



**Student Senate Meeting**

February 19, 2021

3:00PM - 5:00PM

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 Friday February 19, 2021 at 3:00pm through Zoom Conference: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98771924627> 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](mailto:asmjcpresident@my.yosemite.edu) for such accommodations to be made.

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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	Lila Mae Young	P
Raymond Gonzales Secretary	P	Maria Marquez	P		
Vacant Director of Political Development		Diana Ledesma	P		
Hannah Ransdell Director of Student Relations	P	Idalia Rojas	P		
		VACANT		<b>Guests</b>	
		VACANT		Bruce Twersky	A
		VACANT			
<b>Staff</b>		VACANT			
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			
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.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

**February 5, 2021**

Motion by Senator Carvelho; Seconded by Secretary Gonzales

*Approved with No Abstentions*

**Presentations and Introductions:**

Bruce Twersky - Associated Student Benefits

A video was played in the presenter's stead that explained the benefits of his app to potentially increase student engagement, offer coupons to students, and send notifications to students for upcoming events and meetings. He then explained three different programs he offers such as this. ASMJC members had several questions including:

Is there a cancellation fee if we decide we don't like the app?

How well would this work with, in terms of, transferring data from the ASMJC website to the app?

How will this provide more student engagement than we currently have?

After discussing these questions, it was agreed upon by the senate that this app would not add anything new to the work ASMJC already does, and the senate will not be proceeding for future use of the app.

**IV. Action Items (Items to be voted on):**

**ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:**

A. YCCD Board Meeting: Jennifer Novoa

President Novoa reported that Dr. B has officially been appointed as interim president for

MJC, as Doctor Houpis's last day what is January 31st. She mentioned that \$9,575,504 is allocated to MJC for COVID-19 relief and another round will be given of \$20,615,809 four MJC students. Also, Judy Lancaster reported that over 20 campus projects have been completed since 2019. Our VP of student services will be retiring after 22 and a half years of service as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, along with Maintenance Specialist Craig Puckett after 16 years of service, and Campus Safety Advisor Bill Watts after 14 and a half years of service as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

B. AB 705 Taskforce: Diana Ledesma/Lila Mae Young

Senator Young reported Christian Million, showed a table of intro transfer level information excel sheet. Other colleges hire people and other teachers to work and run their tutoring centers. Some with a master's degree but with a bachelor's degree that run the tutoring programs. Also talked about a supplementary course data collection tool for Math and English also with tutors. Presented about throughput year clock that is form fall to summer. Also access to in enrollment and success the students are having if they failed a class having to go back and retake the course is a lot harder to get in. 1,2,3-year throughput rates. Considered throughput if they finished math course. The last bars are the same because they have not had time to count it form 2017 it went from 10% to 2020 30%. Ab705 left a gap in legislation in what to do with stem students if they do not have algebra 2 class.

C. Accreditation Council: Raymond Gonzales/ Maria Marquez

Secretary Gonzales reported they met on the 18th and they had three items on the agenda which were roles and responsibilities of participatory governance at MJC, the quality focus essay (QFE) survey, and the midterm report timeline. with the roles and responsibilities of participatory governance at MJC, they started by explaining that the new structure would include one main group and then follow with smaller working groups so that the main groups would meet quorum and be able to pass items easier, and the working group would be pics or delegated accordingly from the main group. It was also asked that ASM JC create a model so that projects will be passed down to the next term of leaders, but they did clarify that with the new leaders they are trained to be able to perform in the shared governance committees accordingly with the help of the senate and members on the committees. They then went over that the goal is to collaborate and not to just have the biggest voice in the room, and right the terms for the committees will be two years except for ASM JC and potentially be renewable so that the same people will be able to work in the same committees year after year. Jennifer Zellet also brought

up shadow participants or people who can fill in for others at the committees in the event that someone can't make it so that quorum is still met in business can still be done. She also has a meeting with the chancellor to talk about the language and make sure that everything is clear enough for people to understand what is going on when it comes to important documents. With the survey there has been two additional responses since April and the goal is to figure out with group needs to be able to increase participation, make it understandable, and make it visual for people to understand. This will help the group move forward and the group will also begin a template to better map out what's going on. Regarding the midterm report timeline the questions they have to consider are "do we have a plan?" and "do you know how you're going to get back on track?" so during our next meeting, they will be working on a Google doc to find evidence relating to the midterm report , and an added bonus is that all of the evidence will be as hyperlinks so they won't be turning in a file that is probably over 100 pages.

D. College Technology Committee: Maria Marquez

Senator Marquez reported it was mentioned the roles and responsibilities in the communities and made clear about the positions open for each member, everyone can join but they will not be voting members. Having the meeting schedule by once a month and two hours per meeting. There is money coming in for the Technology class, and have it worked out and planned. Having to know what can work in the Tech Class and have participants in the live classroom to make progress and help both facilities and students feel in an actual classroom. There is a Instructional Space Technology Standards form where there is all the material needed along with the expenses and have to stick with these standards in order to know what is needed. (Approved 11/15/2018) The committee needs feedback from ASMJC Senators for classroom Technology on what students expect or want for the Classroom? Windows 7 Computer Replacement Update- There were 7 carts of computers that are needed to be changed for safety and updates. The Camera policy- going to the senate to see an update on the policy and come back with an update. Updating mission statement on the college page. Both catalogue and lots of lounge are moving forward and have them presented on March 2nd. Continuing to work with Tech Services installing classroom computers and repairing AV systems. The installments include SCC114, CAT 108 shooting simulator, Baseball sound system, and assessing stadium sound system following MID issue.

E. College Council: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal

Vice President Carvajal reported the college council meeting was short, but they did

discuss a big topic which was the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) II Spending Plan. In this spending plan, we are receiving 20.6 million dollars to cover emergency relief funds for the school. The money for these funds will go into things such as Instructional technology for virtual, IT Infrastructure o Instructional Technology o Virtual Classrooms, Cover shortfall in Bookstore, Cover shortfall in Food Services, Cover shortfall in the Parking Fund with the caveat that students will not have to pay for parking during the Fall 2021 term, and more that they will discuss on. There was also a Facilities Council Recommendations for: Beckwith Farms Ag Residence Painting Project and Outdoor Weight Room Project. The Ag department has an area they would like to put a mural on which will cost \$70,000 and for the weight room, they would like to include an outdoor weight room to give football players a designated area to warm up and rest after games. That is all, thank you.

F. Facilities Council: Maria Marquez/ Diana Ledesma: No Report

G. Student Success and Equity: Jesus Medina: No report

H. Resource Allocation Committee: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal

Vice President Carvajal reported they discussed mainly updates within RAC itself and the fiscal updates for the year. Pertaining to students, there was some information mentioned about a high flex classroom setting. They are currently still in the works on that but as of now they are focusing on bigger lecture classes to place these high flex atmospheres in. A high flex classroom is where you are given the opportunity to either join a lecture live or zoom in with the lecture. This will not only be for the duration of the pandemic but also a long term change with technology and the way classrooms are ran. They are currently in the process of getting funds to invest in this technology. They also mentioned holding a staff hall where students can come and ask questions about this new innovative way of learning so if that follows through,

I. Online Education Committee: Amy Carvelho

Senator Carvelho reported the Online Education Committee Meeting took place on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021, from 1:00 PM (commencement) to 3:00 PM (adjournment). The meeting began with a review of the online [classes] definitions formulated by the Ad-Hoc Online Definitions Committee, which included the term “HyFlex.” Discussion on this topic consisted mainly of how to categorize “HyFlex,” its implications, the impact it would have on the students (those learning the definition as well as those who would be unable to go to campus), implementation/piloting of it in the fall, etc. This was followed by discussion on required camera usage for students and its

legal implications, as well as discussion on Proctorio. There was a transition into updates on the topics of name change requests and video captioning before announcements on the availability of Zoom and Canvas webinars for students, the presence of the upcoming Latinx Comic Arts Festival, and the invitation for faculty members to participate in a professional development program designed to humanize STEM were made. The OEC Mission Statement Ad-Hoc Committee was created, and a request for student representatives to participate was placed. The main “takeaways” were the following: continued 24/7 phone service, work to be done on the technology as well as online definitions, and plans to pilot “HyFlex” (which may be done in the near future). The next meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

J. Instruction Council: Ida Rojas

Senator Rojas reported they had a the SOAA presented to the council as a new business item. The Scale of Adoption Assessment (SOAA) is a document to help the college develop and refine a plan for implementing guided pathways at scale at our college. This document is for planning purposes only, as the official SOAA will be completed in the Chancellor’s Office NOVA system by the project leads. The Instruction Council was asked to share this document to and to review the document and look into the areas of your interest. This is not a document the Instruction Council votes on, but the Instruction Council can give input for Rob and Jennifer to take back to the College Council. For our continuing business item, the Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process workgroup revision presented the revised changes made to the current Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process document. As a point of reference, changes in the document are in purple font for last year’s changes and orange colored font for this year’s changes. The Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process form was unanimously approved in its perfected form. They also had an informational item about the Off-Cycle Hire Position coming due to the emergency retirement in History and in accordance with the Instruction Council’s approved procedures for this sort of circumstance, it was recommended in Dean’s Cabinet that the college hires a full-time permanent History/Ethnics Studies Instructor. The application for this off-cycle position will be posted on the Instructor Council website soon. Next Instruction Council will be for the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

V. **ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:**

- A. Student Relation Report: Hannah Ransdell: No Report
- B. Vice President Report: Samantha Carvajal: No Report
- C. Presidential Report: Jennifer Novoa

President Novoa requested for ASM JC members to send which committee there in an if source with their schedule so she can move people around if they need to add ensure that everyone is on a committee especially with the structure changing. She mentioned that she is also having a meeting on Monday with one of the Deans who will help her go over the changes in shared governance. President Novoa then reminded the Senate of Grade checks coming up the following week and they have to be turned in to John, and told Masonic machines having fun during book club and that she's proud of everyone for being so involved with it. She concluded by reminding MSNBC members that nominations will be closing March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM and requesting that they reach out to 10 students each can send the list of students to Vice President Carvajal after they reach out to them. This is very important to fill seats for the upcoming year as some current members will not be returning.

## **VI. Campus Life Staff Reports:**

- A. **Campus Life Program Specialist Carmen De La Cruz** reminder the senate map the following week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> is going to be busy with African American heritage week and the African American education conference. She added that the flow for that Wednesday will consist of the cards along with T shirts being given to the students who sign up. For the African American Education conference, it will be the following Saturday on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the Hispanic education conference will be the Saturday after that on the 6<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded the senate about the Women's Empowerment Luncheon on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Pride Conference on the 13<sup>th</sup>. She then went over FLOW and not the list is constantly being filled and that the students are very grateful for the event, along with the other events that a SMJ C provides. She reminder our events are public, so we wanted to invite someone it's more than welcome, or for anyone who misses the events she does post them on the website.
- B. **Campus life program assistant John Griffin** inform the senate President Novoa, Vice President Carvajal, Director Ransdell, and Secretary Gonzales will be appearing on the radio at some point the following week and ask for support As thousands of people typically tune in. He relayed this message to also remind the Senate to be there for one another, and for the students. He then explains how much it means to the students having events such as FLOW and how much the students do appreciate all the ASMGC does. He concluded by reminding the Senate that the numbers are down with how many members we have, and it is extremely important to fill those positions for next year.

## **VII. Adjournment: 4:04 PM**

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place:

March 5, 2020  
Via Zoom

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