Yosemite Community College District  
District Council Meeting Minutes  
Gene Bianchi Community Center, Conference Room 1  
August 24, 2016

Members Present: Michelle Christopherson, Angela Fairchilds, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Wendy Long, Curtis Martin, Debbi Partridge, Jim Sahlman, Jill Stearns, Joan Smith  

Members Absent: Siegfried Guentensperger, Klaus Tenbergen  

Other’s Present: Al Alt, John Black, Dan Duffy, Gina Leguria, Teresa Scott, Brenda Thames, James Todd, Gary Whitfield, Coni Chavez (recorder)  

Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m. in Oakdale at the Gene Bianchi Community Center, Conference Room 1.

1. Introduction of New Members  
Chancellor Smith acknowledged two new members to the District Council, Wendy Long and Siegfried Guentensperger. All members provided self-introductions.

2. ☆Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2016 – Joan Smith  
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2016, was made by Wendy Griffiths-Bender and seconded by Michelle Christopherson. District Council members approved the minutes with a vote of all in favor.  
Ayes: (9) Michelle Christopherson, Angela Fairchilds, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Wendy Long, Curtis Martin, Debbi Partridge, Jim Sahlman, Jill Stearns, Joan Smith  
Nayes: (0)

3. ☆Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 22, 2016 – Joan Smith  
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2016, was made by Wendy Griffiths-Bender and seconded by Angela Fairchilds. District Council members approved the minutes with a vote of all in favor.  
Ayes: (9) Michelle Christopherson, Angela Fairchilds, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Wendy Long, Curtis Martin, Debbi Partridge, Jim Sahlman, Jill Stearns, Joan Smith  
Nayes: (0)

4. ☆Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 20, 2016 – Joan Smith  
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2016, was made by Michelle Christopherson and seconded by Jill Stearns. District Council members approved the minutes with a vote of all in favor.  
Ayes: (9) Michelle Christopherson, Angela Fairchilds, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Wendy Long, Curtis Martin, Debbi Partridge, Jim Sahlman, Jill Stearns, Joan Smith  
Nayes: (0)

5. Meeting Cancellation: September 28, 2016 – Joan Smith  
Chancellor Joan Smith announced that the September 28, 2016, meeting of the District Council will be cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with the Chancellor Search Committee.
6. Accreditation Update – Angie Fairchilds & Jill Stearns
   Columbia College – President Angie Fairchilds reported that work continued over the
   summer. Committees are expected to meet in the next couple of weeks and map out
   writing of the report.

   Modesto Junior College – President Jill Stearns reported that four standards drafts are
   complete and being prepared to be viewed by others. She also noted that multiple
   programs, including the baccalaureate degree program, are prepared to submit
   substantive change proposals. And, that the ACCJC now requires submission 6 weeks
   prior to the meeting in which such requests are considered. From the College perspective,
   the timing is not the best fit with the dollars coming in for Career Technical Education and
   meeting employer needs.

   Chancellor Smith noted that the California Community College’s CEO group had a
   conversation last spring with regard to the issues surrounding the ACCJC. Presently,
   there has not been definitive support from the group one way or the other in terms of
   alternative accrediting bodies. Thus, the colleges are well-advised to continue to work
   toward ACCJC standards, as it remains the accrediting body for the immediate future.

7. Other Business
   A. Budget – Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott distributed handouts related to
      the 2016-2017 budget. She highlighted a number of points in reviewing each
      handout. Among them, she noted that the final budget will be recommended for
      consideration by the Board in September and augmentations and adjustments
      could be made throughout the year, if needed. EVC Scott shared that the requisition
      deadline date can be backed-up at the colleges so as to allow for additional leeway
      for planning; COLA growth is available, but the assumption is that YCCD will not
      access it; carryover funds will be allocated to sites; one-time mandate
      reimbursement will be allocated to colleges for IELM (Instructional Equipment
      Library Materials); scheduled maintenance block grant dollars are going
      to the colleges’ capital projects; and, regarding the increase to STRS/PERS, the Board
      had approved transfer of costs to cover increases, this trust in place so that
      continued encroachment on the general fund is not necessary.

      i. Presidents Fairchilds and Stearns provided an FTES update related to each
         college, respectively. It was reported that enrollments at each college are
         generally flat as compared to last year and the colleges are working hard to
         align resources and offerings with student demand.

   B. New State Chancellor – It was announced that Eloy Oakley will take office in
      December.

   C. Information Technology – Chancellor Smith introduced Dan Duffy, a consultant
      with Ferrilli who will serve in an interim capacity as a new Associate Vice Chancellor
      of IT is hired by the new Chancellor. It was reported that Mr. Duffy has been tasked
      with two major projects, Central Services Building move and CROA conversion.
      The Central Services Building is scheduled in segments beginning in October. The
      colleague database migration from Oracle to SQL is anticipated in mid-October and
      requires down time Friday to Monday, 10/15-16. Classes hosted in learning
      management system shouldn’t be impacted. Student enrollment information should
be passed through, as needed, before the system is migrated. Ferrilli personnel and other resources are lined up for conversion weekend to provide additional assistance, if needed. Mr. Duffy thanked personnel in advance for their patience and collegial support as expected hiccups are addressed.

D. Parking on West Campus – Solar covered parking is currently being used for students. As the Central Services Building comes online and as other lots currently under construction are completed and re-opened to students, parking will be transitioned to staff. The long term plan for parking is to take down the old Central Services Buildings and repurpose the area to parking, with the goal to have solar panels in those areas as well.

E. MJC Assessment and Program Review needs to be done – MJC Vice President of Student Services, James Todd, urged personnel to complete program review in their area(s). Discussion was held with the theme that program reviews be used in a meaningful way to inform planning and institutional decision-making.

F. Title IX Board Policies – Chancellor Smith informed the District Council that Title IX related Board policies would be considered in a second reading on Friday, August 26, 2016. She indicated she had previously informed YFA leadership of this date. Additionally, Chancellor Smith shared that new legislation (AB 1778) requiring California Community Colleges to conduct annual training is being considered and that this area of law continues to progress and undergo new developments.

8. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the District Council is scheduled for October 26, 2016 – 3 p.m. at Gene Bianchi Community Center, Oakdale.

The District Council special meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.