

Modesto Junior College
Student Success & Equity Committee
April 17, 2017

Voting Members:	Representing	Present	Absent
Curtis Martin	Co-Chair (Faculty Member)	√	
Flerida Arias	Co-Chair (Administration), Dean of Equity & Student Learning	√	
Pamela Crittenden	Counseling Faculty Member (General Counseling)	√	
Claudia Puebla	Counseling Faculty Member (Special Programs)	√	
Daniel Schmidt	Basic Skills Faculty Member (English/Reading/ESL)	√	
Pamela Kopitzke	Basic Skills Faculty Member (English/Reading/ESL)	√	
Ashley Yu	Basic Skills Faculty Member (Math)	√	
Randy Thoe	Instructional Faculty Member (Career Technical Education)	√	
Al Smith	Instructional Faculty Member (General Education/Transfer)	√	
Jennifer Hamilton	Vice President of Instruction	√	
James Todd	Vice President of Student Services	√	
Jillian Daly	Dean, Literature and Language Arts		√
Laura Maki	Dean, Science, Math and Engineering		√
Pedro Mendez	Dean/Admin, Career Technical Education		√
Michael Howen	Classified Staff		√
Elida Miranda-Zaragoza	Classified Staff	√	
Danya Dominguez	ASMJC Representative	√	
Non-Voting Members:			
Scott Kerlin	Director of College Research	√	
Sheri Lima	Library and Learning Center Manager		√
Elizabeth David	First Time In College (FTIC) Coordinator	√	
Non-Voting Members:	Any Faculty, Staff, Administrator or ASMJC representative beyond the above that is appointed and continually serves on the committee:		
Francisco Bañuelos	Management, Interim Dean, Counseling & Student Learning		√
Jenni Abbott	Management, Director, Planning and Grant Development		√
Sarah Schrader	Management, Central Services Fiscal		√
Talitha Agan	Faculty, History		√
Laura Manzo	Faculty, Spanish		√
Viengkham Champa	Faculty, Counselor		√
Jessenia Duarte	ASMJC Representative	√	
Sarah Hawes	Faculty, Reading	√	
Guests:			
Peggy Fikse	Director, Student Financial Services	√	
Jacquelyn Forte	Director, Basic Skills & Student Success	√	
Ariana Gonzalez	Counselor, General Counseling	√	
Ruth Luman	Instructor, ESL, Literature & Language Arts	√	
Eva Munguia	Director, Access, Retention & Student Success	√	
Chad Redwing	Instructor, Humanities	√	
Recorder:			
Manny Walsh	Administrative Secretary, Equity & Student Learning	√	

I. Call to order

Committee was welcomed to the last meeting of the academic year. New member, Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, was introduced. Meeting called to order at 3:12 pm by Curtis Martin.

II. Approval of the agenda

Agenda was approved with the following corrections: Umoja and CCSSE were added to IV.F. and G. respectively, ELL was moved up to IV.A., and Repast Project to IV.B.

III. Approval of the minutes of February 6 and April 3, 2017

Minutes of February 6 and April 3 were approved with the following correction: Danya Dominguez was in attendance at the April 3 meeting.

IV. Information and Action Items

A. English Language Learners (ELL) - Ruth Luman/Pam Kopitzke/Elida Miranda-Zaragoza

A visual presentation was shown reporting the outcomes of the two SSEC mini-grants they were awarded: attendance at the annual California Acceleration Conference (CAP) and ELL workshops. Ruth stated that she would like to continue to have discussions on what is considered “good enough English” and Pam voiced interest in building a library of interconnected course materials. One of the more popular discussion topics at the conference was ways to offer accelerated ELL courses. Committee was thanked for awarding them both grants.

Elida introduced herself as a program specialist assigned to the ELL department and distributed a copy of the most recent ELL newsletter. The ELL Welcome Center is now open and is located on the west campus in John Muir room 152. Recent changes to ELL course levels was discussed.

B. Repast Project - Chad Redwing

A project handout was distributed and the committee was thanked for taking a chance with the mini-grant proposal he submitted. The breaking bread project will continue through October, at which time other grants will be sought to continue with the project. The events are held at area restaurants and consist of a 20 minute conversation starter, followed by a meal, and end with attendees receiving a book or DVD so that they may continue the conversation later. Several committee members, who attended one or more of the events, reported them as being a positive and enjoyable experience. Interest in inviting entire families to future events was voiced.

C. Integrated SSSP/BSI/SE Plan Template - James Todd

In the last several months there has been discussion to integrate the SSSP/BSI/SE plan due to the fatigue experienced by colleges and the various initiatives. CCCCCO has come up with a set of questions (8) that bring all three plans together. Metrics and goals will need to be reported in the plan, which is due at the end of the year. Some of MJC's goals include redesigning developmental education, creating clear pathways for students, and redesigning advising. A conversation ensued on math transfer rates, the college focusing on all academic areas, and the need to work together to solve issues. Suggestions on metrics to incorporate into the plan need to be voiced by September, when faculty return for the fall semester.

D. Pathway Application - Curtis Martin

Committee members were asked if they had signed up for the Pathways Workgroup. Many have already volunteered for the Educational Master Plan Workgroup. Curtis would like the group to get together for two days to review the new framework.

E. Student Pathways Centers - Tiffnie Versola

Tiffnie introduced herself as a lead specialist working in the East Campus Pathway Center and distributed a center update. Both east and west locations are up and running (East Campus Student Services Building 128/West Campus Yosemite Hall 118). Committee members were invited to drop by any time. The centers are open until 7:00 pm and have served close to 5000 students to date. Tiffnie is tracking the students seen using google.docs. Florida gave a shout out thanking all specialists, counselors, and student services representatives who helped start up the centers.

F. Umoja - Al Smith

An Umoja handout was distributed and an informational video located on their website was shown (umojacommunity.org). Umoja is a statewide program put together by the CCCCCO that focuses on African American students. MJC's contract was recently accepted and six core team members will attend the summer learning institute in June. Twenty-two applications have been received so far for the first cohort being offered this fall semester. Many applicants are those who attended A2MEND or are members of the BSU. Jennifer invited Al to promote the program at one of the Deans Council meetings, to which he accepted. He may also provide information during Institute Week as well.

A motion for the SSEC to recommend Umoja to MJC as a resource to move the needle with African Americans and other DI students was made by Al. All voted in favor, no abstentions, motion approved. The SSEC will recommend it to the College Council.

G. CCSSE Update - Scott Kerlin

The CCSSE is now complete. Approximately 1200 completed surveys will be sent back to Texas by May 10 for tallying.

Committee members were asked if they were aware of the MJC Student Experience Survey Spring 2017 sent to students by e-mail on Friday at 5:15pm. Five hundred responses (3%) have been received so far; additional marketing is needed. Peggy requested fliers in order to promote the survey on the west campus. Mike Smedshammer has been asked to promote the survey to online students as well.

V. Other

James stated that he is currently working on assisting with the incarcerated population and their families. He would like to strengthen the families through projects, help battle recidivism, and address homelessness. We may be given a cohort this year and will need to work on job assistance, housing insecurities, create a general education or remedial schedule, offer student support/tutoring, and possibly have a probation officer on campus. Committee members who are interested in working with this population were instructed to contact him.

Members were thanked for the great year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 18 ~ 3:00 pm-5:00 pm ~ West Campus Yosemite Hall 213