



**Special Student Senate
Meeting**
 October 15, 2019
 7:00am-8:00am
 Student Activity Center
 Modesto Junior College, East Campus
 435 College Ave Modesto CA, 95350

Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Tuesday October 15th, 2019 at 7:00am in the Student Activity Center, at Modesto Junior College, East Campus, 435 College Ave Modesto CA, 95350. 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 Mikayla Ramirez, President of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College by phone at (209) 575-6700 or by e-mail at asmjcpresident@my.vosemite.edu for such accommodations to be made.

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- I. Call to Order: 7:06am**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call:**

Executive Officers		Senators		Senators	
Mikayla Ramirez President	P	Isabella Andres	P	Ja ir Pineda	P
Nancy Carranza Vice President	P	Brisa Antunez	P	Brandon Ramos	A
Vanessa Pereyda-Maya Secretary	P	Samantha Carvajal	P	Kaleah Sanders	P
Anthony Guzman Director of Political Development	P	Maria Hernandez	P	Daniela Sarabia	P
Jennifer Novoa Director of Student Relations	P	Gabriela Lopez	P	Enrike Trujillo	P
		Raymond Gonzales	P	Lina Yang	P
		Lucero Mendoza	P	VACANT	
		Lisett Munoz	P	VACANT	
Staff				Guest	
Alejandra Espinoza Campus Life and Student Learning Manager	P			<i>See Attachment</i>	
Megan Lee Campus Life Specialist	A				
John Griffin Campus Life Program Assistant	A				
Mitch Miller Campus Life Student Center Tech	A				
Bryan Justin Marks Dean of Student Services & Public Relations	A				

IV. Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Senator Antunez. Seconded by Senator Carvajal.

Approved with No Objections.

- V. 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 Ramirez.*

Al Smith, MJC Professor (1 minute 38 seconds) asked if ASMJC normally has meetings at 7am in the morning. He further stated it makes it difficult for people to attend who might want to. After President Ramirez stated that this was the only time that the entire senate could meet and there was a day requirement for the ad hoc committee of 14 days. Professor Smith went on to ask if there was any other reason for the meeting at this time. President Ramirez again said no. He further stated that you (ASMJC) are deciding to have a meeting in the morning when most people can't make it so people can't be here to support this particular issue. He further stated that you guys (ASMJC) are trying to fast track the removal of one particular senator. He further stated you (ASMJC) are trying to railroad a particular senator for questionable reasons under questionable proceedings and this is the only item on the agenda.

* ASMJC Bylaws (Article XIV, Section 2, Clause A, Sub-section C): *Any Student Senate hearing shall be considered a special meeting with the removal being the only order of business.*

Cecilia Sobarzo, MJC Classified Employee (25 seconds) stated that she agreed with Professor Smith and that this meeting is out of place when you have members that can't be here to support your (ASMJC) actions.

Student's Name Unknown, MEChA Co-Chair (30 seconds) stated that she stands here today in solidarity with Lucero. She further stated that out of all the ASMJC Senators, Lucero, she is the only one that is reaching out to clubs and students and she is the only one making things happen outside these four wall (referring to the Student Activities Office).

Demitrius Hiyood (Student), the ICC Representative for the Black Student Union, (30 seconds) stated that the meeting was being recorded live on Facebook and then he commented that he was there to support Lucero with all his heart, and by seeing what Lucero has done, she should not be in this position, and instead she should be recognize for her hard work and that there are other reasons why a senator should be remove and stated that it's not Lucero.

Naomie Gutierrez, former MEChA-Co-Chair and former MJC Student (47 seconds) stated that it is clear based on the heads that showed up at 7:00am that we support Lucero and she should not be in this position. She continued by stating not only that the wrongful termination just goes to show the character of you all (ASMJC), not Lucero's. She states to please take note of all that are here because we all believe in her (Lucero).

Dr. Teresa Rojas, MJC Professor (46 seconds) stated that she is Lucero's mentor and that she was pretty outraged by having to be here today but she is here. She mentions she has read the so called charges and that just seems absolutely ridiculous to her. She says Lucero is one of my most outstanding students. She states she does not mentor all students. She mentor two students and Lucero is one of them. She also states that if she were here whatever happens here today she wouldn't know if she would want to continue being a senator. She further stated she really loves ASMJC and works very closely with ASMJC but stated she really doesn't know why we are here today.

Cindy Barragan Lopez, former ASMJC President and former MJC Student (1 minute 20 seconds) stated she was pretty shocked that all of this was going on. A lot of our (ASMJC) success and turn-a-round came here. Five years ago, ASMJC was not like this, it was very corrupt and very white and white dominated. She states she is confused as to what is going on. She states she is not an enemy, she is with you guys (speaking to the audience). She says, this feels very scary to her and she is terrified and that she is shacking. She also said that this is a lot of hate and rage and it is really unexpected of people. She has never experienced anything like this. She continues by stating she is hoping for your guys (audience) understanding. She further stated she knows it can be hard but let's here the senate out. She says she know your anger (the audience) but let's just be kind.

Ariana Gonzales, MJC Counselor (1 minute 50 seconds) stated she is one of the counselors that works with Lucero and she has been involved in some of our (ASMJC) projects and that she is very proud for the work that you (ASMJC) have done. She says she was really shocked when Lucero came to her and that she (Lucero) was on probation and being fast tracked for removal. Ariana mentions Lucero has been involved in undocually, bringing in ASMJC Senator prospective. She (Lucero) not only thinks about Latinx issues but people in other communities that are underrepresented. Ariana also mentions Lucero is also a liaison to the Latina Leadership Network. She states she is appreciated of everyone being showing their support. She further stated there has been no rage only love. She also stated that we (ASMJC) are accountable to our guiding documents and our constitution. She states she was looking at ASMJC's constitution under discipline and all the things that stand out Lucero hasn't violated. She says that when you think about community, Lucero defines community. She also stated that she met her (Lucero) last year at HEC when she was brand new to MJC. Very quickly she got involved. She knows people, she gets to know faculty, staff, students. She really makes people feel like they belong at MJC. Ariana thinks to get to this point, she doesn't know how we got here. She says your (ASMJC) own founding documents show this is all out of order. She continues by stating that when we look at the agreements she (Lucero) signed she has no points against her. When we look at due process, her due process has been violated. Ariana thinks that is something important for you to consider as a senate.

Cecilia Sobarzo, MJC Classified Employee (1 minute 35 seconds) spoke for a second time. She stated she met Lucero this past summer through the Hispanic Education Conference. I see you guys (ASMJC) sitting at the table and not even knowing what's going on at this table. Cecilia continues by saying that when she happened to run into Lucero on a volunteer basis, she is volunteering on a volunteer basis on an event we are offering to our community and now she is sitting here at a table on the basis of being removed for some of the things that she is

volunteering that are mandatory but she is still volunteering. She says she is here in support. She also states she has two kids and had to shift her day in order to come here and support Lucero. She (Cecilia) wanted to make sure that she (Lucero) knew she was not standing alone and she wanted her to know she had a voice. Cecilia states she is here in solidarity with her and everybody else that is here to support her.

Dr. Teresa Rojas, MJC Professor interject and stated it's not out of hate it's out of love. Its 100% out of love. She does not just get up at 5:30am for anyone. (This response was met with many vocal yeses, laughter and snaps from the audience).

Tracey Potts, MJC Counselor (1 minute 6 seconds) stated that he has to have a conversation with her (referring to Lucero) at some point about what she learned from this experience. Mr. Potts stated that he was asking you (ASMJC) that same question. What are you learning from this experience he asked? He went on to say our fundamental responsibility on this campus is to do one thing for you and that is to teach you to think. More importantly to teach you to think critically. He states that it is not his job here to tell ASMJC it's my way or the high way. It is his job here to make sure that ASMJC is making our own decisions and that we are growing as individuals and growing as students. He continues by stating that this is your (ASMJC) campus, all of us here, faculty and staff we are here to serve you. Not tell you what to do but ask you what you want to do.

Zola Hayes (Student) Inner-Club Council (ICC) Chair (1 minute 17 seconds)

Zola commented that there are some accusations on the table and that she thinks that are entirely unfounded and that she is really proud of the clubs, faculty and students that came to share their voice. She advised that the board thinks very hard and critically just as Tracey Potts said about this decision and that it's not one to be taken lightly. She has faith in ASMJC, because of having worked with ASMJC very extensively this year. She has faith that you (ASMJC) will make the right decision. She stated she has seen Lucero grow and that she first met her in the honors program. She is a remarkable young woman and no matter what happens we will come out of this together as a student body and she stated (to the audience) that she was really proud of them all being here.

Unidentified Speaker, MEChA Club Member (37 seconds) commented that she barely met Lucero being in MEChA this semester. She went on to say she does not know a lot but when she sees Lucero at ASMJC events she always has a smile and energy that makes her feel something. Sometimes she sees other members of ASMJC and they are just walking around but Lucero has this thing going on where she is like "hi" or "how are you". This speaker just wanted to say she is really out there and she thinks that is really important. She states she (Lucero) is such a strong asset to you (ASMJC). Whatever comes out of this if it's a loss, it will be a loss to you guys (ASMJC). She continues by stating that they come here with love, they don't come here with any aggression. She just feels with Lucero here she is a very strong asset for you guys (ASMJC).

Alex ????? Student, Public Relations Officer MEChA (1 minute 37 seconds) commented that she is present standing in solidarity with Lucero. She met Lucero last semester in MEChA and she was always warm and always welcoming and she still is every time she sees her. She states that she was reading one of our guidebooks on what ASMJC stands for and one of the things she

had read was that part of the job of being in ASMJC is to embody and to strengthen clubs and other programs within the school and she feels because Lucero is being considered for removal well she is the embodiment of what that means. She went on to say that is taking a strong leg away of your guys club. She says they trust whatever decision ASMJC makes and there is a reason for whatever that is whether it's what they want or don't want. She just knows Lucero has a lot of strengths and she is a huge advantage to you guys (ASMJC). She continues by saying that if ASMJC does vote her out, ASMJC is losing big time. She knows with her being in leadership here she sees her doing the most essentially with everything we do. She even does outside what is required of her.

Maria Mondragon, Student, MEChA ICC Representative (1 minute 53 seconds) commented that she had a good conversation with Lucero last year when she told us she was going to be part of ASMJC. Maria says that when she said it, she said it with pride. She was going to be a part of the school even more than she was already. She's doing the club thing, she's doing the school thing and it's like to take this away from her she thinks it will damage her more as a student and it would rip her of the memory of being with it. She states that when you get that pride taken away you feel demoted and unappreciated. Nobody should come from ASMJC and feel they have done nothing right and nothing to help students because she has. Maria then states that when she comes around she is always saying "hey guys don't forget, ASMJC is having this or ASMJC is having that". She has always been a person that shows she can do whatever she wants. You guys (ASMJC) always look down or say you have to do a job. ASMJC is not a job its student leadership.

Al Smith, MJC Professor (41 seconds) spoke for a second time stating that if this was a job interview she (Lucero) would be hired and yet you guys (ASMJC) are sitting here talking about a way to get rid of her. He went on to state that no one here has gotten angry and that they are all here out of love, they are here out of support, they are not trying to be disruptive or anything like that, they are just seeking some kind of justice. He further stated that what justice means is that someone gets supported when they do the right thing and someone gets reported if they stumble. Professor Smith doesn't think there would be the support here is someone stumbled. All he sees is people talking about all the right things that have been done and like he said before, if this was a job interview she'd be hired, she'd be in no problems.

Tracey Potts, MJC Counselor (50 seconds) spoke for a second time and says that justice is what love looks like in public and let's be careful when we throw around the term leadership. In order to be a leader it takes courage, you have to have courage, you have to have a moral compass, you have to have aspirational ethics and you don't play politics. Mr. Potts then read a quote from Fred Henry "we understand that politics is nothing but war without bloodshed and war is nothing but politics with bloodshed" Mr. Potts then stated be careful young people, everybody is watching

Eric Anthony Ivory, MJC Counselor (25 seconds) commented that he has worked with MJC over the years to do Pow Wows. He thinks this body has an opportunity to create positive change out of whatever reason why we are here so let's create the positive change. Mr. Ivory went on to say that there was a lot of positive energy in this room right now.

VI. Approval of Previous Minutes:

October 4th, 2019

Motion by Vice President Carranza. Seconded by Senator Antunez.

Approved with No Objections

VII. Presentations and Introductions: None

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

a. ASMJC Senator Removal

President Ramirez presented the information that was gather in the Ad Hoc Committee and was open for questions or clarification by the ASMJC Senate, not for cons or pros statements.

Senator Gabriela stated that the information presented during Remembrance Day about senator Lucero leaving at 7am was not true because she claims that Lucero and herself left to West Campus at 10am.

Senator Lucero, asked if the information presented was the same one that was given to her on the 30 day probation document?

President Ramirez reply no, because the information presented was the information gather by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Senator Lucero stated that the Ad Hoc Committee is designed on the allegation already presented, not to add more narrative that was created.

Senator Lucero mention that the information presented about being late to summer trainings didn't have dates or times.

Senator Maria agreed with senator Lucero on being late 10 minutes during summer training, because she was late too.

Senator Lucero mention that it was interesting the inconvenience when we have proven it is printed on the paper.

Senator Lucero agreed that she was late and absent to several summer training and that she has text messages and prove of the notice that was given for absences that she had.

During Club Rush in East Campus, Senator Lucero said that she didn't only shutout MEChA and BSU, she said that she went to every single table and asked for their name and gave them a shutout, she stated that she did it such times that Director Jennifer Nova asked her to stop with the announcements, because she got to the point that she was being too loud.

Dancing during Remembrance Day, Senator Lucero asked why she wasn't pulled to the side and call her in about being too loud or disrespecting. She also stated that in her acknowledgement she was playing music but not dancing inappropriate.

Neglecting ASMJC events and not in office hours due to preparing for the senator event. She stated that this event was given to her two weeks in advance and she was asked to attend Constitution event, which was not mandatory or was during her office hours, while dealing with presenters' meeting schedule and having to submit results to Alejandra Espinoza, So, you're asking me to do all this when there are six people outside helping? She send a group text message letting everyone know that she wasn't going to be able to be there, or will try to help as much as she can.

Not being available at FLOW, senator Lucero stated that she have two notices, in which were presented at the probation form. Lucero's question was regarding the phone call, she said she send a text message, where she added "A reminder, and if it was communicated properly" because she knew there was a lack of communication between the executive and because she heard rumors about it that same day.

Senator Lucero asked, you asked me to call you at 8:30pm when I live in Patterson, would you say that's a professional time to call anybody out side of hours outside of office?

President Ramirez reply by saying that it was just a conversation, in which she does to the rest of the girls.

Senator Lucero stated that they don't have that type of relationship for President Ramirez to call her after hours.

Senator Lucero asked that why was the assumption that the rumors were given by her? She said that that the rumors are not true and that she did not make them, she did let Alejandra Espinoza and Bryan Justin Marks know that she didn't trust the executive team at the moment.

Senator Maria question the screenshot was cut off.

Senator Jair stated that she has never neglected any events and that those assumptions do not go with her.

He also mention that during Remembrance Day, he was with her and he states that she wasn't dancing in a disrespectful way.

Senator Lina agreed with Senator Jair. She said that the dancing didn't have nothing to do with Remembrance Day, and that she believes that everyone was tired and with no energy, no motivation to do anything and Lucero was just trying to spark some positive energy, and she thinks that is was a lack of communication.

There was a question of what the original allegations were.

Senator Lucero answered by reading the paper, saying late to two summer training, late to 1 summer training, reschedule one on one do to Summer Sonata, reschedule but left to meet with Jennie, conversation with Alejandra, Kayla, and Lucero about behavior, Dancing during Remembrance Day, leaving Remembrance Day, Neglecting ASMJC Events, me vs mindset, and not being able to attend FLOW.

Senator Jair stated that he was not clear of why things are like this. He states that these things are important but are minor things and why are these things leading us to this? He thinks that it is injustice for seeing everything that she has done.

President Ramirez replied by saying that senator Lucero was given a 30 day probation. She also mentioned that this hasn't been the first time the executives have done this, it was presented to the Director of Political Development, and this is a helping tool to fix behavior.

Senator Maria asked if it was hard to communicate with her before, at the moment that this behavior was happening or was it just accumulating to do it at the end?

President Ramirez replied by saying that it was brought to her attention from members of the executive team that had conversations with her.

Senator Gabriela was concerned that if this information was gather before and after the point system was presented that if that would affect them later on to them.

President Ramirez replied no, because the absences or lateness points are not being taken out, it's just information that was gather and behaviors that were being made.

Senator Lisett also had a question with the point system, she stated that if her calculations were correct and she would subtract all the points that she would miss for the things listed she would still have 3 points left, and that the is not even enough to use the point system to remove her.

Senator Lina states that everything is just a lack of communication, and it's not about pointing fingers of who did what.

Senator Jair stated that we all need to think deeply of what was said and be justice.

Motion to Approve a Secret Ballot by Director Novoa. Seconded by Senator Antunez.
Approved with No Objections

Motion to approve the approval of a Secret Ballot by Senator Pineda. Seconded by Senator Hernandez.

Ballot Results: 16 Yes (In favor of proceeding to a hearing)
 2 No (In favor of not having a hearing)

IX. ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees: None

- X. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports: None**
- XI. Campus Life Staff Reports: None**
- XII. Adjournment: 8:10am**



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	Name (Print)	Name (Signature)	ASMJC	MJC Student	MJC Staff	Guest
1	Jennifer Novoa	Jennifer Novoa	✓			
2	Zola Hays	Zola Hays		✓		
3	As Smith	As Smith			FKerry	
4	Kassandra Hernandez	Kassandra Hernandez		✓		
5	Ignacio Quezada	Ignacio Quezada				✓
6	Bryanna Morales	Bryanna Morales		✓		
7	Matthew Kingdon	Matthew Kingdon		✓		
8	Juan Ramón Mariscal	Juan Ramón Mariscal		✓		
9	Kasi Rae Lindsey	Kasi Lindsey		✓		
10	Kelli Lindsey	Kelli Lindsey		✓		
11	Alejandra Lahderos	Alejandra Lahderos		✓		
12	Carmen Galvez	Carmen Galvez		✓		
13	Naomie Gutierrez	Naomie Gutierrez				✓
14	Dimitri Hiyood	Dimitri Hiyood		✓		
15	TERESA ROJAS	TERESA ROJAS	Faculty			
16	ARIANA GONZALEZ	ARIANA GONZALEZ				
17	Alejandra Espinoza	Alejandra Espinoza		adviser	✓	
18	Luisito Vireyes	Luisito Vireyes	✓			
19	Kateah Sanders	Kateah Sanders	✓			
20	Gabriela Lopez	Gabriela Lopez	✓			
21	Maria Hernandez	Maria Hernandez	✓			
22	Daniella Savabia	Daniella Savabia	✓			
23	Isabella Andres	Isabella Andres	✓			
24	Samantha Carraval	Samantha Carraval	✓			
25	Anthony Guzman	Anthony Guzman	✓			
26	Lina Jimenez	Lina Jimenez	✓			
27	Nancy Carranza	Nancy Carranza	✓			
28	Valeria Jimenez	Valeria Jimenez	✓			
29	Brisa Antunez	Brisa Antunez	✓			
30	Raymond Gonzalez	Raymond Gonzalez	✓			
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