



**College Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2021**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Santanu Bandyopadhyay	Acting President, Chair	√	
Shelley Akiona	YFA	√	
Maryanne Ambler	LTAC	√	
Flerida Arias	Vice President of Student Services	√	
Patrick Bettencourt	Dean Representative	√	
Samantha Carvajal	ASMJC	√	
Shelley Circle	Academic Senate Representative	√	
Gisele Flores	Academic Senate Representative	√	
Ashley Griffith	Student Services Representative	√	
Ross McKenzie	YFA	√	
Allan McKissick	YFA	√	
Jennifer Novoa	ASMJC	√	
Parul Parikh	CSAC	√	
Hannah Ransdell	ASMJC	√	
Chad Redwing	Academic Senate	√	
Sarah Schrader	Vice President of College and Administrative Services	√	
Michael Smedshammer	Distance Education Committee	√	
Jennifer Zellet	Vice President of Instruction	√	
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Vacant	Accreditation Council		
Vacant	Resource Allocation Council		
Vacant	Instruction Council		
Vacant	Professional Development Coordinating Committee		
Vacant	Student Success and Equity Committee		
Vacant	Technology Committee		
Sabrina Miranda	Recorder	√	

<b>Guests</b>	

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

S. Bandyopadhyay called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

**II. Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2020**

**Action Item - Motion:**

**Who: R. McKenzie moved, M. Ambler seconded**

**What: Motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020**

- **Result: 18-ayes, 0-no**
- **Motion Carried**

**B. College Mission and Vision Statements – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The Council discussed the issue surrounding the length of the mission and vision statements.

S. Schrader explained that the conversation to rewrite the statements originally began for Accreditation purposes. It was previously discussed that keeping the group that worked on rewriting the statements small was important, as adding many people can convolute the process. S. Schrader suggested that we honor the work of the group who revised the statements, especially given that the student voice was involved in the process.

S. Akiona explained that faculty are not opposed to shorter statements, but are concerned about where the rest of the language will live. R. McKenzie and C. Redwing stated that it may be helpful if faculty had the mission, vision, and values statements combined into one document to review how they coalesce.

College Council representatives explained that they have not had an opportunity to meet with their constituent groups to further discuss the item, but will be prepared by the next College Council meeting scheduled for January 25.

The item is tabled to the January 25 College Council meeting for further discussion.

**C. College Council Guiding Principles**

S. Akiona explained that the College Council Guiding Principles was first brought to College Council in February 2020. During that time, it was decided by the Council that the Guiding Principles would be framework for College Council only and would not apply to Modesto Junior College as a whole. The document did not go through the full participatory governance process in order to be adopted college-wide, but it has since appeared in various committees and councils across the college.

S. Bandyopadhyay clarified that College Council recommends action to the college's president, but operates in a consensus building mode. It is ultimately up to the individual governing bodies of the college to have their own decision-making principles and not be forced to adopt the principles of College Council.

J. Zellet explained that one of the interests in creating the document was unity of purpose. It may be helpful if the document is sent out to constituent groups for reaffirmation of the processes. Critical decisions are required to be brought forth to

College Council. It makes organizational sense if constituent groups are aware of our decision-making principles and are able to keep them in mind when making proposals to this body.

**D. Enrollment Update**

J. Zellet provided the Council with an enrollment update report. Strategy discussions for increasing enrollment will take place at the January 12 Deans Cab meeting, including the discussion of utilizing Success Specialists and Counselors to reach out to students in identified areas and running a Starfish report that identifies students who are within 15 units of completion and offering additional sections of courses.

**III. Representative Reports**

**A. ASMJC**

J. Novoa stated that ASMJC is looking forward to this semester's events that have been crafted to be more relevant to today's times; for example, a quarantine edition of events typically held. The first event of the semester starts with FLOW, Free Lunch On Wednesday. Students can sign up to receive a \$25 Winco card every week for the remainder of the semester.

**B. CSEA**

No report.

**C. LTAC**

No report.

**D. YFA**

R. McKenzie stated that YFA held a well-attended all faculty meeting during Institute Week. The YFA continues to reach out to part-time faculty and further negotiate with the District. One topic in particular that YFA hopes to negotiate is office hours for part time faculty. Elections will be held at the end of the semester and includes electing a new YFA President.

**E. Academic Senate**

C. Redwing stated that the Academic Senate held its elections at the end of last semester and Aishah Saleh will be the new Academic Senate President. The first Senate meeting of the semester is scheduled for Thursday, January 21 and topics to be discussed include reviewing the college mission, vision, and values, the second reading of proposed alterations to the participatory governance model, and the second reading of the ZTC/OER plan.

**F. CSAC**

No report.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.