



Senate Meeting Highlights
May 17, 2012
Based on Unapproved Minutes

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Item:

The senate approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Appoint Layla Yousif, Donna Louie, and Hector Duarte to serve on the Administrative Secretary, Special Programs search committee.

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The Senate approved the motion to adopt electronic elections using Class Climate software for future elections.

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The Senate approved the Faculty Hiring Prioritization List for 2012-2013 Academic Year, with the following amendment:

In consideration of the current financial situation facing the YCCD, the MJC Academic Senate is adamantly opposed to any hiring of new permanent faculty until such time that it is clear that financial exigencies will not be used to justify the elimination of academic programs and faculty positions. Any exceptions should be very compelling and supported by the Academic Senate (e.g., relating to accreditation issues).

Also, the Academic Senate reaffirms its position that the current hiring prioritization process and program review process are inherently inadequate to consideration of restoration of viable academic programs recently eliminated on a rationale of financial exigency, and that the faculty hiring prioritization process will remain inherently inadequate until this concern is effectively addressed. Furthermore, the Senate believes those programs already eliminated should be put through a program viability review, and that any academic program considered for elimination in the future on a rationale of financial exigency should be put through such a review before subsequent faculty hiring prioritization lists are formulated.

The Academic Senate commends the IAC and the Senate Planning and Budget Committee for their work in the hiring prioritization process, and approves the recommendations for the 2012-2013 academic year submitted to the Senate, as modified by the following:

Consistent with MJC Academic Senate Resolutions Sp11-C and FL11-C, the Academic Senate recommends that highest priority in Faculty hiring be given to first, restoration of the position eliminated from the MJC Library, second, restoration of the position eliminated from the MJC Art Department and third, restoration of the MJC Industrial Technology Program position.

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The Academic Senate discussed the Participatory Decision-Making Handbook progress.

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The Senate approved a motion to direct Senate Exec to finish communications on Program Viability with Administration to clarify the role of the Senate, and bring back the results of that conversation to the Senators.

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The Senate approved the request to announce internally-Instructional Design Coordinator position.

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The next MJC Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2012 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the East Campus Faculty Lounge.