



Student Senate Meeting

January 15, 2021

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Zoom Conference

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94762797031>

Agenda

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Friday January 15, 2020 at 3:00pm through Zoom Conference: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94762797031> All meetings of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College are open to the public and are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person(s) with disabilities requesting special accommodations should contact Jennifer Novoa, President of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College by phone at (209) 575-6700 or by e-mail at asmjcpresident@my.yosemite.edu for such accommodations to be made.

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I. Call to Order: 3:00 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	A
Raymond Gonzales Secretary	P	Maria Marquez	P	Lila Mae Young	P
Vacant Director of Political Development		Diana Ledesma	P	Richard Garcia	P
Hannah Ransdell Director of Student Relations	P	Idalia Rojas	P		
		VACANT		Guests	
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Staff		VACANT			
Alejandra Espinoza Campus Life and Student Learning Manager	A	VACANT			
John Griffin Campus Life Program Assistant	P	VACANT			
Mitch Miller Campus Life Student Center Tech	A	VACANT			
Carmen De La Cruz Campus Life Program Specialist	P	VACANT			
Rebecca Tilger Administrative Technician	A	VACANT			

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Senator Medina; Seconded by Senator Carvelho

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.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

December 18, 2020

Motion by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Secretary Gonzales

Approved with No Abstentions

IV. Presentations and Introductions:

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

ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:

A. YCCD Board Meeting: Jennifer Novoa:

President Novoa reported that Trustee D Martini has resigned from her position, and that MJC's President Houpis will finish his presidential term January 31st, 2021. President Novoa was also thanked by Chancellor Yong for showing interest in being part of the hiring process for the next MJC president. During this meeting, the annual security report was given as there were 12 crimes in 2017, 13 crimes in 2018, 12 crimes in 2019, and the 2020 report will be interesting to see given the virtual semesters. There was also a vote on how the trustee position should be filled, and, given a special election would be costly, it was decided to be open for applications.

- B. AB 705 Taskforce: Diana Ledesma/Lila Mae Young: No report
- C. Academic Senate: Gabriel Barajas: No Report
- D. Accreditation Council: Raymond Gonzales/ Maria Marquez: No report
- E. College Council: Samantha Carvajal:

Vice President Carvajal reported they pushed the mission and vision statements to the next meeting because it was not ready to be discussed at the time. The cc decision making principles are 1. Do what is best for our students. 2. Address social justice and equity. 3. Find a way to “yes”. 4. Be a beacon of hope. These decision-making principles will be enforced in college council whenever discussing and voting on topics for the school and students. There was also an enrollment update that was discussed in which across the state and nation, student enrollment has decreased. The leadership team is currently brainstorming ideas to help motivate students to enroll. Productivity this spring for enrollments is 13.83 which is decent considering the low enrollment of FTES this semester. The district reached 84% of target for FTES for spring 2021 which is a good high number for the school. They are also working on running starfish reports to help cluster sections and courses for students to help identify students that are close to graduating to help that flow continue and help benefit the students by finding the exact classes needed to have them graduate as soon as possible. They are mainly working on strategic ways of what students need pertaining to classes during this time and how to have a higher enrollment for full time equivalent students.

- F. Facilities Council: Maria Marquez/ Diana Ledesma: No report
- G. Student Success and Equity: Jesus Medina/ Gabriel Barajas: No Report
- H. Distance Education: Richard Garcia: No Report
- I. Resource Allocation Committee: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal:

Vice President Carvajal reported In RAC they discussed a lot of budgeting topics such as the RACs budgeting calendars and timelines that pertain mostly to the committee itself. They also touched on the decision-making principles from College Council and saw ways to best fit our own decision-making principles that correlate to college councils but also fit the RAC committee’s purpose. They are currently in the works of getting a document for that first draft. They also went over the governor's budget for 2021-2022. The budget amount is staying flat compared to the 2020-2021 budget but there are also a lot of proposals being put into place, one of them being the proposal for pandemic help with students. Due to the pandemic, they are offering relief for low-income individuals, economic recovery through grants to small business, tax credits, and providing support to

facilitate reopening schools for in person education. There is a highly possible consideration of an Early Action Package to be expected in early Spring to provide targeted investments to populations affected by the pandemic which includes a One-time investment of \$100 million in emergency student financial assistance grants and a One-time resource of \$20 million for retention and re-enrollment strategies. In December 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) which is a \$900 billion economic relief package. This will be released in the spring for students. They also have a proposal to Expand Zero-Textbook Cost Pathways with \$15 million more dollars compared to the 5-million-dollar investment they have already proposed. With the 5-million-dollar investment for these zero textbook cost classes, an average total of 23,00 students will be saving \$42million by 2022. This is just \$5million compared to the proposal of \$15 million we are putting down which will go a long way and help our students tremendously. There is also a \$0.6 million for the CCCCO to coordinate a systemwide antiracism effort and the implementation of the new ethnic studies course requirement in the CSU as it affects community college transfer students.

J. PIT Crew: Amy Carvelho: No report

VI. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:

A. Student Relation Report: Hannah Ransdell

Director Ransdell reported she has been posting a lot on our Instagram and she wanted to say thank you to everyone who has reposted. She will be posting more very soon, so the senate should get ready to start reposting! Her next meeting is scheduled to be on the 28th, but she understands some people may have classes on that day so to everyone that goes to her meeting please text her either privately or in the group chat what days and times they're available so if she needs to change her meeting date/time she can. If the second and fourth Thursday at 4-5 pm works, the senate should tell her, so she knows. In her next meeting they will talk about many things and one which being a valentine's spirit day. The last thing that on her report to was we will be making a video talking about entering the new semester in a non-cheating environment. In this video we will talk about what student lose by cheating and why it isn't the most effective way to getting smarter. She will make a prewritten script and assign everyone a phrase and/or sentence and the senate will record themselves in the blue ASMJC T-shirt. She will be texting band for more updates and details, but we will be making that video very soon and everyone must participate.

B. Vice President Report: Samantha Carvajal

Vice President Carvajal began her report by hoping the senate is having a good start to the new semester. She is in the works of creating a google doc to send out to keep track of terms and abbreviations for committees. This will not only benefit this senate when you do not know the term, but it will also benefit future senators when they begin to join their committee meetings as well.

C. Presidential Report: Jennifer Novoa

President Novoa began her report by wishing the senate a happy first week of the spring semester stating she hopes everyone got into the classes that they wanted and are excited to have another semester under your belt. As the senate knows, the week of the 25th is MLK week, and she just wanted to remind ASMJC that if they are not in class and or working you should be in these events since there are events. Other than that, she knows some of the senate has been emailing her about shared governance and not being able to make your committee meetings. She is in the process of trying to get the new schedule for shared governance since things are different with the structure this semester. If ASMJC members can continue to attend the meetings they were attending last semester, they should email her. She concluded her report by mentioning that ASMJC nominations and elections will be coming up soon, and to keep an eye out for them.

VII. Campus Life Staff Reports:

- A. Campus Life Program Specialist Carmen De La Cruz encouraged the senate to continue promoting the events coming up on social media and in their classes and encouraged them to attend the events as well. She also informed the senate that she is working on a FLOW scheduling sheet that will be finalized in the coming week, so there shouldn't be any confusion as to who is coming on which weeks. She concluded her report by telling the senate that she is proud of them with sticking to their education amidst the pandemic and congratulated those who will be transferring after this semester.

VIII. Adjournment: 3:27 PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place:

February 5, 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.