

Modesto Junior College
College Council Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2009

Present: Mike Adams, Mark Anglin, Julie Berg, Jillian Daly, Emily Malsam, Bob Nadell, Rich Rose, Jim Sahlman, David Shrock, Joan Van Kuren, Karen Walters Dunlap, Gary Whitfield, Taylor White (ASMJC),

Absent: Rosanne Faughn, David Baggett (Faculty Consultant to the Board)

Others Present: Bill Kaiser, George Railey

Business

1. Review of Minutes

Action Item

The minutes of March 23, 2009 were given thumbs up approval.

2. Review of Agenda

Dr. Rose reviewed the agenda with Council members.

Additions:

1. Future meetings
2. Naming of Facilities

Check In – What have you been Hearing?

PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

3. Naming of Facilities

Dr. Rose reported that the chancellor has been meeting with an individual regarding naming the aquatics center. The chancellor asked if the college has a process. Dr. Rose requested that Bill Kaiser meet with his coaches and he would forward the resulting assessment to the chancellor. A strong sense was not derived from the department and the issue needs to come to this body, then on to the chancellor.

Bill Kaiser suggested installing a plaque near the pool, naming great individuals. He added that Dave Ashleigh, whose name has been suggested, put a lot into this center and we have no problem putting a name on the facility, but it will open a can of worms and there are a lot of great people out there.

David Shrock reported that he spoke in favor of Ashleigh but despite his great contributions, we have to take a more global look. He added that the college has been blessed with great instructors and we need to look at a lot of future needs. He suggested this item be tabled until we take a good strong in-depth look, as Gene Hill suggested, at what other campuses do. He also suggested doing a wall of honor to honor a lot of great educators and not memorialize on one person and a plaque could be put up with Ashleigh's name on it.

Jim Sahlman agreed that there are a number of people who could be named. He cautioned to be careful with naming buildings unless there is a contribution as we might not even have the building, if not for a contribution. Jim leaned in the direction of having a plaque for names.

Jillian Daly added that it does seem like this person has contributed, starting a very successful water polo program for students, an MJC employee for 28 years, numerous wall of fame honors, and competing in two Olympics.

Taylor White was also in favor of tabling this item until we know what other colleges do as well as have a proposal in hand. He clarified to take a closer look at what the college policy is and do more research before we make a decision.

Gary Whitfield informed members that when the science building was named, it went through the Campus Development Committee, College Council and the President's Cabinet.

David Shrock said that the wall of fame is prevalent in a lot of community colleges he has visited. He suggested that Gene Hill look at ways to fund those walls and have one for each area of athletics and that way we acknowledge a greater number of people and leave an opportunity for naming the building for a contribution.

Action Item

There was thumbs up consensus to table the discussion until there is more information. The group will be asked to submit a formal proposal and after getting the formal proposal, having another group continue to research.

Dr. Rose will convey this message to the chancellor tomorrow and will send results out to everyone.

4. Future Meetings - Summer

Dr. Rose strongly suggested setting aside meeting times for the summer months for any issues that might come up. The assessment workshop is coming up as well as a number of items that will most likely flow through college council during the summer months.

Action Item

There was thumbs up consensus to schedule one meeting in each of the summer months.

INSTRUCTION

5. Accreditation/Institutional Effectiveness Committee (AIE) Update

Dr. Walters Dunlap stated that the last AIE meeting was cancelled. There will be a program review meeting on Friday to determine how faculty and staff are going to access data elements. The program review data will be on the MJC Research and Planning SharePoint site. The committee is in the process of assessing SLOs, a template will be filled out and the SLO coordinator will be giving an update. She added that she is thrilled that a faculty accreditation co-chair has been identified.

Dr. Rose informed members that accreditation has been moved under the Office of Instruction which is consistent with what most other colleges have. As a result, the Instructional Services office will pick up some other responsibilities.

6. Enrollment Update

George Railey reported: The college is at 6,844.7 FTES for this term. Early start summer registration started last Friday, April 3 and some classes have already closed. There were 144 sections last year and only 62 sections this year for summer. For 2008-09 the college is at 5% over close of the year last year. Projections are being moved forward from what the state actually pays the college for.

Dr. Walters Dunlap informed council that the divisions have a pre-requisite committee for students who want to challenge a course. Mark Anglin distributed a pre-requisite form for review. Dr. Walters Dunlap added that the discipline specific faculty signs the form as well as the division dean.

7. Strategic Goals for 2008-2009/2009-2010

Dr. Walters Dunlap suggested finalizing goal selection at the next College Council meeting on April 20 to be able to distributed to the college community.

Mark Anglin informed council that IAC felt comfortable with Goals 6, 3 & 5 suggested at the last College Council meeting.

David Shrock reported a lively discussion in Senate who also wanted to focus on Goal 10.

Julie Berg reported that Rosanne Faughn sent out an email to CSEA members who wanted Goals 2, 4 & 5.

Action Item

There was general consensus to table this item to the next meeting for full reports.

STUDENT SERVICES

8. Policy and Procedures 5055 – Enrollment Priorities

Dr. Nadell reminded members that this was a recommendation shared a couple of meetings ago and the same thing is going on. The issue is regarding students who come from another institution and how those students who have a BA and are coming back for retraining, are penalized and are always the last ones to be able to register. This policy change would allow students to bring in their transcript and not be penalized. This would allow these students to accumulate units based on units they have earned at MJC or Columbia, and not penalizing them for previous college work. This would become a district wide policy and procedure.

Dr. Walters Dunlap reported that the deans are comfortable with this change in procedure.

Taylor White stated that he was unable to get a special meeting to discuss enrollment priorities. He added that tentatively, the document is looking okay but ASMJC will have more discussion.

This item will appear on the next agenda.

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/FACILITIES

9. Planning & Budget Committee (PBC)

Jim Sahlman reported that at the last PBC meeting, concern was expressed about whether we will be able to cover enough at the assessment workshop in May. Interest was expressed in meeting with some AIE members regarding the strategic goals. PBC has been looking at the process for prioritization for non-instructional and classified staff and the big challenge of how do we put all these processes together. The budget timeline was approved. A lengthy discussion of Paul Cripe's list was started. Paul synthesized it to what would we do and what have we been trying to do to see how off we have been and trying to get back. PBC has made a lot of progress but needs to do more.

10. Budget Values

PBC wanted to create values for when the budget is good and when it is not good. The values are abstract and there will be a follow up document that will be worked on. These values will be the committee's approach as it plans and makes decisions, to keep these values in mind.

Budget Value headings defined: Transparency, consistency, planning, excellence, flexibility, diversity, collaboration, evidence, innovation and job security.

These values were approved by PBC and are an informational item for College Council.

Action Item

There was thumbs up consensus to support the Budget Values document. This agenda item will appear on the next Senate meeting agenda.

It was noted that Executive Vice Chancellor, Teresa Scott will attend the next PBC meeting to present the budget process and the 50% law for members to be able to understand the budget better.

CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

Academic Senate

Jim Sahlman reported that Jenny Netto is the faculty accreditation co-chair. There are 43 different state resolutions on the agenda for the state plenary. The Senate heard a presentation from Shelley Circle on the Winter Intersession Task Force that was very well received by the Senate who was impressed by the work that has been done. The Senate recognizes that there needs to be more discussion on the Winter Intersession study. It was just reporting, but they had all questions and concerns raised in the past addressed. Placing SLOs on the course outline of record was postponed as it is resolution area whether to do this and Senate decided to wait until after plenary session next week. Some faculty wanted to go back to groups to see if this changed their feeling on the resolution. He felt people will support the second resolution.

YFA

Jillian Daly reported that there will be a new and interesting Exec Board starting May 1.

Jillian reported YFA election results as follows: President – Jillian Daly. Vice President – Emily Malsam. Treasurer - Linda Kropp. Member at Large – MJC East – Curtis Martin. Adjunct at Large - John Carter. PAC Chair – Bill Anelli.

Jillian noted that she will be without Cece Hudelson for the first time in her presidency. One of the big things to determine is we know we are going back to the table. One issue that has sort of angered faculty is regarding the 5% salary adjustment for Executive Administrators but she thinks they understand why. It allows for a strategy for getting to the median and YFA does not have a strategy in place.

CSEA

No report.

IAC

Mark Anglin reported that IAC actually talked about most of the things we discussed here at College Council. There was a good report at the CIO conference regarding the 50% law, prerequisites, talked quite a bit about budget and how things are going to be different and that is

going to be challenging. There is going to be some block grant money for new smart classrooms. IAC talked about how we are going to get program review rolling. There was a little discussion about tomorrow's tenure.

Student Services

Bob Nadell reported that they had a really successful Hispanic Ed Conference with over 600 students attending. David Garibaldi was brought back and was basically a rock star during that day. The conference has been going for 25 years. Dr. Rose has agreed to sponsor this event in the future. Juan Alvarez, past MJC Dean of Counseling was the keynote speaker.

Dr. Nadell was elected to serve on the Chief Student Services Officer (CSSO) conference board for a two year term.

ASMJC

Taylor White reported that ASMJC served between 800 and 950 students at the accreditation celebration BBQ. Election results will be sent out via email tomorrow. Taylor will be going to the students general assembly the morning after commencement. Students are working on the budget and doing a summer retreat. Taylor will be attending the assessment workshop on May 7.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Nadell urged everyone to attend commencement.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Strategic Goals 2008-2009/2009-2010
2. Policy & Procedure – Enrollment Priorities

ADJOURNMENT