



Student Senate Meeting

September 18, 2020

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Zoom Conference

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96767835457>

Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Friday September 18, 2020 at 3:00pm through Zoom Conference: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96767835457> 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	Sadie Joy	P	Gabriel Barajas	P
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	Hailey Cordova	P
		VACANT		Guests	
		VACANT		Benjamin Harless <i>Voting member after Appointed</i>	P
		VACANT		Amy Carvelho <i>Voting member after Appointed</i>	P
Staff		VACANT		Emma McNellis	P
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	P	VACANT			
Carmen De La Cruz Campus Life Program Specialist	P	VACANT			
Rebecca Tilger Administrative Technician	A	VACANT			
Bryan Justin Marks Dean of Student Services & Public Relations	A	VACANT			

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Senator Medina

Approved with No Objections

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.

Emma McNellis, Regional Affairs Director of Region V of SSCCC (2 minutes 20 seconds) introduced herself as the Regional Affairs Director from Region V, and to introduce the SSCCC (Student Senate for California Community Colleges) along with the region MJC is in (Region V). McNellis explained that the SSCCC is a nonprofit organization and the official voice for approximately 2.1 million students of the California Community College system, and that the SSCCC is broken up into 10 regions where Region V basically encompasses the entire Central Valley (making it the biggest geographical region). She then explained her roll as the official spokesperson for our region and that there are monthly delegate meetings held where all 12 of the community colleges within our region come to discuss business, legislative policy and advocacy updates, and positive or negative factors affecting the colleges in the region. She emphasized the importance of this given the current situation with COVID-19 and many colleges attempting different strategies for their students, and the importance for the different community colleges to be updated with each other within their regions. McNellis then informed the senate that Modesto does not have a delegate to represent our college at these meetings meaning every decision being made and acted on at the regional level is made without student representation from Modesto. She concluded by stating that she would like to work with the senate as closely as needed to help elect or appoint a delegate for Modesto Junior College, so Modesto has a voice in regional decisions. McNellis added her email and phone number to the chat section on the zoom meeting and added that she would like to hear from the senate, and that she will be in contact President Novoa.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

September 4, 2020

Motion by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Senator Garcia

Approved with one abstention – Senator Joy

IV. Presentations and Introductions: None

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

- A. Appointment of Benjamin Harless to ASMJC Senator
Motioned by Senator Cordova; Seconded by Senator Barajas
Approved with No Abstentions
- B. Appointment of Amy Carvelho to ASMJC Senator
Motioned by Senator Marquez; Seconded by Vice President Carvajal
Approved with No Abstentions
- C. NTE: \$900 for Survey Monkey Annual Subscription (Fund 71)
Motioned by Senator Cordova; Seconded by Senator Young
Approved with No Abstentions
- D. NTE: \$1,500 for Countryside Property Management Storage (Fund 71)
Motioned by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Senator Medina
Approved with No Abstentions
- E. NTE: \$3,000 for Visiting Author Series (Cristina Henriquez) (Fund 71)
President Novoa informed the senate that there was a request from ASMJC to fund this event by a Professor of English to bring a Visiting Author Series over zoom or YouTube Live. She then opened the action item for discussion with the senate emphasizing it would be \$3,000 for the event and that Cristina Hernandez is a first-generation college student.

Senator Rojas asked if this would be the Author speaking to the students.

President Novoa responded by stating that this event would be about an hour of her speaking to the students about how, even if you aren't born in this country, you still have an opportunity to grow and become successful.

Senator Rojas asked if this would be a one-day event, or if it would be a series throughout the semester.

President Novoa responded that the event would be a onetime event and that the fee is for the one hour.

Senator Harless asked if a student may be able to fill this roll, and if rather than Cristina, we would be able to have a student give a motivational zoom session such as this event.

President Novoa responded stating this could potentially be done, however, this was a request from a professor for this specific author.

Senator Joy asked if the written were books about Cristina Hernandez's life and experiences.

Senator emphasized that since MJC has a large Hispanic population this could be helpful to the students.

Vice President Carvajal added that based on the two events prior to this, have had a total of about ten people, and that if this event if approved, it may be, theoretically speaking, "\$3,000 for three people."

Senator Rojas also asked if ASMJC would have the rights to record this event and have it available to the students afterwards on the MJC website.

President Novoa added that this question had not been asked yet, but it should not be a problem since ASMJC is funding it. President Novoa also added that none of the events have been as costly as this one being \$3,000 dollars, and that this money would go solely to the author. She also emphasized this is the student's money and to consider if this is the best option or if the recourses could be directed elsewhere.

One senator added that this would be a great message, however, it would be unknown how many students this would help, and if the money would be worth it in the end.

President Novoa added that out of the three events, our largest being Remembrance Day only had about sixty students because it was a ceremony and other events only received attendance from about ten students. She added that the date and time of this event is still unknown, so it may conflict with many of the student's schedules and class times.

Director Ransdell asked if there was a possibility to push this event to next semester to have the possibility of this event to be in person understanding that student attendance is typically better in person than virtual.

President Novoa added that the maximum amount that ASMJC offers is \$3,000, and that the full fee is not even covered through this approval.

Director Ransdell added that since we would be saving money, we would have to push social media more than we currently have been to spread the word around for attendance, and that if we could record it, this would be an even better deal.

President Novoa reiterated if this would be worth having the speaker online for one hour for the given fee without certainty of being able to record it, the number of students that will attend, or any other logistics.

Senator Harless added that this would approximately be about twenty people (if normal attendance were doubled) and this would essentially be \$150 per person to watch this speaker for one hour.

Senator Rojas asked if when this is approved or unapproved if we would see this item on a future agenda.

President Novoa responded in saying that if this was declined that it may be requested again, but it will not show up again on the agenda if it is voted on.

Senator Barajas added that this is an unpredictable issue where we can not be sure if this event will be worth funding given the unpredictability of student attendance, and asked if this may be able to be pushed forward to a future agenda.

President Novoa explained this must be answered now given the form has already been submitted, and the money is currently being requested.

Secretary Gonzales also asked if this item would be able to be pushed to a future agenda so that the questions being asked have the opportunity to be answered given that we are unsure if ASMJC will have rights to record and post this for student who can not attend, and if not then it may become \$150 per student to see the event, emphasizing that if we could record it students will have access to the recording to their own discretion.

Vice President Carvajal added that if this were recorded how many students would realistically find this resource or will know it is available.

Senator Harless asked what the purpose of the of the professor wanted to bring this author in.

President Novoa added that the professor stated that the author would allow students to engage with a first-generation author with immigrant parents like many of our students.

One senator asked if the author would require her students to attend this meeting.

President Novoa stated this may not be used as an educational tool going off the request form but would be used for all students on campus to be a part of.

Another senator asked if we would have other guest speakers throughout the semester.

President Novoa reminded the senate that ASMJC fund the Positive People Series where there are motivational speakers from our community brought to talk to students at MJC as a free event.

President Novoa added that this fee for the Positive Speaker Series is a bundle for the entirety of the events for each semester, and that no individual fees are paid for by ASMJC.

Motioned by Senator Young; Seconded by Senator Garcia

Approved with No Objections

Roll Call Vote Results: 5 Abstentions (These votes are not counted to the total of yeas or nays)
10 Nays (These votes are to not approve the action item.)

Action Item E is Unapproved Due to Majority Vote

ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:

A. YCCD Board Meeting: Jennifer Novoa:

President Novoa stated that the Chancellor started with his Goals of 2020-2021. Some goals include focusing on underrepresented students to ensure success. He will work closely to build bridges in the community. He will work hard to participate and support the diverse population on campus. Next, the Board Finance committee went over customary items, monthly budget items. Both colleges are doing well to keep the budgets in line regardless of the year to come. Both colleges are also doing very well even though we are down 600 FTEs which according to Trustee Gharat is not bad considering the circumstances. Then the Board Policy committee reported that they invited subject matter experts that worked on aligning all policies and were experiencing some difficulties due to Covid-19. They are looking forward to updates. President Novoa gave her report giving an update and Trustee Gharat thanked us for doing our part in serving the student body. Chad Redwing is working on a draft for credit to prior learning and will be submitted this upcoming week and are hoping to hear more about that soon. Judy Lanchester gave an update on some of the construction going on at MJC. The pool is nearly completed which has been a huge ongoing project, and a major thanks was given to the construction workers who are working on the project. Chancellor Yong gave a huge thanks to the AG students that are taking care of all the animals we have on West Campus. The community thanks all their hard work and efforts ensuring that each unit is

being taken care of. He also mentioned Spring 2021 will be a combination of online, zoom and on campus to ensure student safety. The Chancellor understands not all students can succeed online so that is why some courses will be on campus. Those courses are still being determined. Dr. Houppis gave thanks to the IT department for computer bundles for faculty in need of the technology to teach to the best of their ability. Staff, faculty, and CS were given gratitude for rising to the challenge to ensure student success. Appreciate the support from Chancellor Yong and Board of Trustees. The next meeting will be held on October 14th, 2020.

- B. AB 705 Taskforce: Diana Ledesma/Lila Mae Young: No Report.
- C. Academic Senate: Gabriel Barajas:
The low-cost textbook symbol needs to be created and imputed on the student's schedules and class search so both ZTC (zero cost textbook Symbol) and (low-cost textbook Symbol) can be shown to students. Academic resolution Suzo-C: humanizing language/discourse: to get rid of (oriental) in classes and or anywhere else on campus as this word is offensive to Asian culture.
- D. Accreditation Council: Raymond Gonzales/ Sadie Joy:
There is no report, but the next meeting is scheduled for the following week on September 24th, 2020.
- E. Curriculum Committee: Sadie Joy:
There is no report, but the next meeting is scheduled for the following week.
- F. College Council: Samantha Carvajal
In college council, Jennifer Zellet gave an FTES enrollment report. FTES stands for full time equivalent student. In her report, she showed visually, students who stayed registered for the entire year of year 2018, 2019, and 2020. With the information presented, she then asked for a first reading of getting started with a task force that would create a document to collect data that would help benefit strategic enrollment management. For accreditation, Jenni Abbott touched on the 4 main standards to keeping colleges in line within many aspects. She wants to gather data, create a solid cycle of planning, and draft a calendar to bring to College Council. She also touched on the thought of doing a deeper assessment when it comes to student outcomes to create a more precise review. Finding evidence and including it to the review will help credibility when it comes to showing documentation and the facts are already on there. Dr. James Houppis went over the mission and vision statement and wants to recreate a mission statement that touches on 1. What do you do 2. who do you do it for? 3. Who does it benefit? Chad Redwing brought to the table, information on credit for prior learning. He wants to establish a strong process for the starfish ED plan in that way, those running the program will catch any classes students might have needed to take depending on the college they transfer to.
- G. Facilities Council: Maria Marquez/ Diana Ledesma:
There is no report, however, Senator Marquez will send an email with a survey concerning where the charging stations should be for the electric vehicles on East Campus.
- H. Instruction Council: Hailey Cordova:
There is no report, but the next meeting is scheduled for October 6th, 2020.

I. Student Success and Equity: Jesus Medina/ Gabriel Barajas: No Report

J. Distance Education: Richard Garcia:

The Starfish cost might change significantly and will be watched for change. The IT department and Faculty may not be aware of how much access Starfish gives to the Canvas such as the gradebook. The November meeting will be moved to the 4th from the 11th. NetTutor is also reducing their hours because the FTE pays for it, so FTE is cutting hours due to popularity and are taking away certain functions unless we pay for it. Then they talked about changing the Online Education Mission statement to include equity given the current mission statement is:

“MJC uses current best practices to update and deliver challenging dynamic distance learning opportunities that meet the needs of students in remote locations with diverse home, family and career demands.”

The committee is currently establishing a subcommittee to change the Mission statement, and Senator Garcia was requested to be a participant in the subcommittee to change the Mission statement. There was an update to regular and substantive Contract rules stating:

“The new rule [set to go into effect in July 2021] defines the interaction as meeting the standard if it satisfies at least two of five conditions: providing direct instruction; assessing or providing feedback on a student’s course work; providing information or responding to questions about the content of a course or competency; facilitating a group discussion regarding the content of a course or competency; or other instructional activities approved by the institution’s or program’s accrediting agency.”

Media Share has been updated but will slowly be retired and 3C Media will take its place as the main resource, and the end date for Media Share will be in December. Regular and Effective Contact (REC) methods and example part have been confusing faculty as to if classes would be hybrid, online, or on campus. To help avoid confusion, it was recommended to change “Among Students” to “Between Students” and add a clarifying sentence given among Students is Title 5 language making it confusing.

VI. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:

A. Student Relation Report: Hannah Ransdell

Director Ransdell informed the senate that she is working on a master calendar that will have the upcoming events that ASMJC will be hosting, book club, and senate meetings. This will be sent out to the senate after completion, and she thanked President Novoa for helping her to figure out some of the technical aspects of the calendar. Director Ransdell also explained to the senate she will be chairing the Student Relations Committee after she finds the times and dates that

will work for the senate. She reminded the senators that according to the bylaws they are required to attend one of the meetings (for the Political Development Committee or the Student Relations Committee). Director Ransdell concluded in saying she will hold her meetings twice a month at different times to be flexible with the senators various schedules, and by explaining her committee is to help with promoting events and to better help the students by figuring out what is or is not working.

B. Vice President Report: Samantha Carvajal

Vice President Carvajal is in the process of creating an anonymous survey for both the senators and executives to give more information on how each member of the team can be helped and/or worked with. Specifically, if there are any questions or concerns that want to be talked about as of now to help with the future. Vice President Carvajal also requested the new senators to send their social media information on bad to keep track of who is posting promoting the events.

C. Presidential Report: Jennifer Novoa

President Novoa began with thanking the senate for their patience with being online and apologizing for any confusion to the new senators who have yet to be trained but informed them that they will be able to be trained soon. President Novoa also reminded the senate that book club is on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM and concluded by thanking the senate for their participation.

VII. Campus Life Staff Reports:

- A. Campus Life Program Specialist Carmen De La Cruz thanked those who have attended the virtual events so far, and informed the new member that she will be reaching out to them to have meetings to train them in upcoming meetings and processes of being in ASMJC. She reminded the senate about FLOW and confirmed that ASMJC members can sign up to get the gift cards, so if the senate members are available to go, then they should sign up and possibly help if needed on Wednesdays.
- B. Campus Life Program Assistant John Griffin welcomed the incoming senators to the ASMJC family and emphasized that this team is not about one single member, but it is about the “we” aspect. He then encouraged the new senators to think more about the bigger picture of the organization.
- C. Campus Life Student Center Tech Mitch Miller also welcomed the new senators and introduced himself. He told the senate that he wishes to have the opportunity to meet everyone despite this “strange” year. He also informed that the challenges of this year have helped to move the program forward in directions that were not even believed to be possible. He concluded by stating that Director Ransdell, Senator Medina, and Vice President Carvajal, all did amazing work on Pirates Promotion Day, and that he expects to see the same energy and diligence in the upcoming events.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:11 PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place:

October 2, 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.