

MJC Academic Senate President Report to the YCCD Board of Trustees
October 20, 2021

Hello. Thank you for your time Chair Bulkin, Trustees, and Chancellor Yong. We have a lot of meaningful work happening at MJC and some exciting events coming up. We recently finished our program review cycle and have held a program review party to reflect on our process. We are working to ensure that we are a data-informed institution and that the time and labor faculty invest into program review is used in a meaningful way and in the best interest of our students. We are entering the next phase of our ACCT Institute work and will soon have our next group of faculty selected to lead students in doing community-focused contextualized learning. We received some exciting and thoughtful faculty applications and look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition over the next year. Our Guided Pathways work is also dealing with contextualized learning and Dr. B has announced that we are moving toward the reorganization of divisions into schools. A good amount of our senate work is focusing on our part-time faculty at the moment. We are working with Columbia College's senate on a joint resolution for part-time faculty compensation and we have partnered with the Office of Instruction to create a comprehensive orientation and monthly faculty learning communities for our part-time faculty. This work is being led by Hans Hauselmann and Maggie Sniffen, who have done an incredible job and the first event this week was a great success with about 55 part-time faculty attending to learn about their contractual obligations from YFA reps, thank you YFA!

Now for the exciting events...We have fall Speech Night coming up on October 8th at 7pm. It will be livestreamed giving everyone in our community the opportunity to watch our award-winning team showcase their skills. MJC's Art Gallery has a new exhibit featuring our very own Deborah Barr who will be giving an artist talk tomorrow at 5 pm during the show's reception. Our theatre department's production of Clue on Stage is opening on October 29th and tickets are on sale now! It might not be as visible these days, but MJC's students, faculty, and staff are all still hard at work and these are just a few of the events where we can support them.

Lastly, as the representative tasked with providing the board and chancellor with a statement on behalf of the faculty at MJC I would like to request that the board consider delaying the vote on the resolution that addresses covid-19 testing and for the board's ad hoc committee to be continued and to have a discussion with constituency representatives. I know how much the board values the input of faculty and its other constituent groups and faculty have expressed immense interest in this board item as MJC is planning to move to 40% of our classes being face-to-face this spring and this resolution will impact the feasibility and safety of that plan. At the request of faculty who contacted me regarding the considerable changes to this resolution since it was discussed at the special board meeting last month, I have agendaized a discussion of the board's resolution for our senate meeting this Thursday and would like the opportunity as a faculty leader to get feedback from my own constituency so I can best represent their stance to the board.

Thank you for your time and consideration. That concludes my report.