

**Modesto Junior College**  
**Student Success & Equity Committee**  
**March 6, 2017**

<b>Voting Members:</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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)	√	
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vice President of Instruction</i>		√
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		√
Julie Hughes	Classified Staff		√
Elida Miranda-Zaragoza	Classified Staff	√	
Danya Dominguez	ASMJC Representative	√	
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>			
Scott Kerlin	Director of College Research		√
Sheri Lima	Library and Learning Center Manager		√
Elizabeth David	First Time In College (FTIC) Coordinator	√	
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>	<b>Any Faculty, Staff, Administrator or ASMJC representative beyond the above that is appointed and continually serves on the committee:</b>		
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	√	
<b>Guests:</b>			
Jacquelyn Forte	Director of Basic Skills & Student Success	√	
Ariana Gonzalez	Counselor, General Counseling	√	
Bryan Marks	Associate Dean, Campus Life & Student Learning/Student Conduct	√	
Eva Munguia	Director of Access, Retention & Student Success	√	
Ulises Ochoa	Specialist, Student Success and Support/Male Collaborative/	√	
Glen Stovall	Specialist, Student Success and Support/Male Collaborative	√	
<b>Recorder:</b>			
Manny Walsh	Administrative Secretary, Equity & Student Learning	√	

**I. Call to order**

No quorum; informational meeting called to order at 3:09 pm by Florida Arias.

**II. Approval of the agenda**

Informational meeting only.

**III. Approval of the minutes of February 6, 2017**

Tabled until next meeting.

**IV. Information and Action Items**

**A. Regular Report Out**

**1. Data Group Review**

California Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

The CCSSE survey began on March 1, with five surveys administered to date.

Forty-one, out of forty-eight classes selected, plan to participate. The majority of the surveys will be completed by the end of March, the remaining in April. Last year, approximately 1100-1200 students participated. This year, over 1500 have participated so far. Faculty and staff members were thanked for their assistance in administering the survey.

Survey of Online Student Engagement (SOSE)

Mike Smedhammer posted the SOSC survey to Canvas and it is now available for online students to participate. The survey closes on April 10.

**B. Achieving the Dream (ATD)**

Several MJC faculty, administrators, and staff member attended this year's Achieving the Dream conference February 22-24 in San Francisco. Dream is a national conference where colleges get together to discuss strategies to close achievement gaps, address equity, and get students into the work force. The ATD team visited the campus a couple of years ago to review course offerings, completion data, and determine the disproportionate impact population. MJC will be hosting another summit this year on March 27 and 28, with the focus on redesigning development education (co-requisites vs. prerequisites); designing clear pathways; and, redeveloping advising through connections with staff, instructional faculty, and counselors. ATD leadership and coaches will be present.

**C. Sábados de Educación**

Seventeen community members applied to MJC at this month's event on Saturday, March 4. Applicants consisted of people living in the community unaware of the services available to them. Many campus and community organizations participated in the event.

**D. Latino and Latin American Space for Enrichment and Research (LASER)**

MJC English instructor, Theresa Rojas, showed a video presentation on Ohio State's LASER program with the hopes of implementing a similar program on campus. The program, established in 2010 by Dr. Frederick Aldama, is the first hub created offering scholarships and mentoring to Latino students to help them complete high school and enter higher learning. The program offers a lecture series, various "How to" workshops, and monetary awards. LASER also hosts the SOL-CON Black and Brown Comix Expo, which is the first convention of its kind bringing black and brown artists together.

**E. African American Education Conference**

MJC's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Education Conference was held on February 25. The event opened with the motivational speaker reciting a poem. Counselors, faculty, and community leaders offered a variety of presentations and spoke of their experiences working in their positions. Six different workshops were also available, with Tracy Potts' Hip Hop Culture being one of the most popular. Although the conference target was African Americans, it was open to all. Approximately 110 attended. Bryan Marks, Al Smith, and AAEC committee members were thanked for their hard work putting together the event.

**F. Core Saturdays**

New Core Step Saturdays have been created to assist students unable to attend the dates arranged through their high schools fully matriculate (orientation/assessment /abbreviated education plans) prior to participating in New Student Day. Forty-five students participated at the most recent Core Step Saturday and there are plans to add additional dates. Jackie will e-mail committee members once the April and May dates are confirmed.

**G. New Student Day Update**

Things are running smoothly. All are working together to make this another successful event for incoming freshmen. Facilities have been reserved, participants are aware of which areas they will be responsible for, additional software licenses have been purchased to prevent network overload, and two IT Help Desk technicians will be available to assist if needed. A new and welcome addition this year's event will be music offered under the direction of Stephen Choi. Volunteers are still needed to assist during the events which will be held on April 8 and May 20, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Interested parties are instructed to contact Jackie Forte with their availability.

**H. Focus Group Review**

Overcoming the Challenges as a Man of Color handout was distributed and discussed. Members were invited to review the information contained in the document for any corrections or clarification of data. The following correction was made: Financial

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Stability-Book *Exchange*. The next time quorum is met, the committee will vote on whether or not to present the information to College Council.

**V. Other**

MJC's Dream Network has been meeting to find ways to inform the campus community of the services available for undocumented students. They are currently working on the process to create a safe zone on campus and possibly have a legal representative available on campus one day a month to provide accurate information in response to questions. An MJC directory of services available to undocumented students and other informational handouts were distributed. The documents will be translated into Spanish in the near future. The committee was asked if they would be interested in voting to make MJC a sanctuary college when quorum is next met, to which they answered yes. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for March 13, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Founders Hall room 116.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

***Next Meeting: March 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm ~ West Campus ~ Yosemite Hall 213***