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Visiting team finding fall 2011: In order to meet the standard, the college must assess the current governance structure, review and implement changes to strengthen its infrastructure, and evaluate it on a regular basis. The team recommends the college develop a comprehensive participatory governance handbook that clearly identifies roles and responsibilities of participatory governance committees and constituent roles in the participatory process. (Standards IV.A.1, IV.A.2, IV.A.2.a, IV.A.2.b, IV.A.3.)

Visiting team finding fall 2012: While the college has developed a handbook, the handbook has not been adopted by all the constituent groups, and planning agenda for recommendation 6 notes: “During spring 2014, the handbook will be reviewed, assessed, and evaluated...” (ACCJC letter Feb. 11, 2013)

The college continues to follow its process for participatory governance as codified in Engaging All Voices: MJC Participatory Decision Making Handbook, fall 2012. Modesto Junior College has met the standard for participatory governance.

With the established participatory governance process, beginning spring 2013 governance meetings were held at least monthly [6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, 6.05, 6.06] with the ratified membership of faculty, staff, students and administration. Each council has developed and adopted a charge, responsibilities and processes [6.07, 6.08, 6.09, 6.10, 6.11].

The goals of the new governance structure, and the six councils, are to improve MJC’s processes and practices, and to promote continuous quality and efficiency of the college.

Each council self-assessed its processes and charge in spring 2013, and forwarded minor modifications to College Council on April 22, 2013 [6.12]. The Academic Senate worked with the college president to make revisions to Engaging All Voices: MJC Participatory Decision Making Handbook, which the Senate then endorsed on September 5, 2013 [6.13, 6.14]. College Council approved the revised document on September 9, 2013 [6.15]. The revised handbook is posted on the MJC website [6.16]. The plan to review, assess, evaluate, and modify (if necessary) Engaging All Voices: MJC Participatory Decision Making Handbook will occur in spring 2014.

Modesto Junior College has met the standard for participatory governance, and continues to improve on its processes.
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6.07: College Council Charge

6.08: Resource Allocation Council Guiding Principles November 2012

6.09: Instruction Council Charge

6.10: Student Services Council Charge

6.11: Facilities Council Charge