



**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
January 21, 2021**

Members Present: Chad Redwing (President), Shelley Circle (Vice President), Aishah Saleh (Parliamentarian), Hans Hauselmann (Legislative Analyst), Annaliese Hausler-Akpovi, Ashley Kipple, Austin Adams, Belen Robinson, Deborah Martin, Gabe Tovar, Gisele Flores, Holly Nash-Rule, Jamie DeRollo, Jeff Beebe, Jennifer Macias, Jesus Navarro, John Zamora, Kevin Alavezos, Layla Spain, Marc Anaya, Noah Wilson, Shaila Christofferson, Stella Beratlis, Theresa Rojas, Titiana Stovall, Tristin Hassell

Members Absent: Andrew Kranzman, Dale Pollard, Danielle Preciado, Kerri Stephens, Margaret Kingori, Rich Dyer,

Guests Present: Allan McKissick (Faculty Liaison to the Board), Angela Pignotti, Angelica Guzman, Elida Miranda, Florida Arias, Hannah Ransdell (sub for Gabriel Barajas, (ASMJC), Jennifer Novoa, Jennifer Zellet, Jessica Brennan, Mike Smedshammer, Pam Guerra-Schmidt, Patrick Bettencourt, Rob Stevenson, Rusty Stivers, Ryan Guy, Sanatu Bandyopadhyay, Sarah Schrader, Shirley Miranda Brenes, Trevor Jackson

I. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, J. DeRollo) Motion to approve the Order of Agenda Items.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions
Rob Stevenson (sub for Noah Wilson until his arrival)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([November 19, 2020](#) Regular Meeting and [December 3, 2020](#) Special Meeting)

M/S (H. Nash-Rule, S. Circle) Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020 and December 3, 2020.

S. Circle wanted to add to the Curriculum Report from December 3, 2020. She wanted to add, at the end of the first line “Incarcerated Students”, which would read, “Curriculum committee has looked at a proposal for correspondence courses for Incarcerated Students, a program that will be coming through where several people will be teaching.”

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, S. Circle) Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020 and December 3, 2020 as amended.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

III. CONSENT AGENDA: Board Policies: ([BP 4230](#): Grading and Academic Record Symbols; [BP4231](#): Grade Changes; [BP4260](#): Prerequisites and Co-Requisites; [BP5010](#): Admissions; [BP5011](#): Admission and Dual Enrollment of High School and Other Young Students; [BP5015](#): Residence Determination; [BP5075](#): Course Adds and Drops) / **Appointments** Gisele Flores (Vice President) ; MJC Strategic Enrollment Management Call to Organization (Rob Stevenson, Cece Hudelson, Belen Robinson); Ethnic Studies Steering Committee (Theresa Rojas, Tracey Potts, Cece Hudelson, Jorge Camarena, Eva Mo, Laura Harris, Letitia Senechal, Demitrius Snaer, Melanie Berru, Ariana Gonzalez, Rob Stevenson, Chad Redwing, Laura Manzo, Rosalinda Vierra, Erin Dark-Herold)

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, R. Stevenson) Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions
Noah Wilson arrived after the vote, Rob Stevenson no longer needed as a sub.

- V. **REPORTS:** *Due to time constraints and the volume of work before the Senate, regular reports of the Legislative Analyst, Instruction Council, Facilities Council, Resource Allocation Council, College Council, Faculty Representative to the Board, Distance Education Committee, Students Services Council, District Fiscal Advisory Council, Outcomes Assessment Workgroup, AB705 Workgroup, Pathways Implementation Team, District Advisory Technology Committee and others will be provided electronically as an appendix to the minutes.*

- a. [Associated Students](#) Report – ~~Gabriel Barajas~~ Hannah Ransdell

H. Ransdell reported the Marin Luther King legacy week will be held January 25 – January 28, where there will be speakers, panel discussion and giveaways.

ASMJC nomination applications are open as of January 19, 2021 for new executives and senators for the next year.

There will be a Positive People Series event taking place February 4, 2021 which will feature our own Michael Jackson.

FLOW began last week and they are still getting students signed up and receiving \$25 WINCO cards.

- b. Acting [MJC President](#) Report – Santanu Bandyopadhyay

As Acting President Dr. Bandyopadhyay mentioned the difficult parts of walking into any institution. Some standards required to be done as president are uniform in every institution. What is unique to any institution that is not transportable to another is the culture. In two weeks, it is difficult to guess the culture especially since we are not face to face but depend on Zoom. He looks at the names on the screen and tries to connect the name with the face, but the physical, body language and reactions are missing.

Dr. Bandyopadhyay was told by the Foundation Office if he were to go to downtown Modesto and ask any person if they are somehow connected to MJC in terms of attending or their immediate family attending in some way or another, they are connected with MJC. When there are those types of connections, emotional connections run high.

As Acting President Dr. Bandyopadhyay reported mentioning to the Chancellor that doing two jobs at the same time can be difficult. For a prolonged period of time it is going to be hard and he wanted the process to be going in a full-fledged way as it should be because MJC needs to choose its next leader. There should be a complete opportunity of going through a rigorous process, as it should be. Then the process takes place, he will request the Chancellor go through the full process, which means going to the board, getting a search consultant etc. It will reveal itself but in the meantime he will be working with us. Dr. Bandyopadhyay would like to support the work that is taking place. His plan is to be as open and transparent as possible when he is on campus, never closing his door unless he is in a meeting. There is no specific hierarchy so if there are any questions just drop him an email or call him.

One thing that Dr. Bandyopadhyay has found hard is to be able to accommodate all the meetings. If at any point there is something that he needs to be directly involved in, he will be available.

c. [Curriculum Committee](#) Report– Shelley Circle

Curriculum Committee has not met as of yet this semester. Its first meeting is next Tuesday. This week has been the second eLumen Training. The link to eLumen is located under Minutes and Agendas and is now LIVE. Courses or programs can actually be submitted through there. Assessment can also be looked at through eLumen.

Later in the agenda is the MJC Principles of Content Overlap which was created by the Curriculum Committee last semester and is being run through Academic Senate as part of their process that Academic Senate and Curriculum Committee have.

d. [Academic Senate](#) Report – Chad Redwing

C. Redwing thought it was worth a moment to mark where we are in this historical time period so it can be understood how all are appreciated for the hard work that is taking place despite the challenges. He brought some reminders of time to the forefront. Today marks one year since the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in the United States. Since then there have been over three million Californians who tested positive for COVID-19 and in the United States alone, over 400,000 lives have been lost. That is more than all the American casualties during the Second World War. There have been protests in the streets, violence at the nation's capital and political discord unmatched in our lifetimes. Simply put, this last year has been traumatic.

At the college, it has also been difficult. Remote instruction continues, President Jim Houpis has resigned, who is thanked for service to the college and dedication to students and faculty, and Professor Al Smith has retired after almost 27 years of dedication to the college and will be missed.

There are also signs of hope as vaccinations continue and soon the day will come when everyone in our circle of love and friendship will receive one. Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay has agreed to serve as Acting President of MJC while continuing his leadership duties at Columbia College. And most importantly, the faculty has demonstrated time and again heroic attempts to stay calm and to carry on in the face of daily challenges and a seemingly endless to-do list.

C. Redwing briefly went over the time left of his presidency as 160 days left. We look forward to a new Academic Senate President, who was elected by the faculty in December 2020. Congratulations to Aishah Saleh.

Thanks go to each for their resilience and dedication to the college and the students. It has been heartwarming to see you each of you has remained dedicated to the ideals of teaching.

C. Redwing mentioned the recruitment of the Director of Marketing and Public Relations through College and Administrative Services. One faculty member is needed to serve on that search committee. If interested please let him know by next Wednesday and it can be on the next Consent Agenda.

C. Redwing also wanted to inform the Senate body there will be some future presentations. This semester one presentation will be concerning assessment and how we continue to



assessment during COVID-19 as well as an update on our accreditation midterm report. Dr. Milton Richards, our newest Board of Trustees member, will be invited.

Chad mentioned missing the performing arts, so he will be reaching out to a few of our musicians on campus and he will give up his report to be able to listen to a short performance of a song and hopefully that will lift some spirits. And finally, we will look forward again to the cook along at the end of the semester with Curtis and Hans.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Adoption of Spring 2021 Academic Senate Schedule (Spring 21 Regular Meetings: 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1 with Special Meeting on 4/15 & Executive Regular Meetings: 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25 with End of Year Meeting on 4/8)

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, L. Spain) Motion to adopt the spring 2021 Academic Senate schedule.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

2. Academic Senate Elections Open Nominations (Secretary, Parliamentarian, Legislative Analyst)

R. Stevenson mentioned that we were one meeting behind where our roles should be. If we had known who would be President at the last meeting, the nominations for Secretary, Parliamentarian and Legislative Analyst would have started there, and would have already been on the agenda and vote on this time.

R. Stevenson briefly went over the instructions for the nominations. There needs to be a period where nominations are open for the three positions and we will take any nominations for those positions from the floor. Nominations can still be made next week by emailing both R. Stevenson and S. Beratlis and cc'ing the person being nominated as someone can not be nominated without their consent. Those names would then be on the agenda for the next meeting. This is where there would be a vote if there were contested elections and is the only kind of thing that is done by secret ballot. They would then be announced at that meeting. If there were three or more people there is various rules that would take place. The deadline for nominations will be Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 4:15 pm to be able to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

R. Stevenson asked for any nominations from the floor.

G. Flores nominated Hans Hauselmann for the Parliamentarian position. H. Hauselmann accepted the nomination.

A. Saleh nominated Layla Spain for the Secretary position. L. Spain accepted the nomination.

Both will be placed as candidates on the upcoming agenda.

3. College Mission, Vision and Values Statements (Second Reading/ Overview at <https://youtu.be/4yvjYN65i6I>)

It was determined at College Council after having a discussion that it is easier to talk about these documents together since they are both up for a 2nd Reading. They will be found as one document in the hyperlink. There is also a hyperlink to the overview that Hannah and Jennifer from ASMJC gave as a recommendation.

M/S (H. Nash-Rule, J. Macias) Motion to approve the College Mission, Vision and Values Statements for a 2nd Reading.

M. Smedshammer made a grammar correction on the document. Under Mission, at the change in red, it should read: Empowering students to discover opportunities and reach their goals through access “**to**” and **inclusion in** higher education.

D. Martin mentioned as a native speaker she found some issues with the statements in Spanish and would like to make some corrections to the Spanish version of the Values Statement. D. Martin mentioned needing a short time to work on it.

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, J. Zamora) Motion to definitely table the College Mission, Vision and Values Statements until the end of the agenda.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

4. [Roles and Responsibilities of Participatory Governance at MJC](#) (Second Reading)

M/S (H. Nash-Rule, A. Saleh) Motion to approve the Role and Responsibilities of Participatory Governance at MJC for a 2nd Reading.

C. Redwing briefly went over the changes in the document. Change #1 was on the 2nd page, the very last paragraph. They wanted to leave open the opportunity for each college wide committee to file their final recommendation for how their body will be constituted within 30 days of the approval of the document at College Council. Change #2 was on page 5 it was recommended by Distance Education Council that the permanent standing committees of the Academic Senate be listed.

R. Stevenson mentioned that there were a number of report forms made but there wasn't one for Instruction Council due to Instruction Council not in the new document. He was asked to bring here, which they agree where Hiring would be, but wanted to assert that there is actually a process and establish process at that stage in the college and that whatever body is constituted to take it up makes up the current process and all documents and lists and then work from there.

R. Stevenson said the next thing was a number of people who are on that council that are interested in that new body and would like to be able to put their names forward or be considered in some way, because of their experience.

C. Redwing mentioned in this document it recommends that the Faculty Hiring Prioritization process fall under the task of the Academic Senate as part of our purview. A fourth standing permanent committee of the Academic Senate would likely be created to maintain that the current process and forms that are used.

A typo was noticed at the bottom of page two, last paragraph, first line, college-wise should read “college-wide”.

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, A. Saleh) Motion to approve the Role and Responsibilities of Participatory Governance at MJC as amended for a 2nd Reading.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

5. [ZTC/OER PLAN 2021-23](#) (Second Reading)

M/S (H. Nash-Rule, J. Macias) Motion to approve the ZTC/OER PLAN 2021-2023 for a 2nd Reading.

S. Miranda-Brenes briefly mentioned the highlighted areas are those indicating changes. She also had a meeting with YFA, Shelley Akiona and the budget now reflects changes to accommodate YFA's point of view on these. She noticed that the budget total on page eight should be \$300,000 instead of \$300,340.

M/S/C (T. Rojas, H. Nash-Rule) Motion to approve the revision on the budget on page eight to \$300,000 total instead of \$300,340.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

It was noticed that on page 12 there was a footer in the lower right-hand corner that needed to be removed.

M/S/C (T. Stovall, H. Nash-Rule) Motion to remove the footer on page 12.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, J. Macias) Motion to approve the ZTC/OER PLAN 2021-2023 as amended for a 2nd Reading

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

6. [Academic Senate Resolution SP21-A: Reaffirming the Principles of Democracy: Civic Rights and Responsibilities](#) (First Reading)

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, J. Zamora) Motion to approve Resolution SP21-A: Reaffirming the Principles of Democracy: Civic Rights and Responsibilities for a 1st Reading.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

7. [MJC Principles of Content Overlap](#) (First Reading)

M/S (H. Nash-Rule, T. Stovall) Motion to approve the MJC Principles of Content Overlap for a 1st Reading.

S. Circle gave a brief overview of the document and the reason for it. It was approved at Curriculum Committee and brought forth to Senate so the processes are transparent.

Questions were asked and answered and discussions ensued.

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, T. Stovall) Motion to approve the MJC Principles of Content Overlap for a 1st Reading.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

8. [Guidelines for Webcams, Video Recordings & Remote Proctoring](#) (Informational Reading / [CCCCO Legal Opinion](#))

Patrick Bettencourt mentioned that the State Chancellors Office has requested that colleges write our guidelines on how we approach Online zoom and recorded sessions for students.



The CCCC legal opinion was reviewed to make sure what was written stayed closely in line with the legal guidance.

This was brought to senate not to pass but as an offering for Senate to discuss and then perhaps to move along through the district processes. There is a potential that this could work its way to be a district policy.

Discussion ensued.

If anyone has comments, questions or concerns sent them to Kathy, we will compile them and send to M. Smedshammer to be able to address at their next meeting.

3. College Mission, Vision and Values Statements, (Second Reading) which was postponed to the end of the agenda.

D. Martin briefly went over the corrections to the Spanish areas of the Mission and Vision Statements.

Mission

Empowering students to discover opportunities and reach their goals through access (to) and inclusion in to higher education.

MJC empodera (les da poder) a los estudiantes (para) descubrir oportunidades y alcanzar sus metas mediante el acceso y la inclusion en la educación superior.

Vision

As investors in our society, Modesto Junior College will create and promote equity in education for every member of our diverse community.

Como inversionistas (de) nuestra sociedad, MJC creará y promoverá (una) (la) educación equitativa para todos los miembros de nuestra (diversa) comunidad (diversa).

To read:

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Como inversionistas de nuestra sociedad, MJC creará y promoverá una educación equitativa para todos los miembros de nuestra diversa comunidad diversa.

D. Martin who as a native speaker taught Spanish for 10 years and has offered her help to the institution if there is a need for translating in Spanish.

M/S/C (H. Nash-Rule, J. Macias) Motion to approve the College Mission, Vision and Values Statements as amended for a 2nd Reading.

25 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Funding the [Institute for Applied Creativity and Community Transformation \(ACCT\)](#)
2. Accreditation Mid-Term Report Update
3. Assessment During and After Covid-19 / Elumen Update
4. Guided Pathways Scale of



Adoption Assessment Report 5. Resource Allocation District Pilot Model Review and MJC Resource Allocation Recommendations 6. School Chair Proposal and Paving the Path/Guided Pathways Implementation 7. Academic Senate [Bylaws](#), [Rules](#) and Committee [Service Handbook](#) Work Group 8. Equal Opportunity Employment Plan / [District Hiring Process](#) for Faculty and High-Profile Educational Leadership 9. MJC's 100th Birthday Celebrations 10. Student Exit-Survey / Opt-Out Graduation

ADJOURNMENT: 5:55 pm

NEXT ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING: February 4th, 2021 @ 3:45pm / Zoom

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate will record the votes of all members as follows: 1. Members recorded as absent are presumed not to have voted; 2. the names of members voting in the minority or abstaining are recorded; 3. All other members are presumed to have voted in the majority.