



**ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
MAY 19, 2011**

Senators Present: Mike Adams, Kevin Alavezos, Paul Cripe, Ellen Dambrosio, Bob Droual, Jennifer Hamilton, Jim Howen, Lee Kooler, Debbie Laffranchini, Allan McKissick, Estella Nanez, Jeff Netto, Adrienne Peek, Sam Pierstorff, Lisa Riggs, Burt Shook, Travis Silvers, Brian Sinclair, Jim Stevens, Teresa Stovall, Barbara Wells, Layla Yousif

Senators Absent: Dan Alcantra, Marlies Boyd, Catherine Greene, Belen Robinson, Rob Stevenson

Guests Present: Michelle Christopherson (substituting for Bruce Anders), Alejandro Sabre (faculty), Adam Webber (ASMJC President), Jamey Wilson (MJC student), John Zamora (substituting for Eva Mo)

I. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was approved without objection.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Noted corrections to the minutes of the April 21, 2011 senate meeting will be researched as requested. Revised minutes will be brought to the next meeting of the MJC Academic Senate.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accreditation Report Edits
- B. CTE Dean Screening Committee faculty representatives-Nancy Backlund, Adrienne Peek, Jeff Beebe, and Gerald Wray
- C. Grant signature approvals: (1) U.S. Department of Labor, Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant; (2) U.S. Department of Education, HIS STEM & Articulation Programs; and (3) Economic Development/Workforce Preparation, CCCCO/Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006—Perkins IV, Statewide Leadership, Title 1B

It was requested that Item III.B., CTE Dean Screening Committee, be pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to the Action/Discussion Items portion of the agenda as Item IV.A.3.

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended without objection. Approved accreditation report edits were for Standard IV.A: Leadership and Governance.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Change Senate Rules re: Assessment Work Group Co-Chair

Senate President Mike Adams explained that it is being recommended that Item III.B.7. of the MJC Academic Senate Rules be deleted from the President-Elect's list of duties. This item currently states that the Senate President Elect will co-chair the Assessment Work Group, which is a subcommittee of the Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness Committee. This particular assignment was previously written in to the rules because, at the time, the Assessment Coordinator had also been elected as the Senate President-Elect. It makes more sense for the AIE Committee to determine who will serve as the Assessment Work Group co-chairs, with senate approval. Item III.B. will now read as follows:

The President-Elect shall:

1. Act as President in the absence of that officer.
2. Perform such functions as the President assigns to assist in carrying out the purposes and policies of the Academic Senate.
3. Represent the Academic Senate to the College Council.
4. Represent the Academic Senate as an observer to the Instructional Administrators Council of Modesto Junior College.
5. Become the President in the case of a presidential recall or resignation.
6. Become the President at the end of the President's current term.
7. Co-chair the Curriculum Committee with the Faculty Co-Chair elected by the Curriculum Committee. This position may require the President-Elect to serve on the Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness (AIE) Committee, depending upon which Curriculum Committee Co-Chair is appointed to the AIE Committee by the Academic Senate.

M/S/U (Lee Kooler/Jennifer Hamilton) to approve the change to Item III.B. of the MJC Academic Senate Rules as recommended.

2. Invite Phil Smith, District Academic Senate President, Los Rios Community College District, to speak to the senate at or before the first meeting of the Fall 2011 semester regarding senate control of budget reductions.

Senate President-Elect Adrienne Peek will contact Phil Smith to invite him to speak to the senate. The Senate Office will make arrangements for a larger venue and will promote this event as widely as possible to faculty, administrators, board members and students.

M/S/U (Jennifer Hamilton/Adrienne Peek) to invite Phil Smith, Los Rios Community College District Academic Senate President, to speak to the senate at or before the first meeting of the Fall 2011 semester regarding senate control of budget reductions.

3. CTE Dean Screening Committee

Adrienne Peek informed the senate that the position of Dean of Continuing Technical Education is a new position created as part of the organizational realignment. Interviews are scheduled for May 25.

V. REPORTS

Faculty Consultant to the Board

Faculty Consultant Sam Pierstorff reminded the senate that the YCCD Board of Trustees will be finalizing the faculty Reductions In Force (RIFs) and budget cuts at their June 8 meeting. Faculty at Columbia College are very concerned about MJC's RIFs and the affects of position "bumps" on their faculty, staff and students.

Sam encouraged the senate to sit down with members of the YCCD Board of Trustees to discuss mutual goals and objectives to work on and accomplish together. The Academic Senate also needs to work with the board on rebuilding the foundation of the shared governance relationship as outlined in AB1725.

President's Report

Mike Adams reviewed the following President's Report with the senate:

RIF Hearing Ruling: The Administrative Law Judge who presided over the RIF hearings several weeks ago issued his ruling on May 18. The ruling was not a comprehensive statement about the justification for the recent budget cuts or the issue of shared governance. The judge has jurisdiction only over the specific issues of bumping rights, due process, proper notice, and qualifications to teach in specific disciplines. Since these hearings were related to contract and employment law, the Yosemite Faculty Association's lawyer served as counsel for faculty.

The decisions in the ruling are mixed. Some of the decisions require more work and could still go either way. YFA leadership is in the process of personally notifying faculty that are directly affected, and when that has been completed more complete information will be forthcoming.

Planning and Budget Reply to SP11-D: Planning and Budget to Assess Viability of Programs: This resolution was discussed at the May 16 Planning and Budget Committee meeting. The committee is in the process of determining how to best identify programs to recommend for evaluation via the Program Viability Procedure.

One concern that the committee has is that it may be difficult to meet the timeline described in the resolution since they want to be sure that faculty are fully involved in that identification process; and it may be difficult to accomplish this during the summer.

Senators are encouraged to read through and become familiar with the Program Viability Procedure, to discuss the process with their constituents, and to assist with dispelling any misunderstandings that faculty and staff may have. Senators are also encouraged to communicate to their constituents that faculty are involved in the process every step of the way and that the Academic Senate ultimately discusses and votes on any recommendations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.