

**Modesto Junior College  
Planning & Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2011  
Open Forum**

**Present:**

Mike Adams, Co-Chair, Academic Senate President (non-voting)  
Gaither Loewenstein, Co-Chair, MJC President (non-voting)  
Jenni Abbott, Director of Grants & Resource Development  
Kevin Alavezos, Academic Senate appointee  
Iris Carroll, Learning Resources Liaison, Academic Senate appointee  
Jim Clarke, Technology/Distance Education Liaison (Academic Senate appointee)  
Paul Cripe, Academic Senate appointee  
Rosanne Faughn, CSEA appointee  
Rose LaMont, YFA Budget Analyst  
Don Low, Vice President of Student Services  
Maurice McKinnon, Instructional Dean  
Martha Robles, Student Services Administrator  
Karen Walters Dunlap, Vice President of Instruction  
David Ward, YFA appointee  
Robin Jones, ASMJC Student Rep

**Absent from the dais:**

Jane Chawinga, YCCD Internal Auditor and Budget Analyst (ex-officio)  
Lori Dangerfield, CSEA appointee  
Carmen Fernandez, Vice President of College Administrative Services (seated in audience)  
Kenneth Hart, Director of Research and Planning (ex-officio)  
Dale Pollard, Faculty Career Technical Education Liaison (Academic Senate appointee)

**Guests:** Approximately 200 faculty, staff and students were in attendance

**Business**

**1. President's recommended list of budget cuts**

**Action Item**

Robin Jones moved to approve the list of the president's proposed budget reductions. Rose LaMont seconded. Mike Adams opened the floor for discussion, establishing a 3-minute time limit for speakers due to the large number of people wanting to speak. Mike also reminded the audience to maintain civility at all times during the forum.

The majority of the three hour open forum served as a platform to provide the MJC community with an opportunity to give testimony in support of programs/positions to be eliminated in the president's proposed MJC budget reductions. This was also an opportunity for suggestions to be given in lieu of the proposed budget cuts. There were approximately 60 faculty, staff and students who gave testimony, advocating for specific program areas.

Impassioned and often emotional pleas were voiced for the following program areas/positions: French, German, Italian, dental assisting, anthropology instructor, Student Development & Campus Life director, alternative media specialist, journalism, Wawona Child Care, culinary arts, tutoring, printing, engineering, EOPS, Bridge Program, librarian, industrial technology, photography, outreach recruiters, architecture, film, television, and radio.

#### Action Item

Kevin Alavezos moved to extend the forum speaking to programs not already spoken to with a 2-minute limit until the people already in line are finished. Jim Clarke seconded.

Motion passed with aye vote.

At the end of an additional almost one-hour of testimony, Gaither Loewenstein announced that after receiving a large number of recent emails and hearing testimony today, he has decided to remove the anthropology instructor from the list. Gaither also emotionally apologized for the pain these budget reductions have caused.

The main motion to approve the list of the president's proposed budget reductions failed by a voice vote.

## ADJOURNMENT