



Yosemite Faculty Association

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday,
March 21, 2018
Faculty Lounge, East Campus

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

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

Quorum [X]

Exec. Board

President	Jim Sahlman	[x]
VP/MJC	Sarah Curl	[x]
VP/CC	Erik Andal	[]
Budget Analyst	(Vacant)	[x]
Secretary	Iris Carroll	[x]
Treasurer	Larry Scheg	[x]
MJC College Council	Ross McKenzie	[x]
Rep At-Large/MJC	Dale Pollard	[x]
Rep At-Large/MJC	Jim Stevens	[x]
Rep At-Large/CC	Craig Johnston	[x]

Rep. Council

Mike Morales	[x]
Jill Ramsey	[x]
Haleh Niazmand	[x]
Brandi Snider	[]
Steve Choi	[x]
Shelley Akiona	[x]
L & LC (Iris Carroll)	[x]
Demitrius Snaer	[]
Laura Manzo	[x]
Michael Akard	[x]
Paul Cripe	[x]
Tom Nomof	[x]
Ben Riley	[x]
Hanna Louie	[x]
Tim Vaughn	[]
Brian Greene	[]
Pam Guerra-Schmidt	[x]
Faculty Liaison: Allan McKissick	[x]
Adjunct-at-large: Bill Holly	[x]

Announcements and Reports:

YFA Election Results—Geri Wend

Geri announced the election results. She will be sending out email to division reps who are up for re-election.

Follow-up on Faculty Attendance at YCCD Board Meeting (Mar-14-2018)—Jim Sahlman

Jim informed the Council that there was a wonderful turnout at the Board meeting. In fact, almost 50% of Columbia College faculty were there and many of them gave testimonials. The last meeting of the semester will be in Modesto on April 11 and some students from the Democratic Club plan on attending that meeting.

Meeting with YCCD Chancellor (Mar-07-2018)—Jim Sahlman

Jim reported that this meeting was shorter. The Chancellor and Jim discussed the MJC President search and the CCAP agreement time extension. Jim expressed concerns regarding the possibility that faculty would be required to teach at high schools? The Chancellor confirmed that such an assignment would be optional.

YFA General Faculty Meeting (April-20-2018, 11:30am—1:30pm, Oakdale)—Jim Sahlman

Representatives were asked to encourage colleagues to go to the general faculty meeting pot luck on April 20. It is important that faculty stay engaged and hear the updates on our negotiation situation. We will talk about the current state of impasse, negotiations, and next steps. Please RSVP to Geri's email.

Regular Effective Contact for Online Courses – Mike Smedshammer (IDC)

Mike Smedshammer was a guest speaker. He informed the Council that the Senate passed the REC resolution. He continued by telling us that most colleges have an REC policy. Online classes are funded by being the virtual equivalent of face-to-face courses. One of the main determinants for funding is whether the course has faculty-initiated, regular, effective contact with students. An evaluator must be able to see evidence of this contact when he/she enters a course to evaluate it. The key point for YFA is the level of course access given an evaluator for him/her to see evidence of this contact. The goal would be for an evaluator to see this contact right up front without having to view the gradebook. Mike explained that the main tool to accomplish this goal is the Announcement Tool. In Mike's opinion that would satisfy the needs of accreditors and immediate administrators without being intrusive. In addition, it's good for students. A discussion about various ways by which faculty provide REC ensued. Mike responded that the problem with email is that in Canvas it is outside the course. The only way to see email exchanges is to impersonate the faculty member, which we would not want. In addition, email is usually student-initiated not faculty-initiated. There was still lingering concern about a possible directive from an administrator to use the Announcements Tool.

We then had a discussion about ways to incorporate the REC guidelines and the Senate Resolution into the Contract. After discussion, we decide that we could reference the Senate resolution in the contract and complete a crosswalk between the Contract and the REC guidelines.

Report by Faculty Liaison to the Board—Allan McKissick

All faculty are encouraged to complete the MJC President Search survey that Chancellor Henry Yong emailed. The survey closes on Monday, March 26, at noon. Also, be aware that you need to complete the survey as emailed to your email address; do not forward it and do not send each other the link. Apparently, the link is tied to your computer so if you send the email or the link that you received to a colleague, that person will have submitted your survey.

Consent Agenda:

Iris Carroll made a motion to pull the CCAP MOU from the Consent Agenda and move it to Ongoing Business. She continued to move to approve the consent agenda as amended. Paul Cripe seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda was then passed with one abstention.

- Approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 YFA Rep Council Meeting
- Approve Mike Morales as the YFA Rep on the MJC Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) (NOTE: Donna Louie is our other YFA Rep on this committee. YFA has two reps).
- Approve Jim Sahlman as the YFA Rep on the MJC Presidential Search Committee

Current/Ongoing Business:

Approve the Draft MOU on the CCAP Agreement between YFA and YCCD

YFA has received feedback from LLA and the Curriculum Committee. We anticipate receiving more feedback from Columbia College. Pam Guerra-Schmidt shared highlights from a recent discussion held at Columbia College. Several faculty members met with Brian Sanders and took turns asking him questions. Brian agreed that his interpretation of the MOU is that a faculty assignment to a high school would be optional. Brian continued by saying that he envisions part-time faculty teaching these classes predominately. Columbia faculty recommend that the reference to CurricuNet be pulled from the MOU and a clause stating the arrangement is “Mutually agreed upon between the faculty member and the dean,” be included.

We then discussed additional comments from MJC faculty. These included clarifying language to bullet one and the need to provide flexibility while protecting full-timers from being sent off-campus due to “right of assignment.” Discussion ensued during which several concerns were raised.

It was agreed that YFA will need another month to finalize the MOU.

Negotiations Update—Jim Sahlman

YFA is filing for impasse, which we anticipate being submitted by Friday, March 24, 2018. Jim will send information about the impasse process to the faculty with the next edition of *The More You Know*.

Various Faculty Updates—Sarah Curl & Erik Andal

Sarah briefly reviewed several ongoing investigations. Two are Title IX and one is a violation of District policy. Attorneys have had to get involved in all three with a demand for information from the District.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report—Erik Andal

Because Erik was absent he could not report.

Other Items—Anyone

Adjourned: 5:05

Next scheduled YFA Rep Council Meeting: April 18, 2018 @ 3:00pm, YFA Faculty Lounge