

Modesto Junior College
College Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2012

MEMBERS

Council Member	Representing	Present	Absent
Jill Stearns	Chair	√	
Susan Kincade	VP Instruction	√	
Michael Guerra	VP College Administrative Services		√
Brenda Thames	VP Student Services	√	
Debi Bolter	YFA Rep		√
Jillian Daly	YFA President		√
Rosanne Faughn	CSEA President	√	
Bill Kaiser	IAC Rep	√	
Allan McKissick	Academic Senate Rep		√
Debbi Partridge	CSEA Rep	√	
Tanya Smith	CSAC Rep		√
James Todd	Academic Senate Rep		√
John Zamora	Academic Senate President	√	
Kevin Sabo	ASMJC President	√	
Mike Sharif	ASMJC Executive	√	

SUBSTITUTE

Name	Member Substituting for
Rose LaMont	Jillian Daly
Rob Stevenson	Allan McKissick

Business

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jill Stearns called the meeting to order.

2. Review of Agenda

Jill Stearns reviewed the agenda with members. Due to the VP of College Administrative Services absence, the budget item was tabled to the next meeting.

3. Review of Minutes

Action Item

The minutes of October 1, 2012 were tabled to the November 5, 2012 meeting.

Mike Sharif moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2012 and Kevin Sabo seconded.

There was general consensus to accept the minutes of October 8, 2012.

4. Board Policy – First Reading

Jill Stearns informed members that she asked Nick Stavrianoudakis who is heading up the Board Policy revisions, for College Council to have a chance to review the revisions. Constituent groups are already receiving a chance for review through their membership. Jill wanted to make sure there is college discussion so we would have a chance to make recommendations. College Council will receive documents after the work groups have done their work editing. College Council will receive the same information as the constituent groups receive.

Board Elections/Board Membership: The policy is being updated to reflect changes in our trustee area. Kevin Sabo explained that it has to do with the new census out and they are going to decide on the areas.

Jill Stearns explained that the reason for the change in numbering of the Board Policies is to follow the League numbers. Kevin Sabo added that it is being attempted as much as possible to align with their numbers and only creating new numbers when we have an item that the League does not have.

Service Animals/Therapy Animals: Jill Stearns pointed out that this policy is a legal requirement. There were comments that no one had ever seen a person using a miniature horse as a service or therapy animal.

Collective Bargaining: Jill Stearns informed members that it is just required that it has to be stated that we have a policy on collective bargaining.

Jill Stearns stated that this is a huge undertaking the Board is engaged in to update the policies. If anyone has any recommendations, bring them to the next meeting for consideration by the policy group.

5. Follow-up Visit from Accreditation Team

Jill Stearns reported calling the team chair, adding that he had not received the packet from the college yet. The tentative plan is the team might not be on campus until November 1 because they are meeting at the district on October 31st. That is not set in stone at this point. The college meetings will be on east campus. The visiting team will primarily be meeting out of Student Services 203. It is unknown exactly who the team will want to meet with at this time.

Jill reminded members that it is perfectly fine to say that you don't know the answer to something if you don't know, and to respond that you are happy to find out or refer the team member to another individual. Jill will let everyone know as soon as she knows the schedule. The goal is to work around class time as much as possible.

There will be a forum early next week to walk through what the visit might look like.

6. Implementing *Engaging All Voices* decision-making handbook

Jill Stearns reported that she has asked each leader of the councils to have their recommendation for members by November 16th. College Council may not continue to meet on Monday afternoon in order to accommodate faculty who will be added. College Council will start meeting in the new configuration in the spring. Once names are forwarded to the administrative chair, the group will be contacted and a planning meeting set. Every attempt will be made to set a planning meeting at a convenient time for everyone.

The task for spring will be refining purpose and responsibility for each of those groups. Jill Stearns will be drafting a template to aid in this endeavor. The college web site has already been updated at the bottom for governance and planning, linking to the web site that already exists and College Council as well. The framework is there and ready for us to set up information in them.

7. Spring Schedule

Susan Kincade reported that she asked each division to come back with sections they feel could be reduced to one enrollment. If proposition 30 does pass, this would result in students on the wait list will be able to enroll in these sections. The goal is to avoid a situation where students register and then the class is cancelled if proposition 30 fails. Susan added that this communicates the effect that failure of Prop 30 will have on MJC.

Jill Stearns stated that she appreciated the position of opening things up rather than cancelling if Proposition 30 does not pass. Susan Kincade responded that she is trying to be proactive on what we know of the budget.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

YFA

Rose LaMont reported that a tentative agreement has been reached. Rep Council will meet this Wednesday to approve the agreement and send out for ratification to be done by November 6. Negotiations were started at the end of August with almost weekly meetings. General meetings were held to inform faculty members at Columbia College and MJC as well.

CSEA

Rosanne Faughn informed members that CSEA negotiated an agreement a couple of weeks ago. Meeting dates were set to go to Columbia on Friday and another meeting tomorrow trying to hit every area and be there face-to-face. Vote on the agreement will take place the 24th and the outcome will be known Thursday morning. CSEA will go back to the table for concessions.

Debbi Partridge added that open meetings will be held with times that will accommodate the graveyard shift so they don't have to come back to work for a meeting.

IAC

Bill Kaiser reported that repeatability of courses was discussed at IAC. In his area, he attempts to move top codes to athletics which are not affected. Bill referred to *families* in Athletics which have beginning, middle and advanced courses. Bill is exploring a fourth category to enable a fourth repeat. He just put through Aerobics II and will start writing III and IV next spring. He added that when money is tight, they look at athletics. There is a physical ed major and there has been debate on that. He will be sending Susan Kincade a list of reductions for the enrollment management piece. Bill is becoming familiar with our follow-up report.

Rob stated that in Art they are already on families so it was a little different. He added that music and theatre has been their saving grace where CSUs require these courses. He gave as an example, that a student can take an advanced course four times and they are part of the *family*. For instance, if you are working on oboe, you need to be taking it every single semester.

Susan Kincade pointed out that an addendum will probably have to be done for the fall catalog.

Student Senate

Kevin Sabo reported that October 27 from 2-9 p.m., ASMJC will sponsor a Halloween carnival which is a big community event advertised on the radio. He just got back from a conference which was a good

initiation for Francisco Banuelos and a good experience for new members. Kevin won an award for the most inspiring presentation, competing against advisors.

Kevin is working on College Council appointments and should be well ahead of the deadline. ASMJC will be heading to Rancho Mirage for the general assembly November 2-4. The theme is Standing Up for Principles not Peer Pressure. ASMJC will hold a candidates forum October 25th at 6:00 p.m. with Adam Gray (D) and Jack Mobley (R).

Academic Senate

John Zamora stated that they are reviewing changes for the Senate. The Senate made a motion to improve relations.

Rob Stevenson referred to State SB1440 where colleges need to figure out a way to streamline transfer. The colleges need to create new degrees locally that will be recognized statewide. He added that the curriculum transfer model is going to require people to get involved right now. He encouraged people to get involved adding that there is more impact than actual mechanics of transfer. People will need to know when their area is coming up. John Zamora added that this was in the Senate report at the last meeting.

Student Services

Brenda Thames reminded members that the Student Lounge is down for remodel and not available for people and groups who normally use it.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Susan Kincade stated that old mission statement posters are around campus and we need to get them updated.

Brenda reported that a workgroup will begin tackling priority registration as part of the Student Success Task Force.

FUTURE AGENDA

1. Budget – Informational Item

ADJOURNMENT