



Yosemite Faculty Association

YFA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday,
March 18, 2015

Faculty Lounge, East Campus

respectfully submitted by
Iris Carroll, YFA Secretary
to the YFA Representative Council

Meeting is called order at 3:03 p.m.

Quorum [x]

YFA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

(*indicates positions up for re-election in spring 2015)

	Division/Area Representative	Name	Present
1	Agriculture & Environmental Sciences	Dale Pollard	X
2	Allied Health*	Jill Ramsey	X
3	Arts, Humanities & Communications	Haleh Niazmand	X
4	Family & Consumer Science*	Pam Guerra-Schmidt	X
5	Behavioral & Social Sciences*	Becky Ganes (Alternate)	X
6	Business	Vacant	
7	Library*	Brian Greene	X
8	Physical, Recreation & Health Education*	Demitrius Snaer	
9	Literature & Language Arts (A)*	Denise Smith	X
10	Literature & Language Arts (B)	Dimitri Keriotis	X
11	Science, Math & Engineering / MATH*	Elzbieta Jarrett	X
12	Science & Engineering	Tom Nomof	X
13	Special Programs (EOPS/DSPS)*	Donna Louie	X
14	Student Services / Counseling	Hanna Louie	X

15	Technical Education*	Adrian DeAngelis	
16	Columbia College Rep A at-Large	Vacant	
17	Columbia College Rep B at-Large*	Vacant	

YFA EXECUTIVE BOARD

	OFFICERS	NAME	Present
18	President*	Debi Bolter	X
19	MJC Vice President / Grievance Officer	Sarah Curl	X
20	CC Vice President / Grievance Officer*	Gene Womble	
21	Secretary	Iris Carroll	X
22	Treasurer*	Linda Kropp	X
23	Budget Analyst	Vacant	
24	MJC College Council	Ross McKenzie	X
25	MJC Member-at-Large / MJC*	Larry Scheg	X
26	MJC Member-at-Large / MJC	Jim Stevens	X
27	Columbia College Member At-Large*	Vacant	

NON-VOTING YFA POSITIONS

	TITLE	NAME	Present
28	Faculty Liaison to the BOT	Vacant	
29	Adjuncts at Large	Columbia Adjunct: Vacant* MJC Adjunct: Monique Vallance	

MINUTES

Approval of the February 18, 2015 minutes.

M/S/A – Ross McKenzie moved with Dale Pollard seconding. The minutes passed on a voice vote with three abstentions.

REPORTS

MJC College Council

Ross McKenzie reported that MJC College Council was divided into two parts. The first was a regular meeting, during which they discussed policies and procedures. Ross informed us of the President's opinion regarding the Student Transportation policy that was up for a first read. Jill's opinion is that holding your class at an off-site location but in our area would not be treating students equitably

because not all students will have transportation. Several representatives expressed concern over this change in policy stating that it will have a deleterious effect on Agriculture and Tech Education programs. The next portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the proposed reorganization. Jill announced that the entire reorganization was off the table except for a few undisclosed minor changes. The College Council spent the rest of their meeting vetting the process with a focus on ways to have a conversation about institutional change that will help students move through our system.

Columbia College Council

No report due to absence.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Forums

Teresa Scott has not scheduled these proposed forums yet. We're still looking for them this spring.

Equivalencies and Current Employees

In response to a new and very strict interpretation of equivalency guidelines, the District has started a process of reviewing all employee files to check minimum qualifications for full and part-time faculty. If a faculty member does not meet the MQs according to the new interpretation, they must complete equivalency paperwork. For full-time faculty, if your file reveals that you do neither meet MQs nor equivalency, the District must find employment for you. Part-time faculty, however, may not get another teaching assignment. Concern was raised with the new interpretation, with the process, and with the impact this will have on departments.

Updates on CSEA and LTAC Adjunct Assignments

There is no update. CSEA is still working with District to reach a solution.

Adjunct Handbook

Kathleen has begun work on an adjunct faculty handbook. Kathleen recommended some subjects to cover and asked representatives to check with area faculty for more suggestions.

Credit/Non-Credit Courses

Debi introduced a discussion about possible effects of changing some credit courses to non-credit or offering non-credit courses in place of credit courses. This initiative is being driven by AB 86, which deals with bringing adult education into the community college system. One concern is that AB 86 sets

MQs at a Bachelor's level rather than at a Master's. It is unclear whether or not any faculty members teaching credit courses would face load change issues.

Weingarten Cards

Kathleen has drafted a card and will have these run off and laminated.

Negotiations

The team reported that everything is going well and reminded everyone to look at their *Negotiations Notes*.

Class-Size Averaging and Large Class Size Accommodations

Sarah wanted to clarify this issue. Debi said that MOU recently signed between YFA and the District to clarify that a faculty member can use, for example, five students from a double class to load his/her smaller class. Once a faculty member does that; however, he/she cannot also count those five students as part of the large class load.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

Linda Kropp presented an update and overview of the Approved 2014/2015 budget and the Proposed 2015/2016 budget. One area of cost savings that the Council wanted to explore is duplication. There was general approval of the budgets as presented and the Council will finalize this budget at our meeting next month.

Meeting Schedule for 2015/2016

A schedule of meetings was distributed.

Sabbatical Leave Chairman

Chairman, Jeff Weaver, is retiring so we need a replacement.

Elections

A list of the many positions soon to be vacated was distributed. Nominations will be sent out next week and will be open for ten business days.

YCCD Core Values/Guiding Principles

The Council reviewed a list of several choices of values and principles. We ranked our choices as follows: Core Values (Learning, Integrity, Excellence in Education) and our top Guiding Principles (Collegiality, Student Success, and Community Enhancement. The Council further added that we will know we've achieved student success when we graduate students who are productive members of our society.

Enrollment Priorities

Brian Greene introduced forms regarding establishing preferential priority registration going to groups, such as athletes. These forms were drafted by the Student Services Council to conform with the new state protocol for establishing enrollment priorities. Brian explained that if someone thinks a group qualifies for priority registration they would need to fill out this new form. Brian asked for feedback on the form to take back to the Student Services Council.

Benefit Committee Meeting

Debi provided a brief update on the work of this committee. They are comparing packages and rates from SISC, CVT, and Askip. They hope to have by their next meeting.

CHECK OUT

1. Negotiations_Notes
2. Feedback on topics for Adjunct Handbook
3. Upcoming elections
4. Policy - Field trip travel feedback

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM on a motion by Linda Kropp that was seconded by Ross McKenzie.