



Student Special Senate Meeting

June 1, 2020
1:00PM - 1:30PM
Zoom Conference

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Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 1:00pm through Zoom Conference:

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I. Call to Order: 1:05 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Executive Officers		Senators		Senators	
Jennifer Novoa President	P	Eduardo Valencia	P	Alexis Sanchez	P
Samantha Carvajal Vice President	P	Jesus Medina	P	Hannah Ransdell	L
Raymond Gonzales Secretary	P	Sadie Joy	P	VACANT	
Vacant Director of Political Development		Maria Marquez	P	VACANT	
Vacant Director of Student Relations		Diana Ledesma	A	VACANT	
		VACANT		Guests	
		VACANT		Gabriel Barajas <i>Voting member after Appointed</i>	L
		VACANT		Lila Mae Young <i>Voting member after Appointed</i>	P
Staff		VACANT		Carmen De La Cruz	P
Alejandra Espinoza Campus Life and Student Learning Manager	P	VACANT			
John Griffin Campus Life Program Assistant	P	VACANT			
Mitch Miller Campus Life Student Center Tech	A	VACANT			
Rebecca Tilger Administrative Technician	A	VACANT			
Bryan Justin Marks Dean of Student Services & Public Relations	A	VACANT			

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Secretary Gonzales; Seconded by Vice President Carvajal

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.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes:

May 14, 2020

Motion by Senator Medina; Seconded by Senator Joy

Approved with No Objections

V. Presentations and Introductions: None

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

- a. Appointment of Gabriel Barajas to Senator
Motion to Move Forward to Action Items b Before Action Item a by Senator Marquez;
Seconded by Secretary Gonzales
Approved with No Objections
Motion to appoint Gabriel Barajas to Senator by Senator Joy; Seconded by Vice President Carvajal
Approved with No Objections
- b. Appointment of Lila Mae Young to Senator
Motioned by Senator Medina; Seconded by Secretary Gonzales
Approved with No Objections
- c. NTE: \$200 for Social Distancing Decals (Fund 71)
Motioned by Senator Joy; Seconded by Secretary Gonzales
Approved with No Objections

VII. ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:

- a. YCCD Board Meeting (Jennifer Novoa)
President Novoa reported Susan Yeager summarized the write up for the 2020-2021 Budget. She mentioned that the USA is in a full-blown recession and unemployment is very high and expected to eliminate 3 million jobs in California. This means if the YCCD budget were cut by 24% that would cut over 1 million dollars. What this looks like for the

college is still under revision, but everyone is being affected by COVID and everyone is using their emergency reserves. Recovery could take up to 4 to 5 years. Also, Jillian Daly mentioned she and many of the deans are working hard to make adjustments on remote learning based on ASMJC Town Hall concerns, and the next YCCD board meeting will be held June 10th, 2020.

b. Advisory Taskforce for Reopening MJC (Jennifer Novoa)

President Novoa reported this meeting they went over the main focus groups that they need to look at in order for us to reopen MJC. The first thing they talked about was in order to open they have to look at low risk majors and Majors that would be considered essential especially in a time like this. The example that was given was nursing because of the fact that it will produce more healthcare workers and nursing student spend a lot of time together on West Campus in the same building (there would be little contamination). The next thing that was looked at was the health of the campus, they talked about how important it was to stay home if it is possible, and in future meetings they will discuss how they were going to determine what certificates and degrees can or cannot be delivered during this time because of classes that need to be in person. They also questioned the topic of masks and determining if MJC will provide masks for the students or if homemade masks will be allowed. Dr. Houppis mentioned Budget concerns, for support staff and technology needed for staff and students, and they talked about student workers and if they can change their assignments to remote so they can continue to work. They also mentioned professional development and how they can train professors so that they can move to remote learning effectively. Lastly, it was established that the executive cabinet and college Council will have the final say on when it will be safe enough to open up the campus again, and their next meeting is to be decided.

c. PIT Crew (Samantha Carvajal)

Vice President Carvajal reported, in the last PIT crew meeting, they discussed New Student Day school presentations. These presentations are focusing on students who don't know their major and on finding ways to pinpoint the best school for students. The presentations are for students who are new to Modesto Junior College, so either high school graduates or new members. They are doing this through a program that has an assessment to see what characteristics you have based on the Holland code. They are trying to make this interactive with students by creating a website in the future but as of now they are just doing workshops. This is going to be very helpful for students who are undecided on what they want to do in the future and after the workshops, they plan on doing an open house of MJC.

d. Lean in from the Middle (Jennifer Novoa)

President Novoa reported that Lean in from the Middle is a subcommittee from PIT crew, and their main topic was New Student Day. This focused on remote/online learning and how it can be better (how to enhance student learning). The questions brought up during the meeting were "what time should New Student Day be" and "How can students engage in New Student Day (how can they be more informed about it)?" They also talked about how social media will be a big platform for promoting, and possibly using different Zoom links for different schools (majors), such as school of business, school of health, or school of nursing.

e. Advisory Taskforce for Reopening MJC: CAS Subcommittee (Raymond Gonzales)

Secretary Gonzales reported this subcommittee is chaired by Sarah Shrader, the Interim Vice President of College and Administrative Services, and on May 20th, 2020 they had

their first meeting, the purpose of this subcommittee is to focus on how they can plan on a remote environment, and what operations would be defined as essential at what points throughout the fall semester. They included the college does have some leeway because it is up to the individual colleges to define what is essential, so they will help decide what is best in the factors of safety with students and faculty, and what precautionary measures should be taken. This came down to the main points; what PPE (personal protective equipment) would be needed for facilities, building a plan for fall (that can be extended to spring if necessary), about a 10% reduction in funding (due to the economy), and what facilities can be held open (which buildings should be operational and east or west campus to minimize utilities, and how they can maintain social distancing while being flexible). It was also stated, this is one of three taskforces working on a parallel timeline, with Instruction and Student Services. This subcommittee will focus on how bookstore, food services, and the business office will work to help students, along with the duplicating and mailing rooms for staff and faculty. To ensure they are doing this efficiently they will also be working with HR to develop the plan and possibly using Columbia's "Return to Work Document" as an outline, then adjusting so they work for MJC. For this to work, they will also have to consider the following; students on campus, taking out (or restricting) tables where students would be in close proximity, weather conditions (students may not be able to be outside constantly), and what students will need from the bookstore, food services, and business office with times open, and how to serve. The following week on May 27th, 2020, the subcommittee reported on their listening townhall to hear concerns, however, most of the questions were for the other subcommittees, so there was little to no feedback. Regarding bookstore, some copyright laws have been loosened for the duration of the pandemic, and the bookstore may be able to print packets for classes for a lower charge. There were a couple questions discussed within the subcommittee regarding precautions they will be taking, and there will be trainings for those who work at MJC on procedures with the virus, social distancing (tape placement), and making signs so people understand how to take personal precaution. Finally, they also spoke of regulations for working from home if someone; has children, has or is prone to respiratory illness/sinus infections, and how to go about having COVID and addressing it at a workplace.

VIII. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:

- a. President Report: Jennifer Novoa
President Novoa thanked the senate for their patience with the technical aspects of the Zoom meeting, and reminded the senate there is training right after the meeting. President Novoa also mentioned training will begin to have more to do with the business part of ASMJC, and that if it seems overwhelming the Executives will be open to any questions. President Novoa ended with a final reminder that the videos that are to be posted on campus life are due to Vice President Carvajal by Wednesday and if there are any questions (or help required) to feel free to ask.

IX. Campus Life Staff Reports:

- a. Advisor Report: Alejandra Espinoza
Advisor Alejandra Espinoza reiterated what President Novoa said in thanking the senate for being patient with training and with attendance. Advisor Espinoza also reminded the returners that shared governance reports should be sent to Secretary Gonzales for

reference. She also mentioned the kiosk will be open next week to give student ID's and stickers to students, and that the senate should receive an email make time to go on campus to office on East Campus to pick up items regarding ASMJC.

X. Adjournment: 1:28 PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place on:

Meeting as needed
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* 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.