



Policies and Procedures Manual

Greetings MJC Students,

We are pleased that you have chosen to participate in extra-curricular activities at Modesto Junior College (MJC). Many studies have shown that participation in just one extra-curricular activity greatly increases your odds of reaching your academic goals. Modesto Junior College is home to outstanding activities and events.

Mission Statement

The Campus Life and Student Learning (CL&SL) office is committed to providing an environment that enhances and enlightens student experiences on campus through our international and undocumented programs, Student Activities Center, leadership and mentoring programs, and various campus extra-curricular activities. Our Campus Life and Student Learning team strives to provide a welcoming environment that focuses on guiding and developing student's leadership skill set, creativity, cultural awareness, character development, and civic engagement.

In order to help achieve our mission, the Campus Life & Student Learning team will:

- Identify and attract students who will benefit from Campus Life & Student Learning programs, and contribute to the diversity of the educational, social, and cultural environment of the campus.
- Provide student services and programs that will facilitate academic success, personal growth, and global awareness.
- Encourage student participation in activities that will help build an appreciation of cultural diversity and expression, communications skills, leadership skills, civic responsibility, personal and professional accountability, self-discipline, self-understanding, self-confidence, and a set of personal and professional goals and values.
- Promote student/faculty/staff/administrator interaction as a means of improving the quality of campus life.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of activities, programs, and services in meeting students' needs and develop ways to improve them.

We hope you find this manual to be informative and useful. Should you have any questions, please reach out to our team. Good luck this semester!!!

MJC Campus Life & Student Learning Team

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Campus Life & Student Learning

Campus Life & Student Learning

The Campus Life & Student Learning department exists to facilitate outstanding student experiences on campus within the scope of what is allowable within California Education Code, Yosemite Community College District Board policies, Modesto Junior College policies, and Campus Life & Student Learning policies. The Campus Life & Student Learning department includes: the Student Activities Center (Associated Students of Modesto Junior College, Campus Clubs, student identification cards, student benefits program), The International Students Program, Student Conduct, Project LEAD, Social Science 58: Student Leadership, Student Internship Program (SIP) and special events (Homecoming, Commencement, etc).

Role of Staff

The role of the Campus Life & Student Learning department staff is to help guide, mentor, and encourage students to reach their full potentials as student leaders and participants in extra-curricular activities on campus. Our team includes a host of student workers along with a Faculty Advisor, Program Assistant, Student Center Technician, Administrative Specialist, and Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning.

Duties of Staff

Student Workers

The role of the Campus Life & Student Learning student workers is to assist Campus Life staff in the daily operations of the department. These operations may include making ID Cards, assisting students with the Student Benefit Program, and helping with department functions. Student workers are in place to assist in the Student Activities Center, but are not MJC staff. Student workers can be identified by their Student Worker name badges.

Faculty Advisor

**Alejandra Chacon****Phone:** (209) 575-6479 **Email:** chacona@mjc.edu **Location:** EC Student Center**Summer Hours:** Monday-Thursday 7:00am-5:30pm**Fall/Spring Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

It is the role of the Faculty Advisor to work with and guide ASMJC in achieving their goals while also providing student development and leadership training and education. The Faculty Advisor oversees ASMJC, including meetings, events, and activities. The Faculty Advisor is responsible for ensuring all rules, regulations, and policies are followed. This work includes one-on-one mentoring meetings, assisting with planning, and training students on allowable activities within the scope of student government.

Program Assistant



John Griffin III
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Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm
Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm & Fridays 8:00am-5:00pm

It is the role of the Program Assistant to work collaboratively with the ASMJC Faculty Advisor to provide oversight of ASMJC events and activities. The Program Assistant attends all ASMJC events and ensures all requested equipment and supplies are checked out and returned to their proper storage place. It is the Program Assistant's responsibility to inventory and maintain Campus Life & Student Learning inventory (i.e. equipment, Benefit Program materials, etc.), and to supervise Campus Life and Student Learning student workers. The Program Assistant may attend trainings, workshops, and conferences as needed.

Student Center Technician



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Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm & Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

It is the role of the Student Center Technician to oversee the operations of the Mary Stuart Rogers Building. The Student Center Technician assists with various MSR events and activities as applicable. The Student Center Technician also assists with planning the sound, lighting, and set-ups for ASMJC events and activities.

Administrative Specialist



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Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

The role of the Administrative Specialist is to oversee the processing of all Campus Life & Student Learning forms for events, budgets, invoices, etc. Additionally, the Administrative Specialist is the official Campus Life & Student Learning Liaison to clubs and club advisors. The Administrative Specialist also coordinates all Campus Life & Student Learning student workers and office operations. It is also the

Administrative Specialist's responsibility to assist the Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning/Conduct Officer.

Counselor for International Students



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The role of the Counselor International Students is to oversee, guide, mentor, and counsel all international students.

Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning



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Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

The role of the Associate Dean is to oversee the operations, policies, and procedures of the Campus Life & Student Learning Department. These department operations include: overseeing the Student Activities Center (Associated Students of Modesto Junior College, Campus Clubs, student identification cards, student benefits program), The International Students Program, Student Conduct, Project LEAD, Social Science 58: Student Leadership, Student Internship Program (SIP) and special events (Homecoming, Commencement, etc).

Student Activities Center

The Student Activities Center (SAC) serves students in a multitude of ways. The SAC houses our student government ASMJC, our campus clubs, the Student Benefit Program, as well as special events for the college. In serving so many functions it is important to create an environment where everyone can co-exist all while respecting the necessary boundaries.

Student Activities Center Office Rules

Only department student workers and staff, ASMJC Executives, Senators, or club members (conducting club business) shall congregate or socialize in the office.

No student may be in the office before 8:00am or after 5:00pm without prior approval from the office coordinator.

Within the Campus Life & Student Learning office, students, staff, and guests will treat each other with kindness, dignity, and respect. Students will refrain from any form of threats, bullying, or harassment and will not use vulgar or offensive language.

Noise levels should be at a level low enough so as to not disrupt others in the office.

Students are to refrain from congregating or socializing at the front counter or distracting student workers while they are working.

No students shall reprimand, discipline, or remove any fellow student from the office. If there is an issue in the office, please see a member of the Campus Life & Student Learning staff.

ASMJC Senator Use of Office Facilities

Each Senator is assigned to a specific work area in the Student Activities Center. Senators shall refrain from using work areas that are not assigned to them.

Senators shall only conduct ASMJC business when in the office. The office facilities, and equipment (computers, copiers, tablets, laptops, etc.), as well as any other resources, shall not be used for personal use. Personal use includes (but is not limited to) doing homework, using social media, and consuming food items meant for events. Senators have no personal ownership of any office resources.

Personal items shall not be placed in the assigned work station unless both Senators sharing the workspace have agreed.

Senators shall not be in the Executive Office unless they are there for a meeting.

Senators shall refrain from touching any items on any desk that is not assigned to them.

ASMJC Executive Use of Office Facilities

Each Executive Officer is assigned to a work area in the Student Activities Center. Executive Officers shall refrain from using work areas that are not assigned to them.

Executive Officers shall only conduct ASMJC business when in the office. The office facilities, and equipment (computers, copiers, tablets, laptops, etc.), as well as any other resources, shall not be used for personal use. Personal use includes (but is not limited to) doing homework, using social media, and consuming food items meant for events. Executives have no personal ownership of any office resources.

The presence of personal items shall be kept to a minimum so as to not to distract those who also work in the office.

Executives shall not be in the Senate area unless they are there for a meeting.

Executives shall refrain from touching any items on any desk that is not assigned to them.

Club Use of Office Facilities

There are three main work stations for clubs in the Student Activities Center back office. The office facilities, and equipment (computers, copiers, tablets, laptops, etc.), as well as any other resources, shall not be used for personal use. Personal use includes (but is not limited to) homework, using social media, and consuming food items meant for events. Clubs have no personal ownership of any office resources.

Club members shall not be in the Senate or Executive areas, unless they are there for a meeting.

Club members shall refrain from touching any items on any desk other than the three club work stations.

Clubs may not decorate or place personal items on the shared club work stations.

MJC Identification Cards

Students can get an MJC ID Card on the East Campus in the Student Activities Center or on the West Campus in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building.

In order to receive a Student ID Card students must:

- Be currently enrolled in courses
- Provide a second form of picture identification

If any of the requirements are not fulfilled, an MJC ID Card cannot be issued.

Students are eligible for one ID Card per year, as well as one replacement card. If a student is in need of more than two ID Cards in one year, they will need to meet with the Associate Dean.

ASMJC Activity Fee

The purpose of an ASMJC Activity Fee is to fund campus activities, programs and events for students. By paying the \$5 Activity a student is eligible for the following services:

- * Access to the list of local businesses that offer discounts to students who have the activity sticker
- * Discounts to various campus events
- * Free services at various ASMJC events (must show ID with Sticker)
- * All services are first-come, first-served and only while supplies last. If you did not pay the \$5 fee you are not eligible for any of the listed services. Only students are eligible for services.

ASMJC Student Benefit Program

ASMJC is pleased to supply benefits to the student body. In an effort to maximize the breadth of the program, this application has been implemented to track individual student usage and provide more students the opportunity to receive services. The intent of the benefit program is to ensure that students have the proper amount of supplies needed for their classes. This process will allow ASMJC to serve an estimated 3,000-6,000 additional students per year.

The Student Benefit Program allows eligible students to receive the current enrollment sticker, scantrons, green books, one pencil, and one Go Print Card each semester. The following restrictions apply:

- Eligible students will only be issued services one time per semester. There will be no replacement for lost items.
- The Student Benefit Program is not a guaranteed service. Services are only distributed while supplies last on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Eligible students will be issued scantrons/green books for classes they are currently enrolled in.
- Classes that require more than 10 scantrons/greenbooks need to have a syllabus with application.
- Only students who have paid the \$5.00 Student Benefit Fee are eligible for services.
- Applicant must present their MJC ID Card to collect their Student Benefit Packet.

In order to receive benefits, students must complete a benefit program application each semester. Applications may be obtained on the East Campus in the Student Activities Center or on the West Campus in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building.

The average turn-around time is 24-48 hours. However, please allow five business days for your application to process. Incomplete or inaccurate applications may take longer. Once approved, you will be notified to pick up your Student Benefit Packet from the location you requested. Your enrollment sticker will be issued when submitting your complete application.

Campus Life Complaint Process

As part of every department on campus, students have the right and are encouraged to voice their opinions should there be an issue or situation with which a student disagrees. In the Campus Life & Student Learning Department, the following steps can be taken to resolve issues:

Student Workers- If at any time there is an issue with any of the Campus Life student workers on either campus, please report it to a Campus Life Staff member.

ASMJC Member- If at any time there is an issue with any of the members of ASMJC on either campus, please report it to the ASMJC Faculty Advisor.

Campus Life Staff- If at any time there is an issue with any of the Campus Life staff on either campus, please report it to the Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning.

Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning- If at any time there is an issue with the Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning, please report it to the Dean of Special Programs.

Standards of Conduct

Modesto Junior College, under the Yosemite Community College District Board Policy & Procedure 5500, Standards of Conduct, has specified those standards of student behavior which it considers essential to the educational mission and campus life. These regulations are designed to represent reasonable standards of conduct. The Standards of Conduct governs the behavior of students on campus, at facilities controlled by the district or college, and at college-sponsored activities. Violations of the codes may subject individuals to disciplinary action, which is consistent with the requirements of due process.

The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline, including but not limited to the removal, suspension or expulsion of a student:

1. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
2. Possession, sale or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife or explosive, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student has obtained written permission to possess the item from a District employee, which is concurred in by the college president.
3. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
4. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
5. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus.
6. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
7. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the District.
8. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
9. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law.

10. Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another student through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; social isolation or manipulation; and cyberbullying.
11. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
12. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.
13. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty.
14. Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of college documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
15. Unauthorized entry upon or use of college facilities.
16. Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct on district-owned or controlled property, or at District -sponsored or supervised functions.
17. Engaging in expression which is obscene; libelous or slanderous; or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on college premises, or the violation of lawful District administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.
18. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
19. Unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any District policy or administrative procedure.

Board Policy 5500 (Reference: *Education Code Section 66300, 66301; Accreditation Standard I.C.8 and 10 (formerly II.A.7.b).*)

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The Responding Party shall be notified by student e-mail of the date, time and location of the Student Conduct Hearing. The student shall have at least five (5) days' notice.

If Responding Party, with notice, does not appear for the Student Conduct Hearing, the information in support of the charges shall be presented and considered even if the Responding Party is not present.

E-Mail – Whenever these procedures call for or permit notice or other communication to be delivered, such communication may be made by Student Email Account, which shall be deemed sufficient compliance with the provision and the communication shall be presumed to have been received. A student's failure or refusal to open the communication shall not cause service to be defective. Notice shall be considered received three (3) days after it was sent.

Students participating in any part of Campus Life programs, events, and activities who do not adhere to the rules established by YCCD, MJC, or Campus Life may be referred to office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action as outlined in YCCD Board Policy 5500.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MJC

ASMJC Eligibility

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ASMJC is committed to academic excellence and has established measures intended to hold themselves accountable as an organization. The following standards apply to every member of ASMJC:

ASMJC Senators and Officers must have on file with the Associate Dean a current Educational Plan that has been approved by a counselor (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause A*).

Should a student make changes to their Educational Plan, they are required to submit the revised Education Plan to the Associate Dean or his/her designee within one week (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause B*).

ASMJC Senators and Officers cannot be on any form of academic probation (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause C*).

ASMJC Senators and Officers cannot have been found responsible for any violations of the Standards of Conduct (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause C*).

ASMJC Senators and Officers must be currently enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) units during the fall and spring semesters, and a majority of the units must be taken at MJC each semester (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause D*).

ASMJC Senators and Officers must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5, and must not receive a semester GPA of less than 2.5 while in office. A member of Student Government at MJC must not fail or withdraw more than half of their semester load. Should the student fail or withdraw from a course, the student must retake the failed or withdrawn course during the next available semester to remain eligible for Student Government (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause E*).

No member of Student Government may serve in Student Government for more than three (3) separate terms (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, Clause H*).

*** Eligibility rules are in accordance with Yosemite Community College District Board Policy 5410**
Any student elected as an officer in the Associated Students shall meet the requirements as stated in the Associated Students Constitution and Bylaws and published in the College catalog and Associated Students election packet.

ASMJC

Senators

ASMJC Senators

Students become Senators of ASMJC either through election or through appointment. Senators serve as the direct representative of the entire student body.

Duties of a Senator

Student Senators must participate in one leadership training course per term. This leadership training course must be approved by the Associate Dean or his/her designee (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3, Clause A*). The leadership training options include an MJC class: Social Science 58 or participation in Project LEAD. Social Science 58 is a leadership course that teaches the basic principles of leadership and how they apply to personal, school, and work life. Project LEAD is a leadership and mentoring program that pairs students with a campus mentor. An additional component of Project LEAD is a series of seminars on the topics of teamwork, time management, school history, conflict resolution, budgets, and leadership.

Student Senators shall be responsible for assisting with the planning, budgeting, implementation, and coordination of all ASMJC legislation, finance, operations, activities, and communications (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, Clause A*). The main role of a Senator within the ASMJC office is to assist with the office functions as coordinated by the Executive Officers or the office as a whole. This work is done by sitting on committees, working at ASMJC events, and promoting the activities of the office. These are requirements of the position, Senators should be an active part of the organization.

Student Senators shall be required to complete an annual project that will benefit the membership of ASMJC (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, Clause B*). Senators are required to complete a minimum of one project per school year. The purpose of a Senator project is to provide a service or activity for students. Senator projects shall align with the division that a Senator represents. While the project should align with a Senator's area, the project is considered to be an ASMJC project and shall be chaired, planned, and implemented by ASMJC. Senators must complete a project application that is approved by a majority vote of ASMJC. The application will include timelines, budgets, and tasks to be completed.

Student Senators are required to serve on one ASMJC standing committee (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, Clause C*). There are four standing committees of ASMJC: Activities, Communication, Finance, and Legislation. These committees serve as advisory committees to ASMJC on their respective topics. Committees make recommendations to the Senate for a final vote.

Student Senators are required to sit on a College-Wide Committee (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article IX, Section 1, Clause C*).

Student Senators shall hold regular meetings with their respective division deans and report back to the Student Senate on activities relating to their academic or student services divisions (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, Clause B*). Senators shall report back to the Senate on committee activities at each meeting. Should there be a need in a committee for an official position of ASMJC the representative shall obtain that from the Senate as a body. MJC college-wide committees include: College Council, Instructional Council, Student Services Council, Resource Allocation Council, Accreditation Council, Facilities Council, Curriculum Committee, Student Success & Equity Committee, and the Technology Committee. The ASMJC President makes appointments to each of these committees.

All Student Senators shall be required to hold a minimum of five (5) posted office hours per week (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, Clause E*).

Senator Office Hours

Each Senator is required to complete five office hours per week. The purpose of office hours is to have in-office time to work on projects and to be available to students who want to meet with their student-elected officials. Office hours are not meant for hanging out, personal business, club business, homework, or anything else that is not ASMJC related.

All office hours must be submitted in writing to the Associate Dean or his/her designee by the conclusion of the first week of each semester.

All office hours must be completed in the ASMJC East or West Campus office. Your location should be on the office hours you submit in writing. No office hours shall be completed in any other parts of campus.

Approved campus or ASMJC committees may be used as office hours, but must be approved prior by the Associate Dean or his/her designee.

ASMJC Senate meetings do not count towards office hours.

All office hours must be set; they cannot change week-to-week.

No office hours shall be required during finals week of any semester.

No office hours shall be required during winter/summer break other than required meetings and trainings.

Senator Stipends

In order for a Senator to be eligible for a monthly stipend, the following items must be completed using the approved ASMJC time sheet. The time sheet will include the following:

- Required posted office hours completed for each week. The only excused absence will be for emergencies or shared governance committees. Documentation of emergency or shared governance committee meeting will be required
- Required attendance of all Student Senate meetings. The only excused absence will be for emergencies or attendance to a college wide committee meeting (ASMJC Bylaws Article 9, Section 5, Clause B). Documentation of emergency or meeting will be required
- Division Dean meeting signed off
- Project progress signed off
- ASMJC Committee assignment signed off
- Campus-wide committee signed off
- Grade check for all classes

If any portion of the time sheet is incomplete, student will not receive a stipend for that particular month.

The completed stipend paperwork and pay claim(s) are due by the 20th of each month. If all paperwork is not submitted by the 20th, no stipend will be issued for that month.

Senator Limitations

Student Senators shall not concurrently hold a Student Government position and hold the Inter-Club Council Representative position in a club (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3, Clause B*).

It is not the role of a Senator to intervene in the coordination or operation of ASMJC; those duties are associated with the roles of the Executive Officers.

It is not the role of a Senator to enforce Campus Life or Student Activities Center office policies or procedures.

It is not the role of a Senator to promise any monetary or in-kind support of ASMJC's without being authorized to do so at a Senate meeting.

Senators shall not propose any monetary or in kind support of items that are for their personal gain.

ASMJC

Executives

ASMJC Executive Officers

Students become Executive Officers of ASMJC either through election or through appointment. Executive officers are responsible for the day-to-day coordination of ASMJC.

Duties of an Executive Officer

The Executive Officers of ASMJC serve on the Executive Council (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause B*).

The Executive Council is responsible for planning, budgeting, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating all ASMJC legislation, finance, operations, activities, and communications (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause C*).

The Executive Officers shall perform other such tasks as assigned to them by the President, or Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause D*).

Executive Officers shall hold a minimum of ten (10) posted office hours per week. The Executive Secretary shall hold a minimum of five (5) posted office hours per week (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause E*).

Executive Officer Limitations

Executives shall not concurrently hold a Student Government position and hold the Inter-Club Council Representative position in a club (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3, Clause B*).

It is not the role of an Executive to supervise, place demands on, or direct Senators.

It is not the role of an Executive to enforce office policies or procedures.

It is not the role of an Executive to authorize any monetary or in-kind support of ASMJC without being authorized to do so at a Senate meeting.

Executives are not authorized to propose any monetary or in-kind support of items that are for their personal gain; this is a direct conflict of interest.

Executive Stipends

In order for an executive to be eligible for their monthly stipend, the following items must be completed using the approved ASMJC time sheet. The time sheet will include the following:

- Required posted office hours completed for each week. The only excused absence is an emergency. Documentation of emergency will be required
- Required attendance to all Student Senate meetings. The only excused absence will be emergency or attendance to a college wide committees (*ASMJC Bylaws Article 9, Section 5, Clause B*). Documentation of emergency will be required
- Grade check for all classes

-Campus-wide Committees signed off

In addition to time sheet, all committee agendas and minutes must be attached to the time sheet.

If any portion of the time sheet or agenda and minutes are incomplete, the student will not receive their stipend for that month.

Completed stipend paperwork and pay claim(s) are due by the 20th of each month. If paperwork is not submitted by the 20th, no stipend will be issued for that month.

Executive Position Duties

President

The role of the president is to oversee the operations of ASMJC and will be the representative of ASMJC at larger events as requested. The president is the person that follow ups on the progress

The president, or his/her designee, shall serve as the chair of the Student Senate and shall prepare the agenda for meetings at which he/she presides (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause A*). The president should learn the basic tenets of *Robert's Rules of Order* to be better prepared for chairing meetings. The president will meet with the Associate Dean or his/her designee the week prior to Senate meetings to go over the agenda for the meeting. All Senate agendas must be approved prior to posting.

Executive authority shall be vested in the president who will be responsible for the enforcement of Student Senate rules and regulations (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, Clause A*).

The president shall represent ASMJC and the Student Senate at times and places where such representation is required, requested, and agreed upon by the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause B*).

The president shall prepare and present reports on ASMJC activities, events, and conferences at Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees meetings (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause C*). YCCD Board meetings take place the second Wednesday of each month and start at 5:30 pm. The ASMJC President or a designee gives a report on the current activities of ASMJC. Reports are generally 2-4 minutes in length.

Vacancies on the Executive Council and in the Student Senate shall be filled through appointment by the president and subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause D*).

The president makes all appointments to all Standing Committees and is responsible for ensuring the full participation of students he/she appoints (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause F*). It is recommended, but not required, that the president put together a screening committee of ASMJC Executives and Senators to interview potential appointments. Any potential appointee shall fill out an application and be verified for eligibility requirements.

The president signs all forms regarding the expenditure of funds (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause H*).

The president shall prepare a semester report on the activities, events, and conferences of ASMJC to submit to the Student Senate, and an informational binder by the end of his/her term for the incoming president (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, Clause I*).

Executive Vice President (EVP)

The main role of the Executive Vice President is to assist the president in the overall leadership and guidance of the Executive Council.

The EVP serves as the Chair of the Executive Council and is responsible for preparing the agendas for meetings of the Executive Council (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, Clause A*). The EVP should learn the basics of *Robert's Rules of Order* to be better prepared for chairing meetings. The EVP will meet with the Associate Dean or his/her designee the week prior to Executive Council meetings to go over the agenda for the meeting. All of the EVP's agendas must be approved prior to posting. Additionally, the Executive Vice President shall work with the Executive Secretary to ensure minutes are completed, distributed, and approved.

The Executive Vice President is required and prepare a semester report on all Executive Council activities that is presented at the last Senate Meeting of the semester (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, Clause B*).

The Executive Vice President is responsible for the recruitment of candidates to vacant positions on the Executive Council, Student Senate, and Standing Committees and providing recommendations to the president. This doesn't exclude anyone else in ASMJC from assisting in the recruiting process (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, Clause C*).

The Executive Vice President shall provide monthly accountability reports of Executive Officers and Student Senators to the Student Senate on matters pertaining to meeting attendance, office hours, and college/campus projects (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, Clause D*).

The Executive Vice President assists the Executive Officers in the execution of their duties (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, Clause E*). This can include, but isn't limited to helping prepare for committee meetings, helping prepare for upcoming events, and helping better understand the duties of office.

Vice President of Activities (VPA)

The main role of the Vice President of Activities is to assist with ASMJC events and to coordinate the larger ASMJC events. This includes helping with setup and take-down, recruiting volunteers, and helping hand out marketing materials.

The Vice President of Activities serves as the Chair of the Activities Committee and shall prepare the agendas for the meetings at which he/she presides (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, Clause A*). The Vice President of Activities should learn the basics of *Robert's Rules of Order* to be better prepared for chairing meetings. The Vice President of Activities will meet with the Associate Dean or his/her

designee the week prior to Activities Committee meetings to go over the agenda for the meeting. The entire Activities Committee agenda must be approved prior to posting. Additionally, the Vice President of Activities shall ensure minutes are completed, distributed, and approved.

The Vice President of Activities represents the Activities Committee at times and places where such representation is required (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, Clause B*). This would include attending ASMJC events and activities.

The Vice President of Activities shall be responsible for advising the Student Senate on all matters pertaining to activities (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, Clause E*). Advising would mean helping in getting volunteers, promoting, posting or handing out marketing materials.

The Vice President of Activities works with the Campus Life Administrative Specialist and volunteers from the Inter Club Council to host a fall and spring Club Rush event.

The Vice President of Activities works with the Campus Life Administrative Specialist and members of the Activities Committee to host a fall and spring Cram Night event.

The Vice President of Activities works with the Campus Life Administrative Specialist and members of the Activities Committee to develop the Student Benefit Program.

Vice President of Communication (VPC)

The main role of the Vice President of Communication is to coordinate massive communication on behalf of ASMJC. This includes streaming programs, press releases, etc.

The Vice President of Communication serves as the Chair of the Communications Committee and shall prepare the agendas for the meetings at which he/she presides (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 7, Clause A*). The Vice President of Communication should learn basic *Robert's Rules of Order* to be better prepared for chairing meetings. The Vice President of Communication will meet with the Associate Dean or his/her designee the week prior to Communication Committee meetings to go over agenda for meeting. All Communication Committee agendas must be approved prior to posting. Additionally, the Vice President of Communication shall ensure minutes are completed, distributed, and approved.

The Vice President of Communications represents the Communications Committee at times and places where such representation is required (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 7, Clause B*). This would include attending ASMJC events and actives.

The Vice President of Communications shall conduct surveys within the student body for the purpose of providing ASMJC with direction in its functions (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 7, Clause C*). These surveys would be based on the direction of ASMJC and with guidance from Campus Life staff.

The Vice President of Communications works with the Student Center Technician to operate the ASMJC streaming equipment for ASMJC events and activities.

Vice President of Finance (VPF)

The primary role of the Vice President of Finance is to monitor the ASMJC budget and provide feedback on expenditures.

The Vice President of Finance serves as the Chair of the Finance Committee and shall prepare agendas for the meetings at which he/she presides (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, Clause A*). The Vice President of Finance should learn basic *Robert's Rules of Order* to be better prepared for chairing meetings. The Vice President of Finance will meet with the Associate Dean or his/her designee the week prior to Finance Committee meetings to go over agenda for meeting. All Finance Committee agendas must be approved prior to posting. Additionally, the Vice President of Finance shall ensure minutes are completed, distributed, and approved.

The Vice President of Finance represents the Finance Committee at times and places where such representation is required (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, Clause B*).

The Vice President of Finance prepares and presents reports of Finance Committee activities to the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, Clause B*). The Vice President of Finance also works with the Campus Life Administrative Specialist to report up-to-the-day budget information when making recommendations in the Budget Committee or voting in Senate meetings.

The Vice President of Finance shall provide monthly reports on the status of the ASMJC Budget and its line items to the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, Clause C*). The Vice President of Finance shall work with the Campus Life Administrative Specialist to create up-to-date budget reports.

Vice President of Legislation (VPL)

The main role of the Vice President of Legislation is to oversee the annual updating of ASMJC Bylaws and keep students informed on political issues.

The Vice President of Legislation serves as the Chair of the Legislation Committee and shall prepare the agendas for the meetings at which he/she presides (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 4, Clause A*). The Vice President of Legislation should learn the basics of *Robert's Rules of Order* to be better prepared for chairing meetings. The Vice President of Legislation will meet with the Associate Dean or his/her designee the week prior to the Legislation Committee meetings to go over agenda for the meeting. All Legislation Committee agendas must be approved prior to posting. Additionally, the Vice President of Legislation shall ensure minutes are completed, distributed, and approved.

The Vice President of Legislation represents the Legislation Committee at times and places where such representation is required and shall prepare and present reports of Legislation Committee activities to the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 4, Clause B*).

The Vice President of Legislation holds and runs ASMJC elections and at least one (1) political forum per school year (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 4, Clause C*). The only exception is if the Vice President of Legislation is a candidate, then he/she would not oversee elections.

The Vice President of Legislation is responsible for researching and providing updates on federal, state, or local legislation that may have a significant impact on students (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 4, Clause D*).

The Vice President of Legislation is responsible for advising the Student Senate on all matters pertaining to legislation (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 4, Clause A*).

Executive Secretary

The main purpose of an Executive Secretary is to ensure that there is someone formally maintaining the records of ASMJC.

The Executive Secretary records minutes at Executive Council and the Student Senate meetings and also distributes minutes to all appropriate persons (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, Section 8, Clause A*). All minutes are reviewed by the Associate Dean (or his/her designee) and the ASMJC President prior to distribution.

The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining all documents pertaining to ASMJC (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article II, 8, Clause B*).

Student Trustee

The purpose of the Student Trustee is to have a student present to represent the student point of view with regard to district matters.

In compliance with District Policy No. 7015, one (1) non-voting student representative shall serve on the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees.

The Student Trustee serves as an *ex-officio* member of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College Student Senate and Executive Council and shall have all privileges accorded to members of those bodies with the exception of the right to vote, make and second motions, and receive a stipend.

The Student Trustee shall be currently enrolled in a minimum of five (5) units and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) during the duration of his/her term.

The Student Trustee shall serve a one (1) year term commencing on May 15th and ending May 14th of the following year.

Clubs

Why Do We Have Clubs?

Most students join or start a club based on a special interest in a particular subject or activity.

The purpose of a club is to facilitate activities that allow those special interests to come to life.

Remembering these two statements can help resolve many conflicts that can form in clubs.

Who is responsible for Clubs?

Clubs are part of the Campus Life & Student Learning office.

They are recognized through the Inter Club Council (ICC).

The ICC is composed of representatives from each club and serves as a decision-making body for clubs.

The ICC is also an advisory body to ASMJC with regard to club items and the Club Development fund.

What is the role of a Club Advisor?

Ensure that all YCCD, MJC, Campus Life, and club policies, procedures, and regulations are followed.

Ensure that all liability concerns are addressed.

Attend **ALL** club functions, including: meetings, activities, and trips.

Sign off on all club functions, including: meetings, activities, and trips, to ensure that all of the above items have been met or addressed.

CL&SL recommends that clubs have 2-3 advisors, if possible. This is a very helpful way to provide advisor coverage at all club functions.

Guide and help develop students' skills in regards to: teamwork, campus and community involvement, conflict resolution, time management, and organization.

By accepting the role of advisor and signature holder on club paperwork, you are accepting responsibility for the club's fulfillment of all aforementioned requirements.

Club Advisor Limitations

Club advisors shall not ignore or bypass YCCD, MJC, Campus Life, and club policies, procedures, and regulations.

Club advisors shall not run club meetings, call meetings to order, take minutes, or prepare paperwork. These are all student responsibilities.

What is the role of a Club Officer?

Club officers are meant to help facilitate the needs or wants of the clubs based on club members' feedback and votes.

The club officers work with advisors to complete all required paperwork for club functions and activities.

The club officers must maintain the minimum academic standards of enrollment with five (5) units and a minimum grade point (GPA) average of 2.0. Any club that has an officer who is not meeting these minimum requirements cannot conduct business and is subject to disciplinary action.

Club Officer Limitations

Club officers should serve as facilitator of the club. They are expected to operate in the manner outlined in the club bylaws.

Club officers should not ignore or bypass YCCD, MJC, Campus Life, and club policies, procedures, and regulations.

Club Meetings

All meetings must be on campus and booked through the Campus Life & Student Learning office. Any meetings held on campus that have not been approved through the college paperwork process will not be sanctioned meetings, and therefore, none of that particular meeting's agenda items may move forward. Any club that is not meeting these requirements cannot conduct business and is subject to disciplinary action.

Club meetings should have an agenda and be followed up with minutes. The minutes should include meeting time, location, and date of the meeting, as well as any actions taken.

An advisor who is listed on the Club Charter must be present at every club meeting and events. Any club who is not meeting this requirement cannot conduct business and is subject to disciplinary action.

Club Trainings

Prior to and at the beginning of each fall semester, the office of Campus Life & Student Learning will host required club trainings. All club advisors listed on the club charters, as well as club presidents, must attend. Multiple 90 minute sessions will take place. Each club advisor and president must attend one training annually. No club will be chartered without full attendance to the club training. In addition to club trainings, Campus Life and Student Learning will host optional workshops on the following topics: paperwork, fundraising, event planning, and how to run a successful meeting.

Prior to and at the beginning of each spring semester, the office of Campus Life & Student Learning will host optional club trainings. These trainings are optional for returning club advisors and returning club presidents. Any new club advisor or club president must attend. In addition to club trainings, the office

of Campus Life and Student Learning will host optional workshops on the following topics: paperwork, fundraising, event planning, and how to run a successful meeting.

Club Finances

The use of club funds must have **PRIOR** approval (i.e.: reimbursements will not be issued unless funds are approved prior to spending).

All current club account numbers can be found at:

http://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/business/asmjc_chart_of_accounts.pdf

Monthly account statements are available at the end of each month in your club box inside the Student Activities Center and by request.

Funds that are in the club (trust) account are considered to be public funds. Public funds fall under certain restrictions.

Most funds generated by way of club fundraisers are deposited into the club trust account, but if the club has intentions of fundraising for scholarships, a separate account must be established to avoid comingling of public funds and revenue.

There are special requirements that must be followed if a club intends to issue scholarships using club funds.

It is the responsibility of the club advisors and officers to know the clubs account balance prior to submitting any requisitions, purchase orders, bills, or paperwork. Any paperwork submitted that can't cover the balance will be stopped and returned.

Club Events/Activities

In keeping with MJC College Facilities office requirements, no paperwork for any event will be processed unless it is submitted less than four weeks prior to an event date. There will be no exceptions. If your event includes contracts for businesses, travel, vendors, guest speakers, or performers, please plan on submitting paperwork six weeks prior to the event as it must be routed through the district.

When a new idea for event is formed, it is recommended that a club officer or advisor checks with the Campus Life Liaison to review details.

Important considerations:

- Is this the best use of club resources?
- Do we have the membership to support the event or activity?
- Timeline for event (from idea conception to end debriefing)
- Plan properly for paperwork (Campus Life needs paperwork four (4) weeks prior)
- Club member responsibilities for event (this helps stay organized and avoid potential conflicts)
- Club member responsibilities for day of event (this helps stay organized and avoid potential conflicts)

- Sustainability-How can this event carry on in your absence?
- Event debrief

Event Sheets

- Each time you have planned and approved an event, the first step in the paperwork process is accessing the event form. It can be found on the Business Services section of the website: <http://www.mjc.edu/student-services/business/forms.php>
- The fields on the event sheet can be filled based on the logistics the club approved in the club meeting
- The prepay section is an itemized list of vendors you plan to pay directly. This space is also where you would list items such as cash advance, cash box request, YCCD Transportation, etc. It is similar to your budget breakdown
- The event form must be printed on NCR paper, which is available in the CL&SL office
- The advisor who is signing on the paperwork must be listed as an advisor on the club charter

Travel Request

- Each time you have planned and approved a trip, the first step in the paperwork process is accessing the travel request form. It can be found on the Business Services section of the website: <http://www.mjc.edu/student-services/business/forms.php>
- The advisor who is signing the paperwork must be listed as an advisor on the club charter

Club Fundraising

Determine your fundraising intentions with club members and advisors (ie: activities, trips, scholarships, etc.)

Fundraising for scholarships requires establishing a separate revenue account with the Business Office so that fundraised revenue doesn't comingle with club funds/public funds.

ASMJC money cannot be used toward scholarships or instructional events/trips.

In order for MJC to formally recognize your fundraiser as a college club fundraiser, event paperwork needs to be in place with the addition of a fund drive form.

The advisor who is signing the paperwork must be listed as an advisor on the club charter.

Any club that is not meeting these requirements cannot conduct business and is subject to disciplinary action.

Fund Drive Form

- Once your club has approved a fundraising event in a club meeting, the first step in the paperwork process is accessing the event form.

- The paperwork for a fundraiser is similar to the standard event paperwork, but also requires a Fund Drive Form in order to be a formally recognized MJC club fundraiser.
- The advisor who is signing the paperwork must be listed as an advisor on the club charter.

Process for Club Disciplinary Actions

Any Club that is in violation of any of the rules listed in this manual will face the following disciplinary actions.

Step One: Written Warning and required training pertaining to the violation and club probation.

Step Two: One month club suspension from all club activities and finances. The club will be on probation and the Advisor and club officers must go through additional club training sessions.

Step Three: One semester club suspension from all club activities and finances and club probation. Existing Officers no longer eligible to be club officers in any club.

Step Four: One year club suspension from all club activities and finances. Existing Advisors are no longer eligible to be a club advisor for any club.

* If a club is placed on probation and has had no further problems in the school year, they are removed from probation.

Meeting Agendas & Meeting Minutes

Meeting Agendas & Meeting Minutes for Committees

The following section pertains to ASMJC and Clubs

Agendas are a way of letting committee members and members of the public know what is to be discussed at meetings. Minutes are a permanent, formal record of what happened at a meeting. Only the items discussed in front of meeting participants can be included in the minutes.

Agendas

An agenda serves two purposes. The first purpose is to help organize a meeting and understand what should and shouldn't be discussed. The second purpose is to give committee members and members of the public advance notice of what will be discussed so they can be prepared for the meeting.

Below is an example of an agenda:



Committee Name
Full Date & Time
Location (Building Name, Campus)
Agenda

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Action Items**
 - a. Item to vote on
 - b. Item to vote on
- IV. Discussion Items**
 - a. Item to discuss
 - b. Item to discuss
- V. Announcements**
- VI. Future Meetings**
- VII. Adjournment**

Minutes

People who were not at the meeting cannot correct the minutes or vote on their acceptance. After all, they did not hear what was presented to the group and, when voting, they should abstain. Minutes should contain key points of important discussions to show thorough examination of a topic; Do NOT write minutes verbatim for the following reasons as the purpose of minutes is to highlight the action of a meeting not provide a full narrative of everything in the meeting.

Tips for Recording Minutes

- Write minutes in a bound notebook for a permanent record. You may also wish to use a laptop or just a digital voice recorder. It is recommended that you write down minutes and have a recorded digital copy to refer to in the future as needed
- Number pages consecutively for each set of minutes
- Keep minutes from all meetings in the same “Minute Notebook”
- Leave a margin in the book to allow for corrections or even small notes to “self”
- Record meetings on a digital voice recorder, or a smartphone recording application
- Record what is done and by whom
- Record first and last name of member who introduced a motion
- Record results of each vote (passed or failed)
- Record a ballot vote as following:
 - Number of eligible votes,
 - Number of affirmative votes (ayes), and
 - Number of negative votes (no)
- Do not write down personal opinions on what is said or done in the meeting, only what actually occurred
- Record minutes in a paragraph form or by subject headings
- Record business in the order in which it was done – even when taken out of order on the agenda
- Remember: “Who-What-When-Where-Why-How” to check that all pertinent information has been recorded for action items

How to Plan and Take Meeting Minutes

Before the Meeting

- Choose your tool to take minutes (recorder, laptop, notebook, etc.)
- Make sure your tool of choice is in working order and have a backup, just in case
- Use the meeting agenda to formulate an outline

During the Meeting

- Pass around an attendance sheet or take roll verbally
- Get a list of committee members and make sure you know everyone’s identity
- Note the call to order
- Do not try to write down every single comment – just main ideas and actions items

- Write down motions, who made them, and the results of the votes, if any; no need to write down who seconds the motion
- Make note of any motions to be voted on at future meetings
- Note the adjournment time

After the Meeting

- Type up the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting while everything is still fresh in your mind, and to allow financial matters to be processed in a timely fashion
- The minutes should include the name of organization, name of committee (if any), and type of meeting (general/member, board, etc.)
- Include time the meeting began (called to order) and ended (adjourned).
- Proofread the minutes before submitting them to the president or chairperson.

Minutes Example



**Activities Committee
September 23, 2016-3:00pm
ASMJC Executive Office-Student Center-MJC East Campus
Minutes**

- I. **Present:** James Doe (ASMJC), Jane Doe (ASMJC), Jamie Smith (ICC), John Smith (ICC)
Absent: Tina Apple (ICC), Bobby Apple (ASMJC)
- II. **Public Comments**
Mike from the Great Sleepers Club noted that he likes what the committee is doing and to keep up the good work.
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. **Cram Night Budget**-James presented the approved by the Senate for Cram Night. James made some suggestions on what we need to purchase right away. Jane motioned to approve the budget. John second the motion. No further discussion took place. Motion passed 4-0.
 - b. **Club Rush Budget**- James presented the approved by the Senate for Club Rush. James made some suggestions on what we need to purchase right away. Jamie motioned to approve the budget. John second the motion. No further discussion took place. Motion passed 3-1 (**Yes**-Jamie Smith, John Smith, James Doe, **No**-Jane Doe).
- IV. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Volunteers for events**-James mentioned to everyone we will need to recruit volunteers for events. Committee discussed possible volunteers.
 - b. Set up for events- James mentioned to everyone we will need to recruit volunteers for set up. Committee discussed possible volunteers.
- V. **Announcements**
Bobby announced that the ASMJC BBQ is Friday at 12:00pm in the Quad
- VI. **Future Meetings**
Next Activities Committee Meeting will be October 23 at 3:00pm.
- VII. **Adjournment**
Meeting Adjourned at 4:15pm

ASMJC Standing Committees

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Participating in standing committees is a way for ASMJC members to get an inside look at many of the day to day items that ASMJC will later review for a formal Senate vote. For example: the Legislative Committee will work out all of the details of a bylaws change, from spelling and grammar, to content and structure, and then send it to the Senate for action.

Committee Limitations

Standing committees are advisory bodies to the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, Clause A*).

Standing Committees submit recommendations and activity reports to the Student Senate (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 4, Clause B*).

Committee membership of Standing Committees consists of the committee chair, four Student Senators, four (4) Club Officers, and two Student Commissioners (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 4, Clause C*).

Committee members each have one vote (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 4, Clause D*).

Committee Limitations

A committee does not hold the authority to stop an item from moving forward to the Senate. For example, the Legislative Committee may have a negative recommendation for a bylaw change, but the bylaw will still move forward to the Senate for a vote. In this instance, the Legislative Committee would simply inform the Senate it was not in favor of the change.

A committee holds no decision making authority in ASMJC. They are simply advisory bodies.

A committee can't create positions within the committee.

There are no Co-Chairs of a committee. The assigned Executive Officer is the chair of their respective committee. In the event that they can't chair a meeting, another Executive Officer should fill in.

Legislation Committee (Chair: VP of Legislation)

The Legislation Committee monitors relevant legislation that may have an effect on students and makes recommendations to the Student Senate if any action is needed (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, Clause A*).

The Legislation Committee plans activities that heighten political awareness and promote political activity of the general student body regarding issues that affect the students (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, Clause B*).

The Legislation Committee plans yearly elections (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, Clause C*).

The Legislation Committee reviews and makes recommendations on amendment proposals to the governing documents of ASMJC (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, Clause D*).

Finance Committee (Chair: VP of Finance)

The Finance Committee monitors the ASMJC Budget to ensure that ASMJC stays within their planned budget (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 6, Clause A*).

The Finance Committee prepares the annual ASMJC Budget to present to the Student Senate by the end of March each year (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 6, Clause B*).

Activities Committee (Chair: VP of Activities)

The Activities Committee assists in planning social and cultural activities for the entertainment and recreation of the general student body (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 7, Clause A*).

Communications Committee (Chair: VP of Communications)

The Communications Committee coordinates visibility and public relations between ASMJC, the college, and the community at-large (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 8, Clause A*).

The Communications Committee assists in publicity efforts for all ASMJC activities (*ASMJC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 8, Clause B*).

Marketing

All marketing requests require a Marketing Request Form. The Marketing Request Form can be found online at www.mjc.edu/campuslife. Hard copies of the form are also available in the Student Activities Center on the Modesto Junior College East Campus. Completed forms should be submitted to the ASMJC Advisor.

Here are the steps to the marketing request process:

- 1) Fill out the Marketing Request Form.
Students may submit artwork, pictures, etc., but any items submitted are subject to copyright laws, in addition to YCCD, MJC, and Campus Life policies and procedures. Artwork submissions are optional; our graphics team is able to design the poster without submissions.
- 2) Submit the Marketing Request Form to the ASMJC Faculty Advisor. The form should be submitted at least four weeks before the event.
- 3) The ASMJC Advisor will email the requester a copy of the artwork, a proof, and a quote. Once the requester has given approval of the marketing, the request will be sent forward to printing. The turnaround time is one to one and a half weeks to print from approval date. Please be advised that each requested change or correction to the marketing materials delays the items going to print.
- 4) Materials will be delivered to the MJC Student Activities Center on the MJC East Campus.

All questions regarding marketing should be addressed by the ASMJC Faculty Advisor.

Budget

Budgets and Budget Management

A budget is an estimate that has been deliberately allocated for an account prior to the start of a new fiscal year. Establishing budgets for both revenue and expense accounts are necessary and provide starting points for tracking funds throughout the year. The budget will provide a guideline for spending throughout the year. In order to make sure your organization has sufficient funds to cover your latest activity or trip and to avoid overspending, it is crucial that proper accounting and tracking practices are maintained.

Fund Requests

All funding requests are limited to \$3,000 for any non-ASMJC request. Any non-ASMJC funding request shall be limited to one request per fiscal year from any division, office, organization, committee, event, or employee. For example, if Literature & Language Arts requests funding and is approved, then that division may not make any additional requests for the remainder of the fiscal year. Funding approval occurs on a year to year basis; receiving funding in previous years does not guarantee additional funding in subsequent years.

Any funding request made by a club shall be taken from the Club Development fund and must follow all rules and regulations associated with Club Development funds (i.e.: public funds). Any funding request made on behalf of a club shall be made by a club member who is not an ASMJC Executive Officer or Senator.

If funding is approved, it is the responsibility of the organization or individual requesting funding to follow up with all required paperwork for payment. No purchases shall be made until funds have been approved and this process is complete.

Any Fund Request Forms submitted are subject to the approval of the ASMCJ President for placement on the Senate Agenda. Executive authority shall be vested in the President who shall be responsible for the enforcement of Student Senate rules and regulations (ASMJC Bylaws: Article II, Section 1, Clause A)

If placed on the Senate agenda by the ASMJC President, funding request are subject to the approval of the ASMJC Senate.

Expenditures must also be for good and services other than those the school entity should provide from its own funding sources. Thus is the district's responsibility, or the district has paid for the expenditure in the past, or if ASMJC is being asked to pay for an item or service because of district budget cuts, it is not an allowable expenditure (California FCMAT Associated Student Body Accounting Manual, Fraud Prevention Guide, 2016, p. 185)

Any funds approved must have a final invoice submitted for payment no later than June 1. **Any invoices submitted after this date will no longer be eligible for funding.**

Event/Trip Budgets

Preparing a budget for a specific event or trip requires that you research every element associated with the activity in order to come up with a reasonable estimate of funds to request. Bear in mind that things like cash box requests (for change), incidentals (for miscellaneous supplies like napkins, plates, charcoal, etc.), cash advances, and district transportation all must be factored into this budget and approved in the minutes. Only the items accounted for in the budget breakdown may be purchased for the event or trip; they are considered to be authorized expenditures.

Event/trip budget funding comes out of a budgeted expense account.

Business Services Accounting Procedures Manual

The Business Services Accounting Procedures Manual is a helpful resource to aid in planning and managing the budget. The Business Services Office processes all completed paperwork that relates to ASMJC and club funds.

ASMJC Budget Development

The Finance Committee of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College (ASMJC), with assistance from the ASMJC Advisor, plans for and prepares the budget. The ASMJC Senate reviews and approves the Budget. ASMJC must submit its approved budgets by May 1st of each year to MJC Business Services for processing. After the budget has been determined, the information must be entered on the provided "Budget Form". A separate budget must be created for all ASMJC Funds (71-ASMJC General Fund, 72-Student Representation, and 73-Student Center). In addition, a copy of the ASMJC Senate minutes approving the Budget must be attached.

ASMJC Budget Revisions

Budget monitoring is the process of comparing the budget to the actual revenues and expenses at a point in time to determine whether the revenues are coming in as expected, and that the expenses are not exceeding the amounts authorized in the budget. The ASMJC Finance Committee and ASMJC advisor should monitor the budget at least monthly, so that there is adequate time to adjust plans if the budget is not realistic or if the planned goals will not be met because of lower-than-projected revenue or higher-than-projected expenses. The ASMJC Finance Committee should revise the budget whenever any significant changes occur. The ASMJC Senate must approve all budget adjustments and record them in their meeting minutes. The ASMJC Advisor and the Associate Dean of Campus Life & Student Learning can make recommendations on all changes to the budget.

Expenditures

Expenditure Transfers and Purchase Orders

ASMJC can assist clubs and other organizations on campus with fundraising events, trips, and seed monies. ASMJC requires a completed fund request packet before the request is reviewed at an ASMJC meeting. Once a request has been approved by ASMJC, an appointment must be made with a staff member to process the appropriate paperwork before any event/trip arrangements can be made.

Cash Advances

The purpose of a cash advance is to provide a method for purchasing supplies or pay for other miscellaneous expenses (not including travel) for ASMJC or club activities. A cash advance is the only method of accessing funds without the funds being issued directly to a vendor. Cash advances may only be issued to advisors, not students. All original receipts and unused cash from a cash advance must be returned to the Business Office within two days of the conclusion of the event or trip. Failure to return the receipts and unused cash within two days may result in a suspension of funds. Cash advances may only be issued in conjunction with an event or trip, not as a stand-alone form.