



**Student Senate
Meeting**

December 4, 2020

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Zoom Conference

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93421461328>

Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Friday December 4, 2020 at 3:00pm through Zoom Conference: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93421461328>
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I. Call to Order: 3:01 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Executive Officers		Senators		Senators	
Jennifer Novoa President	P	Jesus Medina	P	Hannah Smith	P
Samantha Carvajal Vice President	P	Amy Carvelho	P	Gabriel Barajas	P
Raymond Gonzales Secretary	P	Maria Marquez	P	Lila Mae Young	A
Vacant Director of Political Development		Diana Ledesma	P	Richard Garcia	P
Hannah Ransdell Director of Student Relations	P	Idalia Rojas	P	Hailey Cordova	A
		VACANT		Guests	
		VACANT		Liz Camboia	P
		VACANT		Ashley Kipple	P
Staff		VACANT		Ariana Gonzalez	P
Alejandra Espinoza Campus Life and Student Learning Manager	A	VACANT		Alynnna Martinez	P
John Griffin Campus Life Program Assistant	P	VACANT		Ryan Amaral	P
Mitch Miller Campus Life Student Center Tech	P	VACANT		Bruce Twersky	P
Carmen De La Cruz Campus Life Program Specialist	P	VACANT			
Rebecca Tilger Administrative Technician	A	VACANT			

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Senator Medina

Approved with No Abstentions

Public Comment (Brown Act §54954.3):

This segment of the agenda is reserved for members of the public to directly address the Student Senate on any matters within its jurisdiction. A time limit of two (2) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic will be allotted. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of items not on the agenda. The Student Senate may briefly respond to comments made or questions posed. For an item to be placed on a future agenda, please contact President Novoa.

Persons who want to **comment on topics not included on the agenda** can do so as part of this section of the agenda.

Persons who want to **comment on agendized topics** may do so after being recognized by the ASMJC President before Senate discussion on the action item.

Prior to comment at the Senate Meeting, all speakers should complete a Speaker Request form in advance and give it to the ASMJC President.

Bruce Twersky began by explaining he creates apps for student government organizations, and that he already works for 12 Community Colleges already. He mentioned this “turnkey” app is a great resource to be able to reach and connect to students when it comes to events, activities, agendas and minutes, etc. It also has local discounts, coupons, and scavenger hunts for students to win gift cards to encourage involvement. He also provided several examples of what the app may look like such as its format and features, and the price range of the app. He concluded by requesting to be put on the next agenda to explain more on the subject, and possibly pass the funding for the app.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

November 25, 2020

Motion by Secretary Gonzales; Seconded by Senator Carvelho

Approved with No Abstentions

IV. Presentations and Introductions:

A. Liz Camboia & Ashley Kipple, LGBTQ+ Advocacy

The presentation began with Ariana Gonzalez sharing her screen and explaining several aspects of the work being done on campus so far when it comes to LGBTQ+ Advocacy. Their group is comprised of administrators, classified staff, faculty, community members, and students to provide a voice for the LGBTQ+ community on campus. They took off December 2019 with their Liaison Liz Camboia, along with the other five founding member including Ariana, Ryan Amaral, Judith Martinez, and Alynna Martinez. She explained to the senate that they have monthly meetings already and encouraged the senate to attend if able, and they will have two attorneys in attendance soon as well to talk about the rights people have as part of this community especially if they feel they are being discriminated against. She also informed the senate they just received a large grant to further branch out to better reach the students. They plan to be using this grant to have a type of educational conference and to add to their scholarship where they aim to reach around \$2000 for LGBTQ+ students. She then gave the floor to Alynna where she further explained her and Ryan have done several trainings starting in August with a total of 84 staff, faculty, and administrators trained so far. Ryan included that they do want to plan a training with ASMJC members in the future then gave the floor to Ashley Kipple. Ashley explained how excited she was to promote change in the community as the one leading the mentorship program and welcomed any feedback anytime as to what the students would want to be mentored in, any questions, or any ideas that

could help for the future.

V. Action Items (Items to be voted on):

- A. NTE: \$27,100 additional funds for FLOW (Fund 71)
Motion by Secretary Gonzales; Seconded by Senator Rojas
Approved with No Objections
- B. NTE: \$18,986 Class of 2020 caps and gowns (Fund 71)
Motion by Senator Marquez; Seconded by Senator Carvalho
Approved with No Objections

ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:

- A. YCCD Board Meeting: Jennifer Novoa: No Report
- B. AB 705 Taskforce: Diana Ledesma/Lila Mae Young
Senator Ledesma reported the GSP Validation is an excel document that the group fills out it is like a survey about student enrollment and student placement the deadline is January 15th. Also talked about the low number of faculty for the math department and how other schools do not have that problem. How the Math Department for Modesto junior college is small. Also Merced is having counselors placed Students in classes leading to lower access to math and English class. The work group talks about the different samples of the guided self-placement for math. Also, they talked about changing the wording in the self-guided placement for math. How some colleges do not have the self-guided placement out of the 115 community colleges is using the multiple measures but not as much as English. Also, Modesto junior college is having a large gap in racial equities in math.
- C. Academic Senate: Gabriel Barajas
Senator Barajas reported that it was shared that students should have their cameras on during zoom meetings and classes to increase participation, and if there are privacy issues then they can add a background to their camera. He then explained correspondence courses are in the works currently, and their action item of the MJC Value Statement has been tabled for January.
- D. Accreditation Council: Raymond Gonzales/ Maria Marquez/ Hannah Smith: No Report
- E. College Council: Samantha Carvajal: No Report
- F. Facilities Council: Maria Marquez/ Diana Ledesma: No Report
- G. Instruction Council: Idalia Rojas:
Senator Rojas reported they had no action items and one continuous business item at the Instruction Council meeting today. They continued to discuss the process and review the MJC Participatory Governance Structure Proposal - Fall 2020 form. They discussed in regarding of the Instruction Council's current charges in Engaging All Voices (EAV). They focused on the importance of Instruction Council's involvement in the Hiring processes and in how it might turn into a Workers group new task if the Instruction Council was to be disbanded. Since the Instruction Council was not given a form to fill out and be submitted to the College Council, they still used this opportunity to discuss suggestions that the Instruction Council should send forward to the College Council. Feedback is due from the council members to Rob by Friday, December 11, 2020 for him to put together and to present at the College Council on Monday, December 14,

2020.

- H. Student Success and Equity: Jesus Medina/ Gabriel Barajas: No Report
- I. Distance Education: Richard Garcia: No Report
- J. Resource Allocation Committee: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal
Vice President Carvajal reported they were revising the feedback from the members in the roles and responsibilities of college wide governance. One issue that they came up with was figuring out whether they wanted a dean present or not or whether they wanted it optional, for committee meetings.
- K. PIT Crew: Amy Carvelho
Senator Carvelho reported the PIT Crew meeting took place on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, commencing at 8:30 am and adjourning at 10:02 am. There were four main items that were discussed. The first was a discussion on Paving the Path, which included the presentation of an infographic geared towards staff detailing the student pathway and goals as a means of having staff better help students, as well as a discussion on methods to better direct students to the people that may best guide/advise them. The second was on two-school and multi-program data, with the data displaying an increase in students in a single program and a decrease in students in two or three plus programs (included with this data was the amount of these students in multiple schools with their single or multiple programs); this trend attributed to the efforts of counseling staff and the established inability of students to add a major while registering. The third was on Starfish training for those in faculty advisor roles, this being developed with the advisor role in mind and its date left to be determined. Along with this was a discussion on increasing communication amongst staff and students to boost productivity and student retention. The fourth was on the SOAA, which is to be filled out with updated information. The topic of Bakersfield Mapper and eLumen was tabled. The next meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

VI. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:

- A. Student Relation Report: Hannah Ransdell
Director Ransdell Reported the Thanksgiving spirit day was another success, and thanked all who participated, we also got a lot of other people participating which is a great! She is currently working on 3 things. First, she is starting a birthday series on our Instagram so those who have a birthday coming up please expect me to be posting about you! She is also going to open the birthday series to everyone who follows us, they can tag us in their birthday post, and we will repost it. Second, she finished making encouraging finals week posters that she will start posting. What is special about these posts is that in each poster she has included a picture of the campus. The last thing that she is working on is weekly calendars for our Instagram. For those of you who attend my meetings have been bringing up that a weekly calendar on our Instagram would be helpful for students to get an overall view of events that are going on that week. If you guys hear about an event that is going for MJC please email me so she can include that in the weekly posts! Since there is going to be a lot of activity coming from our Instagram, she does expect everyone to be reposting about the encouraging finals week posts and weekly calendars. She then thanked the senate for posting about FLOW please continue to be posting about FLOW until the semester ends.
- B. Vice President Report: Samantha Carvajal
Vice President Carvajal reported that she will be working on an excel sheet with the commonly used acronyms from shared governance meetings, and that if the senate has

any to give them to her for this project. She explained that this is to help avoid confusion later/during shared governance meetings, and that her and the other execs will be emailing the chairs of the committees to help expand the chart.

C. **Presidential Report: Jennifer Novoa**

President Novoa reported that with the upcoming FLOW more hands may be needed as ASMJC will be passing out finals week goodie bags along with the WINCO gift cards that have hot chocolate, tea, sticky notes, pens, highlighters, hand sanitizer, a stress ball, some mints, and a granola bar. She emphasized that if anyone would be available to contact her or Carmen De La Cruz. Second, she emailed the senate a link to the finals week schedule as many of the ASMJC members are in their first year and aren't yet familiar with how the finals schedule works. She then wished everyone luck on their finals and gave the floor to Secretary Gonzales to report on the chosen name policy.

Secretary Gonzales reported they went over the document that was a rough draft for what might be used for this policy. They made suggestions to what should be added and the whereabouts what is added. First, they talked about the order of importance of what should be under the chosen name which was PiratesNet, the class roster, the student email, the student ID cards, starfish, canvas, degrees and certificates, the programming for the different departments, and the library in that order. For future reference PiratesNet might turn it into a program called self-service. The process for changing your chosen name would take place the way decided on that program. He suggested for PiratesNet to be first because that is where the name changes would take place until the switch to the self-service program. Secondly, they talked about where the actual legal name would be used which came down to financial aid, billing records, official and unofficial transcripts, paychecks and pay stubs, administration and records documentation, tax records, medical records, disciplinary records, and law enforcement records. Finally, they concluded the meeting by majority agreement of using the term chosen name instead of preferred name and being consistent with using the term chosen name over preferred name to avoid confusion, who is taking the lead on the website using the guideline document as a point of reference, and Liz and Angelica Guzman taking lead on how to get this out on the websites and to their students.

VII. Campus Life Staff Reports:

- A. **Campus Life Program Specialist Carmen De La Cruz** asked the senate to help with the upcoming FLOW if possible as it will be busier and will be providing more to the students. She also wished the senate luck on their finals and encouraged them to reach out if they need any study tips.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:07 PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place:

December 18, 2020
Via Zoom

* With the exception of special meetings and holidays all ASMJC meetings take place the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month during the Fall and Spring semesters.