



Student Success and Equity Committee & Student Services Council Meeting
Friday, March 19, 2021
1:00pm – 3:00pm

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Matthew Lopez-Phillips at 1:10pm via Zoom.

Present: Angelica Guzman, Ariana Gonzalez, Arianna Kennedy, Claudia Puebla, Cynthia Duclo, Danica Bravo, Elida Miranda-Zaragoza, Eric Barajas, Eric Ivory, Glen Stovall, Jacquelyn Forte, Jamie DeRollo, Jennifer Zellet, Jonathan Sarhadi, Judith Martinez, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Michael Girardi, Nick Stravrianoudakis, Ruth Luman, Stella Beratlis, Ulises Ochoa Diaz

- I. SSEC Moving Forward – Dr. Jennifer Zellet
Dean Griffith asked for VPI Zellet to discuss the future of the SSEC committee. Look at new charge regarding committees. VPI asked committee if they had any questions for her to help answer.

- II. Comunidad – Elida Miranda Zaragoza & Ulises Ochoa Diaz
MJC Comunidad Network Introduction Video was played. Efforts to support Latinx students. Equity minded courses, events, inspire and

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empower students for professional, personal success. Validate student experience, sense of belonging. There is a large population of Latinx students at MJC. In 2019, average of 54.1% of MJC students were Latinx students = >14,000 students. Moving forward with equity...how do represent the need for these students. Meeting every second Friday of the month. Pushing through with developing different activities to assist students. Reviewing components with faculty, staff, administration and develop the mission/vision for the program. Identify student needs and keep pushing forward in equity minded efforts. Challenge with working with Latinx students is a very diverse group which includes different ages, generations, language barrier with students who only speak Spanish or do not speak Spanish. Not all of them are first generation or low-income students. Being able to reach the students and meet them where they are at. Presentations and workshops created by specialists in student services during the past couple of semesters. Sabado de education is community based on a Saturday to boost our Latinx community in higher education. Developing canvas shell for faculty and staff to share out different practices/informative items relevant to Latinx student population. Possible mural project for east campus with assistance by George Boodrookas. Some goals for the network are to create institutional change. Implement more knowledge for students before beginning the school term. Bienvenida "Welcome" event for students. Cohort model – working with student equity and student success provides a lot of experience. Request for set funding in order to make an impact. Due to COVID-19 circumstances, there is a lot of uncertainty moving forward

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to the Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 terms. Engagement piece is vital to help students.

III. Student Complaint Forms – Ruth Luman

Students have concerns about their classes and the complaint form process. Possibly changing the complaint form and make it more accessible. English Language department website has their complaint form as part of the website. Download word document, save it, upload complaint form somewhere. Make student complaint form digital and reframe it to say, “student concern.” Not everything has to be escalated. Some students would like to register and express their concerns during remote instruction. Many students want to share their concerns, but do not know how to go about it. Goal is to have a process/document more fluid and relational for the students (student friendly).

IV. Preferred Name Process – Judith Martinez

The LGBTQ+ advocates have been advocating (for about a year now) for students to be able to have a preferred name. VPSS has been supportive, but now the preferred name process can be taken to the current MJC Interim President, Santanu Bandyopadhyay. Goal is to implement process for students. Intent was to have this completed during Fall 2020. A motion to advocate for the preferred name process and bring it forward to the MJC President was made by Ariana Gonzalez and seconded by Stella Beratlis.

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Ayes: (13) Angelica Guzman, Ariana Gonzalez, Arianna Kennedy, Claudia Puebla, Cynthia Duclo, Eric Ivory, Glen Stovall, Jacquelyn Forte, Judith Martinez, Michael Girardi, Ruth Luman, Stella Beratlis, Ulises Ochoa Diaz

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (8)

V. Athletics Return to Campus - Nick Stavrianoudakis & Jamie DeRollo

Approved for student athletes to condition but not practice and compete yet. COVID-19 testing has been happening for the past two weeks which would allow student athletes to be on campus up to 5 days instead of two days. Frequency of testing that is done is based on low medium or high risk of sport. Practice tests have to be done are dependent on low medium or high risk. Engaging in competition will increase testing. Indoor sports are allowed as long as rules are followed. Met with County on March 5, 2021. Some sports have begun. Some have not yet. Transportation restrictions are in effect. Spring 2021 sports will be extremely limited. Following sports: Golf, Tennis, and Track are less limited. Check in procedure and contact tracing included as an MJC function. Student athletes have to do a daily screening, wrist bands allow students to on campus. Pod of ten students at a time. Higher education document has not been updated since September 20, 2020. Potential of having sports scrimmages. Sports are coming back with a new normal situation. Water bottles cannot be shared, digital whistles are needed, no high fives allowed,

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etc. Safety is priority due to COVID-19 circumstances. Screening process implemented. Will vaccines be offered to student athletes? College cannot mandate vaccines during this time. Community misses participation and sports games occurring.

VI. Other Items

The joint SSEC/SSC meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.

Next SSEC/SSC Meeting: TBD

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