



REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2007
Location: Faculty Lounge, E. Campus
Approved

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Woodside YFA Secretary

Meeting is called to order at 3:10 p.m. Quorum [X]

PRESENT EXECUTIVE BOARD
(1) President: Jillian Daly; (2) V President/MJC: CeCe Hudelson-Putnam;
(3) V President/CC: Gene Womble; (4) Budget Analyst: Nancy Sill;
(5) Secretary:Sandra Woodside; (6) Treasurer: Wendy Griffiths Bender;
(7) MJC CC Rep: Brian Sinclair; (8) Rep at Large/East: John Zamora;
(9) Rep at Large/West: Alan Layne;

PRESENT REP COUNCIL
(10) John Mendes; (11) Jill Ramsey/Lisa Riggs; (12) Paul Berger; (13) Bobby Hutchison;
(14) Linda Kropp; (15) Laurie Prusso; (16) Michael Akard; (17) Emily Malsam;
(18) Larry Scheg; (19) David Ward; (20) Jim Stevens/Milan Motroni;
(21) Brian Sanders; (22) Hanna Louie; (23) Donna Louie; (24) Jon Kropp
(25) Adjunct at large/MJC: John Carpenter

OTHER POSITIONS Faculty Consultant to the Board: David Baggett

ABSENT

VACANT

Rep at Large/CC
Adjunct at Large/CC

GUESTS: Shelley Circle, Faculty Co-Chair of the Intersession Task Force

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm.

MINUTES Approval of the October 10 Revised Minutes Approved as corrected [X]

M/S/A Professor Hudelson-Putnam moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Professor Hutchison seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved, as revised, by voice vote. There were no nay votes or abstentions.

Approval of the November 14, 2007 Minutes. Approved as read [X]

M/S/A Professor Prusso moved to approve the minutes. Professor Griffiths-Bender seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved as read by voice vote. There were no nay votes or abstentions.

ACTION ITEMS: Liability Insurance for the YFA Executive Board

M/S/A Professor Hutchison moved to approve the purchase of liability insurance for the YFA Executive Board. Professor Griffiths-Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. There were no nay votes or abstentions.

Professor Griffiths-Bender reported the cost to insure the executive board against legal liability was a little over two thousand dollars per year (without terrorism coverage). Triple CI, at their last two conferences, have indicated the importance of this type of coverage. The cost of the insurance covers the whole committee. Given the nature of the legal decisions in which the YFA Executive Board engages, it was deemed fiscally responsible to request the Association provide such insurance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MJC Sabbatical Leave Committee Process

The MJC Sabbatical Leave Committee and the YFA Executive Board held a meeting to discuss the substantive changes that were made to the Sabbatical Leave section of the contract and the implications for how the committee needs to operate. It was clarified, in the meeting, that, because of the language on actually rank ordering requests and denying applications if they were sub-standard, this might put the committee at some legal risk. Consequently, as a part of the process, the committee will evaluate applications, rank order and then meet with the YFA Grievance Executive Committee to insure there are no potential legal issues regarding their recommendations. If both committees are in agreement, recommendations will be forwarded to the President of MJC. It was agreed that, if there are applications that are weak on the first round, especially if there are fewer requests than slots open, that applicants be allowed to rewrite their applications to increase the quality and rigor. Once resubmitted, the application would again be reviewed against the standards set by the Sabbatical Leave Committee. If the rewrite meets the standards of rigor, the sabbatical would then be granted. The details of the procedures need to be finalized and then published.

President Daly will craft a letter to all faculty explaining the new process for Sabbatical Application.

2. YFA support of Senate Vote on FL07-D (Vote of No Confidence in the Current President of MJC)

The YFA Executive Committee would like approval issue an official statement from YFA in support of Senate Resolution FL07-D. The Vote of No Confidence is a process that began over a year ago and represents checks and balances within our institution.

M/S/A Professor Hutchison moved to approve writing a statement in support of Senate Resolution FL07-D. Professor L. Kropp seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote with no nay votes and no abstentions.

M/S/A Professor Berger moved to approve the statement, as written, to be read to the Board of Trustees at tonight's Board Meeting. Professor H. Louie moved to second the motion. The motion to approve the statement, as written, passed by voice vote. There were no nay votes and two abstentions.

YFA STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE RESOLUTION FL07-D

The members of the Yosemite Faculty Association, including the Representative Council and the Executive Board, strongly supports approval of the MJC Academic Senate Resolution FL07-D—No Confidence in the Current President of Modesto Junior College.

Over the past year, the YFA and Academic Senate have worked to resolve ongoing policy and contractual concerns that affect the stability and governance of Modesto Junior College. We want the Board of Trustees to know that this statement has been very long in the making. Faculty have whole-heartedly invested their time and energy in order to improve the enrollment, budget, and working environment of Modesto Junior College for the past year and a half. It saddens us to come to this statement at this time. This resolution reflects numerous meetings, discussions, and consideration of alternative courses of action.

Our statement is just one of the many checks and balances articulated through California Assembly Bill 1725. We are asking you to take our statement to heart for the good of Modesto Junior College.

3. Review of District Procedure 6010: College Calendar

President Daly indicated YFA will ensure that contract language which covers the college calendar as a negotiated item by inserted into the procedure. The YFA Faculty contract indicates that major changes to the college calendar, such as a winter intersession, are to be negotiated.

4. Negotiation Update

a. Compensation

The Bargaining Team is looking at how to apportion this year's COLA. Additionally, they are reviewing PhD stipends which have not been raised in many years. The third major issue in compensation impacts Adjunct salaries. Adjunct faculty did not any bonus money in 2006-2007 negotiations. Monies were used to bring faculty to median.

b. Evaluation Appendices

As a result of the substantive changes in contract language regarding faculty evaluations, new forms are being created.

5. Report from Faculty Co-Chair of the Intersession Task Force – Shelly Circle

Shelly Circle gave an update to the Representative Council from the Winter Intersession Task Force. The task force has had two meetings to date. The first meeting each person was tasked with creating a list of questions they wanted addressed. In the second meeting Jane Chawinga was charged with clarifying the current state of our FTE situation. Part of the rationale for an intersession is to provide flexibility in how MJC is able to roll FTE's into the current academic year.

Professor Circle is interested in what is best for the college and the students. She is interested in more deeply researching fast tracking and back-to-back classes such as those offered by El Cerritos. She indicated there is a great deal of research to support the fact that students tend to do better in compressed classes.

Faculty would like to schedule classes to meet the rollover needs of college enrollment management. It is still unclear what those scheduling options might be. It would be useful to look at our competitors and to do a local environmental scan.

Due to the need to attend tonight's Board Meeting, the YFA Representative Council meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

REPORTS

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

PRESIDENT	JILLIAN DALY
BUDGET ANALYST	NANCY SILL
TREASURER	WENDY GRIFFITHS BENDER
MJC VP/ PAC	CECELIA HUDELSON-PUTNAM
COLUMBIA VP	GENE WOMBLE
FACULTY CONSULTANT	DAVID BAGGETT
COLLEGE COUNCIL	BRIAN SINCLAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next YFA Representative Council will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

ADJOURNED

__5:10__ p.m.