Decision-Making Roles at Modesto Junior College

The YCCD Board of Trustees is the ultimate decision maker on district policies and master plans. The Board delegates to the Chancellor and College Presidents final approval of college and campus administrative procedures, operational issues, and strategic plans.

Role of College Council

The College Council forwards governance issues to and receives recommendations from the governance councils, then makes recommendation to the President on the issues. Individuals, college governance councils, committees, constituent groups, and operational groups develop proposals and recommendations that are forwarded to College Council.

Roles of College Constituencies

Decision making at Modesto Junior College relies heavily upon the spirit and principles of good faith and collegial, participatory governance focused on improving student learning. Members of the college community have the authority and responsibility to make recommendations in matters appropriate in scope to their roles in the college governance process. The scope for each constituent group outlined below is derived from the California Education Code, California Code of Regulations, the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees policies and procedures, Academic Senate rules and bylaws, CSEA/CSAC contract and bylaws, the Associated Student Government constitution and bylaws, YFA contract and bylaws. The relevant sections of the California Code of Regulations are included in an appendix of this document.

Role of President

Board policies identify the YCCD Board of Trustees’ specific legal and fiduciary responsibilities, as well as their relationship with the Chancellor and College President. Board Policy 7430.1 defines the delegation of authority through the Chancellor to the College Presidents. The president is the chief executive officer of the college in accordance with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges eligibility requirements: The institution has a chief executive officer appointed by the governing board whose full-time responsibility is to the institution, and who possesses the requisite authority to administer board policies.

Role of Faculty

Full- and part-time faculty members are provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of college policies and processes that have or will have a significant effect on them. Academic Senate as the legal representative of the faculty of MJC, makes recommendations to the YCCD Board of Trustees and through internal governance councils and/or directly to the college president with respect to academic and professional matters. Recommendations requiring formal district approval are submitted by the college president to the Chancellor and the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees. The rights of the Academic Senate are affirmed in Board Policy 7-8049. Further information on the roles and rights of the Academic Senate is found in the section entitled Decision
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Making on Academic and Professional Issues at Modesto Junior College ratified by the Academic Senate on March 29, 2012, and in the California Code of Regulations Title 5, §53200–53206, included in an appendix of this document. Related to working conditions, full and part-time faculty members are represented by the Yosemite Faculty Association which is the collective bargaining unit.

The governance council structure and decision-making process were designed to affirm the special role of the Academic Senate in decision-making on academic and professional matters in accordance with Title 5 §53200 and Board Policy 7-8049.

Role of Classified Staff

Classified staff members are provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of recommendations, as well as in the processes for developing recommendations that have or will have a significant effect on them. Related to district governance, classified staff members are represented by the CSEA and CSAC. The rights of CSEA and CSAC to represent classified staff along with the rights to consultation on matters that may have significant impact on staff are affirmed in the CSEA contract. Information regarding the roles and rights of classified staff can be found in California Code of Regulations Title 5, §51023.5, which is included in the appendix of this document. Related to working conditions, classified staff members are represented by CSEA.

In compliance with California Education Code 70901.2, CSEA, as the exclusive representative of all classified employees in the Yosemite Community College District; appoints all classified representatives to all College and/or District committees, task forces or any other governance groups. Classified employees have a negotiated agreement that provides classified representation on College Council, District Council, and Administrative or Classified selection committees (CSEA Chapter 420 negotiated agreement article 4.3).

All classified representatives shall serve as advocates for classified employees and as a liaison between the committee and their constituent group. They are not on a committee to serve as advocates for a particular sub-group of the larger constituency.

Role of Students

In Board Policy 5400 the Board of Trustees recognizes the Associated Students organization as the official voice for the students in district and college decision-making processes. The Modesto Junior College Student Senate is recognized as the sole representative body of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior college. Through ASMJC and the ASMJC Student Senate students participate effectively in governance processes. Through ASMJC and the Student Senate perspectives, interests and opinions of students are solicited and presented as part of the formulation of recommendations by governance councils. Information on students’ roles and rights is found in YCCD Board Policy 5400 and the California Code of Regulations Title 5, §51023.7 included in an appendix of this document.