



Highlights – Representative Council Meeting – March 20, 2024

- 1. Trustee Don Davis Visit** – Area 1 Trustee Don Davis, a teacher and administrator for forty years who ended his career as the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools, visited the Rep Council meeting via Zoom. He answered many questions before saying that one of his major concerns is the declining performance of male students. Before Title IX, success rates were disproportionately in favor of males; now they're disproportionately in favor of females. His goal is greater balance.
- 2. Potential Endorsement of Milton Richards** – Past YFA President Jim Sahlman presented [a resolution in favor of endorsing Trustee Milton Richards](#) for re-election in Area 3. According to Jim, Milt is a “How Can the Board Help?” kind of guy. Others agreed, noting that Milt doesn't always agree with YFA but that he listens and is interested in what is right for all. [Article 19 in YFA's bylaws](#) dictates that the process for endorsing political candidates requires a first and second reading by Rep Council. The first reading passed, and the second reading will take place at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 17. If the resolution is adopted, it will then go to a vote of the entire membership, where it needs a two-thirds majority of those who vote to pass. If you'd like to weigh in on this resolution, please contact your area rep, the YFA office, or Jim.
- 3. YFA Executive Board Elections** – On Tuesday, March 19, Angela Pignotti sent out ballots for our current elections. The Member-At-Large (MJC-B), College Council Representative (MJC), Member-At-Large/College Council Rep (Columbia) and Vice President/Grievance Officer (MJC) positions are all uncontested, but Article 10.8.3 in our bylaws states, “In the event of a single nomination for any open position on the Executive Board, the nominee's name will be placed on a ballot that requires a simple majority (50% +1) vote to be officially elected.” In addition, for the YFA Secretary position, Erin Black (Psychology) and Theresa Stovall (English) are running, so if you haven't voted yet, please do.
- 4. Campus Safety Committee** – MJC's College Council is trying to resurrect the College Campus Safety Committee, and YFA voted to endorse this move, adding that there should have at least one YFA representative on that committee.