ending terms for specific divisions, there are several YFA Executive Council positions whose terms are expiring. The following positions: Secretary and VP's at both colleges will expire. The VP position for MJC would be a one year interim position if Professor Hudleson-Putnam decides to resign. Replacements for the executive positions are filled by formal election as outlined in the YFA by-laws.

REPORTS

COLLEGE COUNCIL

BRIAN SINCLAIR

An enrollment report for MJC is sketchy but it is the first the Council has received. The Chancellor discussed the issue of a parking lot versus a parking garage. He modeled effective leadership behavior: He talked to neighbors, apologized to the Council, and justified operating outside of policy. The Chancellor has proposed \$500K for buying the property on which to place a parking lot. This will meet MJC's immediate need to provide additional parking to alleviate congestion both on campus and in the local neighborhoods. Approximately \$4million covers the cost of everything to create a parking lot. Money that has been freed up will have to be used for swing space as instructional

buildings are vacated for renovations. The parking garage will be built once other projects have been completed.

FACULTY CONSULTANT

DAVID BAGGETT

The Chancellor made visits on East Campus, connecting with Faculty. The Chancellor has a good relationship with the Board of Trustees.

BUDGET ANALYST

NANCY SILL

The new VP of College and Administrative Services is Gary Whitfield. Professor Sill believes he will be good in budget crisis times; he understands the district budget. The Budget Committee is analyzing and clarifying the current YCCD allocation model. Gary Whitfield will chair and Professor Sill will co-chair the MJC Budget Committee until the next Budget Analyst takes over.

TREASURER

WENDY GRIFFITHS BENDER

The YFA Treasury is in good shape. Professor Griffiths --Bender will review last year's minutes to ascertain if we discussed the possibility of lowering dues once the Treasury achieved a certain dollar amount.

MJC VP/ PAC

CECELIA HUDELSON-PUTNAM

No Report

COLUMBIA VP

GENE WOMBLE

No Report

PRESIDENT

JILLIAN DALY

No Report

Next YFA Representative Council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12.

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5:15 p.m.