



**Yosemite  
Faculty  
Association**

**YFA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**Wednesday,  
November 13, 2013**  
Ansel Adams 206, West Campus

**Respectfully submitted by  
Sarah Curl, YFA Secretary  
to the YFA Representative Council**

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

**PRESENT**                      EXECUTIVE BOARD  
V President/MJC: Debi Bolter; V President/CC: Gene Womble; Secretary: Sarah Curl;  
MJC College Council: Ross McKenzie

**PRESENT**                      REP COUNCIL  
Steve Amador; Jill Ramsey; Haleh Niazmand; Pam Guerra-Schmidt; Monique Vallance;  
Becky Ganes; Brian Green; Jim Stevens; Shelley Circle; Elzbieta Jarrett; Bob Droual;  
Donna Louie; Hanna Louie

**PRESENT**                      OTHER POSITIONS  
Brian Sinclair: Faculty Consultant

**MINUTES**

October 9, 2013 Minutes: Approved with correction:

p.2, line 11 was changed to "In Article 5 on Distance Education, there is a fear that the District wants to increase the minimum class size."

**M/S/A**                      Donna Louie moved, and Hanna Louie seconded, that the October 9, 2013 minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed by voice vote with 4 abstentions.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES

### 1. PROPOSED PARKING FEE INCREASE (Gene Womble)

A proposal to increase parking fees will be on the Board of Trustees agenda for approval tonight. Ross McKenzie reported that we don't know the amount yet and the proposal has not gone through shared governance. Doubling regular parking fees and charging a parking fee for campus events have been discussed. The money is needed for increased security. Currently, parking fees are used to pay for part of security costs, but the rest of the costs come from other sources.

ASMJC supports the proposed fee increase. Reps asked Gene to express the following concerns in his next report to the YCCD Board of Trustees : Faculty and students should not be responsible for campus security - the district should be responsible; doubling the fees seems excessive, and puts an unfair burden on students; support of security should come from multiple sources; the faculty is the lowest paid in our cohort. Reps will consult their constituents about this issue.

### 2. PAC (Gene Womble)

PAC Chair Steve Miller has resigned. We need to decide whether to continue the PAC. Participation is very low and there are many government regulations that must be followed, such as having a President and a Treasurer. Gene will consult the YFA lawyer about this. Reps were asked to consult their constituents.

### 3. NEGOTIATIONS (Debi Bolter)

There will be one more meeting of the negotiations teams next Tuesday. The reopener in February is "Part-Time Faculty Issues". A workgroup will start meeting this Spring.

Gene Womble suggested that he should meet with each division to ask them what issues they want to have negotiated. Jim Stevens suggested that Gene should meet with the division rep after the reps consults with their divisions. Gene asked reps to poll their divisions regarding issues and proposed solutions and to check the cohort to see how other colleges handle these issues.

### 4. ELECTION AND RATIFICATION PROCESS BY SURVEY- MONKEY (Gene Womble)

Two candidates have been nominated for YFA President. They have been asked to submit candidate's statements. There are no candidates for any other open office.

M/S/A Shelley Circle moved and Haleh Niazmand seconded that Rep Council approve the use of Survey Monkey for ratification of proposed Bylaws Amendments and in the upcoming election of YFA Officers. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Rep Council also decided not to require a Candidate's Forum.

### 5. SKYPE PROGRESS (Larry Schegg)

This project is still in progress.

## 6. MOVE TO EAST CAMPUS (Gene Womble)

The YFA office will move back into the Faculty Lounge area of the library in mid-December. The reps discussed holding the YFA Faculty Social there.

## 7. REP CHECK-IN (Haleh Niazmand)

Haleh brought the following questions for future discussion in Rep Council:

- a) Under what conditions can the union strike?
- b) Should Program Review be negotiated as a load issue?
- c) Can we consider negotiating release time for Department Chairs?

Gene and Debi will research these questions and prepare a response.

## REPORTS

### 1. President's Report (Gene Womble, Debi Bolter)

Nominations for YFA President have closed. Gene will make a report to the Board of Trustees tonight.

### 2. College Councils (Ross McKenzie, Gene Womble)

Ross reported that the land for a stop light on Blue Gum Avenue has been purchased. Also the district needs FTES.

Gene reported that Columbia College will have a "May-mester" this year to increase FTES. Remodeling is ongoing.

### 3. Student Services Council (Brian Green)

Handout: YCCD Policies and Administrative Procedures Nos. 7110, 7120 and 7125

Student Services Council members were given proposed policies 7110, 7120 and 7125 and asked for feedback by Friday (two-day turn around).

### 4. Faculty Consultant's Report (Brian Sinclair)

Brian has met with all but one member of the Board of Trustees. The board members are aware of many of the issues affecting faculty and administrators. Brian invited faculty to discuss issues with him.

ADJOURNED 5:00 pm