

Continuing with collaborative efforts this semester, the MJC Academic Senate would like to thank Michael Leamy (Library and Learning Services) for presenting a more student friendly version of the library research website to senators; Dr. Chris Fuzie (Interim Director District Campus Safety, Compliance, and Emergency Preparedness) for speaking to the senate about health and safety issues; and Leticia Cavazos (MJC Transfer Center) for sharing important transfer information faculty are encouraged to share with students.

Dr. Theresa Rojas, Professor of English, also invited everyone in our community to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual [LatinX Comic Festival](#) on March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> from 11am-7pm each day. This family-friendly event, involving over 60 creators and 10 panels as well as an exhibition of comic art prints, is free and open to the public.

Thank you to Thanked Mike Smedshammer, Ashli Bumgardner and Distance Education program faculty for aiding the college administration in it's [Educational Continuity Plan](#) in case events force the temporary cancellation of face-to-face instruction.

Also, in the last month, the Academic Senate has affirmed an ASMJC Diversity Resolution, which supports “hosting diversity and cultural awareness events and activities on campus” which “help our student body prepare for the diversity that is to come when they transfer, and or go into the workforce.”

We have also passed the [Applied Creativity and Community Transformation](#) Institute proposal, a plan for professional development which involves active, community-based teaching and learning, for a first read and faculty review.

Finally, the Academic Senate has spent considerable time debating several Board Policies out for constituency review. [BP 5035 Withholding Student Records](#) was ultimately passed with suggested amended language to strike “grades, transcripts, diplomas, certificates” from the policy, meaning students would be unable to register for additional classes if they have a debt of more than \$200 with the college but would still have access to already earned grades, transcripts, diplomas and certificates.

Neither [BP 6 8019 Use of Personal Property](#) or [BP 6 8079 Student Transportation](#) is supported by the Academic Senate in its current form. There is wide-spread concern that, as is, each policy would produce untenable bureaucratic complications to instructional efforts at the college. The Academic Senate looks forward to finding solutions to these policy issues through the participatory governance structure.

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## **Handout**

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