



MJC Reflection

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Last evening the Academic Senate voted to endorse both the revised decision-making document, *Engaging All Voices*, and a procedure for Faculty Hiring Prioritization. The action by the Senate is the result of a tremendous amount of collaboration, dedication, vision, and determination by committed faculty. Over the last two years, many have worked endless hours to design and enact change at MJC in order that the college might fully meet the recommendations of the Commission and reflect the Standards. The leadership of Senate President Dr. James Todd has encouraged thinking beyond what has been; instead, focusing on being an institution that relies on collaboration, collegial consultation, and mutual respect across constituent groups. I am excited to share the great progress of MJC with the ACCJC visiting team in November.

Parking – The move of courses into the Science Community Center on West Campus has made a big impact on traffic patterns and parking for MJC. No one has mentioned an increased availability of parking on East Campus, but many have noted the challenge of parking on West Campus the last two weeks. The City of Modesto has approved the request from YCCD to add a stoplight on Blue Gum Avenue at Prichard that will ensure safe crossing of pedestrians and ease congestion of left turning vehicles exiting the campus. In the meantime, the shuttle is an alternative being used by students and staff.

Hispanic Leadership Council - Bright and early this morning I had the opportunity to speak to the Hispanic Leadership Council. After a year of email trying to sync calendars, it was a delight to meet this group and share what is happening on campus. Many MJC alumni are involved and the meeting this morning included graduates from each decade from 1960 forward!

Tidbits – Professor Noah Hughes was featured in the Modesto Bee including a great kayaking photo. You can read the article on his Rim Fire experience [here](#).

There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.

Norman Vincent Peale.