

YFA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES - Approved

03/18/2026

YFA Faculty Office, Room 102—MJC East Campus

+ Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

- Approve Rep. Council meeting minutes - [02/18/26](#)
 - Iris Carroll motioned to approve the consent agenda. Brian Greene seconded the motion. The Rep Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion carries.

Action/Discussion/Continuing Projects

- Guest: Columbia College Interim President Chad Redwing: Interim President Redwing joined the Rep Council meeting and spoke about his start in 2005 at MJC as a tenure-track Humanities professor. One of his special interests was to find grants for the Humanities program. Although he was known as the COVID President at MJC, he noted the 6th anniversary of MJC pivoting 1,275 courses from face-to-face to online in forty-eight hours. Meanwhile, it took some local school districts weeks and months to transition to online education. He characterizes his time as MJC's Interim President as the best professional experience of his life, which has prepared him for his current charge as Columbia College's Interim President.
 - School-wide Sabbatical Promotions - Optimism One
 - President Optimism One asked Reps to continue to promote Sabbaticals. There will be a Sabbatical Information Meeting that the Sabbatical Committee is conducting on April 13th at 3:00pm East Campus Faculty Lounge and Zoom.
 - Look for an email announcement on Tuesday, 3/24.
 - YFA Bylaws Revision – Theresa Stovall presented a bylaw-revision update. In reference to Article 19, Political Endorsements, there were three essential questions given to the Rep Council:
 - Does Rep Council want to continue endorsing Board of Trustees candidates?
 - Does Rep Council agree that YFA should wait to endorse a prospective Board member until after the official filing deadline has passed?
 - Does Rep Council want to vote to endorse a Board candidate on the 2nd reading?
If you have an opinion on these questions, please talk to your representatives know before our next Rep Council meeting on April 15th.
 - College Council Rep at MJC - Iris Carroll suggested some revisions to the College Council Rep in hopes of making the position more appealing to others:
 - The CC Rep may not need to attend Exec meetings due to CC only meeting once a month
 - Should the position receive reassigned time instead of hourly pay?
 - Carroll volunteered to serve during Fall 2026 on a temporary basis.
 - Faculty Liaison to the Board
 - The position remains vacant.
 - Reps discussed the value of the position and the notion of having separate liaisons for Senate and YFA. A suggestion was made to increase the release time from 40% to a higher percentage because of the travel time as well as the necessary time spent with each constituent body.
 - President One states that he is in favor of keeping the position as a shared interest. He also discussed the possibility of revising the qualifications for the position, which may increase the pool of possible candidates.
 - A.I., the Union, and You – On Thursday, March 26th, from 3-4 p.m., YFA's legal counsel will address the legal ramifications of A.I. in the workplace, contractual options, and students' rights around A.I. One hour of FLEX credit will be available for attending this [Zoom](#) meeting.
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- YFA Executive Board Election Results:

District-wide

- Secretary
 - Laura De León
- Faculty Liaison to Board
 - Unfilled

Columbia College

- Vice President/Grievance Officer
 - Brian Greene
- Member-At-Large/College Council Representative
 - Joe Manlove

Modesto Junior College

- Vice President/Grievance Officer
 - Erin Black
 - Member-at-Large #1
 - Chandra Howard
 - College Council Representative
 - Unfilled
- Rep Council Elections - President One announced that YFA is available to help Reps conduct elections in their areas.

Announcements and Updates

- President's Report - Optimism One
 - President One did not make a formal report because he shared throughout the meeting.
- Vice Presidents' Reports
 - Erin Black
 - VP Black gave a brief report of her current duties
 - She reminded Rep Council that Trivia Night is 3/19!
 - Derrick Wydick
 - Gave a brief report of his current duties.
 - VP Wydick canvased Rep Council for their interest in the next training session for Spring and Fall. The five areas of interest are: Retirement; Column Movement; Evaluations Training; Sabbatical Process; and Complaint and Grievance Process.
- Negotiations Update - Brian Greene
 - Gave a report from negotiations. Please read his report in the March Newsletter.
- Membership Update - Hardev Dhillon – Full-Time Membership: 313 / Part-Time Membership 170
- Treasurer's Update - Hardev Dhillon – Gave an update report of YFA's finances.
- Faculty Liaison Update - Steve Choi - absent

Council & Committee Reports

Please submit written reports ahead of time and then provide a summary at the meeting, as needed. Thanks.

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| ○ District Council- Derrick Wydick - 02/25/26 | ○ MJC Student Success & Equity Committee - Aman Duggal |
| ○ DFAC - Brian Greene - 03/05/26 | ○ MJC Technology Committee - Michael Leamy - |
| ○ College Council
Iris Carroll (MJC) - 03/09/26
Joe Manlove (CC) | ○ MJC Online Education Committee - Nita Gopal |
| ○ MJC Professional Development Committee - Erin Dark-Herold - 02/19/26 | ○ Policies & Procedures - Steve Choi |
| ○ MJC Resource Allocation & Facilities Committee
- Lori Marchy/John Davis | |

Other Business

- Other - Open forum - none
- Highlights/Take-Aways
 - Columbia College Interim President Chad Redwing
 - Bylaws Revision
 - A.I., the Union, and You
 - YFA Executive Board Election Results
 - Sabbaticals

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm

Representative Council

Agriculture	Nicole Morris	x	Language Arts (B)	Laura De Leon	x
Arts, Performance, and Humanities (A)	Leslie Collins	x	Library	Iris Carroll	x
Arts, Performance, and Humanities (B)	Haleh Niazmand	x	Physical Education	Jim Stevens (fall)	x
Behavioral & Social Sciences	Marvin Jackson	x	Science, Engineering & Math (A)	Mike Adams	x
Business & Computing	Nancy Sill	x	Science, Engineering, Math (B)	Jennifer Richmond	x
Child Development	Yumi Lee	x	Special Programs	Ben Riley	x
Counseling	Hannah Louie	x	At-Large Columbia College (A)	Tim Elizondo	
Health Professions	Gina Wells	x	At-Large Columbia College (B)	Spencer Potiker	
Industry, Trades, and Public Safety	Vacant		At-Large PT @ CC	Sanaya Kaur	x
Language Arts (A)	Chandra Howard	x	At-Large PT @ MJC	Scott Taylor	x

Executive Board

President	Optimism One	x	Member-at-Large (MJC-A)	Lori Marchy	x
Vice President (CC)	Derrick Wydick	x	Member-at-Large (MJC-B)	Tom Nomof	x
Vice President (MJC)	Erin Black		Member-at-Large/College Council Rep (CC)	Joe Manlove	x
Secretary	Theresa Stovall	x	Past President	Brian Greene	x
Treasurer	Hardev Dhillon	x	Lead Negotiator (non-voting)	Brian Greene	x
College Council Rep (MJC)	Iris Carroll	x	Faculty Liaison to the Board	Stephen Choi	x