



Yosemite Faculty Association

YFA
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday,
April 13, 2016
Faculty Lounge, East Campus

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

Meeting is called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Quorum [X]

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Jim Sahlman	[X]
Vice President/MJC	Sarah Curl	[X]
Vice President/CC	Tim Elizondo	[X]
Budget Analyst	_____	[]
Secretary	Iris Carroll	[X]
Treasurer	Larry Scheg	[]
MJC College Council	Ross McKenzie	[X]
Rep at Large/MJC	Allan McKissick	[X]
Rep at Large/MJC	Jim Stevens	[X]
Member-at Large/CC	Maryl Landess	[X]

REP COUNCIL

Dale Pollard	[X]
Jill Ramsey	[X]
Haleh Niazmand	[X]
Cheryl Williams-Jackson	[X]
Columbia Adjunct: _____	[]
MJC Adjunct: Leslie Beggs	[X]
Behav & Soc Sciences: Becky Ganes	[X]
Shelley Akiona	[X]
Brian Greene	[X]
Demitrius Snaer	[]
Emily Malsam	[]
Dimitri Keriotis	[]
Mike Adams	[X]
Tom Nomof	[X]
Donna Louie	[X]
Hanna Louie	[X]
Ag/Tech Ed: _____	[]
CC Rep A At-Large: _____	[]
CC Rep B At-Large: _____	[]

OTHER POSITIONS: Faculty Liaison: Michelle Christopherson [X]

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the March 16, 2016 YFA Rep Council Meeting. Ross McKenzie and Shelley Akiona so moved and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

Announcements and Reports:

Staff Recognition Dinner: Geri Wend reported that the event was a success.

YFA Election Results: Jim Sahlman reported that all positions ran uncontested except for the MJC Adjunct Faculty Rep. William Holly will begin in the fall.

YFA General Meetings: Jim announced that there will be two general meetings, one on Thursday, April 14 @ MJC; Friday, April 15 @ Columbia.

Spring 2016 CCCI Conference (April 21-23 in Sacramento): Jim Sahlman reported that he and few exec board members are going. Rancho Santiago, one of the biggest members, had been talking about withdrawing from CCCI but they have decided not to. If they had, it would have cost all other members more in dues. The CCCI Present is stepping down and elections will be held at this year's conference. Bob Bezemek, our attorney, will be there. David Bella Hawkins will also be there.

New MJC parking permits: Jim Sahlman reported out on a College Council discussion. There will be an online system to purchase parking permits in place by fall. You can pay for your permit online and they will mail it to you. More will be coming out via email.

Changes (both current and potential) in YCCD/MJC Leadership: Jim Sahlman updated the council on the new that Joan retiring. In addition, Jill Stearns reported that she is a finalist for another position. The council discussed the need for a process to be followed that would include substantial faculty input. Questions surfaced about the depth of the background checking process.

District Policies and Procedures Committee: Allan McKissick reported that he has been focused on 3435. He has nothing to add since last time. The draft he distributed last time is being revised. Further, he reported that the committee talked about program elimination and rifting. He stressed that the Academic Senate and YFA must work together on this.

Current/Ongoing Business:

YFA Officer Compensation & Summer Work Proposal (2nd Reading): Sarah Curl reintroduced this proposal. Ross McKenzie moved and Maryl Landess seconded it to approve for a second reading. Treasurer confirmed that YFA has sufficient funds to support this proposal. This proposal was approved on its second reading. These changes require an amendment to Appendix B of the YFA

Bylaws. Once these changes have been made faculty members will need to vote to ratify them. You can expect to see an online ratification ballot in your email shortly.

Negotiations Update: Jim reported that the Class Size Committee is just getting started. This committee needs to make progress before Workload negotiations can proceed. Jim talked about the number of hours we've already put in and that we don't want to negotiate over the summer except for the issue of total compensation. Questions were raised about possible increases in health benefits. Jim explained that currently the District pays \$1,420 in premiums. If new premiums go higher than \$1,420 we'd have to pay the difference. Gina has said they don't anticipate big differences in prices. Premiums can't be substantially higher by law.

Other Reports/Concerns/Comments (if any):

Faculty Liaison: Michelle Christopherson reported that the Chancellor Interview process has begun. The Board is interviewing consulting firms who will coordinate the search. She has been impressed by the Board's thoughtfulness. The successful firm will be announced at tonight's Board meeting. She explained that the consultant's role will be to work with the Board on every stage for the search including recruiting, forming the search committee, and advising the Board. She reported that faculty are signing up for graduation and she encouraged us to attend.

YFA Treasurer: Larry Scheg – No report

YFA Vice Presidents: Sarah Curl and Tim Elizondo – Tim began by reporting that he is working on a few issues for faculty. He reported on issues regarding part-time faculty workload and the 67% law. He also spoke about an accreditation issue that the council felt should be brought up to the Senate. Sarah reported that she is having issues daily but not the big issues that we've had in the past few semesters. She is still working on class size averaging.

YFA Secretary—Iris Carroll – No report

College Council: Ross McKenzie

Scholarship Fund – Jim reported on an idea he had regarding faculty unifying around a scholarships fund. He has challenged Curtin Martin, President of the MJC Academic Senate, to a Cuban sandwich cook-off to fund the Faculty Leadership Scholarship. There will be an entry fee of \$75. Expect more news from Jim shortly.

Report Out:

YFA Elections
Faculty Survey to Inform Negotiations
MJC Parking Permits
YFA Officer Compensation & Summer Work Proposal

Adjourned: 5:10 pm

Next scheduled YFA Rep Council Meeting: September 21, 2016 @ 3:00pm, YFA Faculty Lounge