



**ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
September 20, 2012**

Senators Present: Kevin Alavezos, David Boley, Paul Cripe, Ellen Dambrosio, Bob Droual, Jennifer Hamilton, Jim Howen, Allan McKissick, Eva Mo, Mike Morales, Charles Mullins (For Chad Redwing), Estella Nanez, Adrienne Peek, Lisa Riggs, Burt Shook, Greg Hausmann (For Brian Sinclair), Jim Stevens, Theresa Stovall, James Todd, Layla Yousif, John Zamora

Senators Absent: Bruce Anders, Catherine Greene, Debbie Laffranchini, Chad Redwing, Dorothy Scully

Guests Present: James Varble, Student Senate, Guy Van Cleave, Biology Professor, Kevin Sabo, Student Senate, Susan Kincade, Vice President of Instruction, Nancy Wonder, Allied Health, Richard Serros, Art Professor, Heather Townsend, Recorder

I. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

The order of the agenda items was approved without objection.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Layla Yousif and Jennifer Hamilton noted that they were not present at the last Senate meeting. The minutes had suggested they were and have been amended to reflect their absence.

M/S/C (Rob Stevenson, Layla Yousif) to approve the September 6, 2012 meeting minutes as amended.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Appoint Charles Mullins as a faculty member of the Professional Development Committee
- B. Appoint Charles Mullins as the representative from the Professional Development Committee to sit on the Professional Development Taskforce which will draft a master plan for professional development at MJC.
- C. Approve recommended changes to Academic Senate Professional Development Committee

Rob Stevenson noted that item A., Invite Susan Kincade, MJC Vice President of Instruction, to a Senate meeting for formal introduction and Q&A, was approved at the September 6, 2012 meeting. The item was stricken from the record.

M/S/C (Jennifer Hamilton, Rob Stevenson) to approve the consent agenda as amended.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Continuing Business

1. Resolution FL12-A

Resolution FL12-A: The Naming of the Planetarium of the Science Community Center for a 1st reading was discussed. Bob Droual, creator of the resolution, said that he was very impressed by the students who came to the Senate on August 16, 2012. The students presented Resolution U12-1. Their resolution petitions the administration of Modesto Junior College to name the observatory and planetarium facilities of the Science Community Center in honor of Dr. William Luebke. Bob mentioned that Wes Page, Video Production Specialist, submitted a letter in support of naming the building after Dr. William Luebke.

Richard Serros, MJC Art Professor, read aloud a letter that he had sent to the recent previous Interim President's Dr. Larry Calderon and Dr. Mary Retterer. Richard urged the Senate to support this resolution and to do what they can to persuade the Dean of Science, Mathematics and Engineering to name the Science Community Center the William Luebke Planetarium.

Guy Van Cleave came in support of naming the Science Community Center in honor of Dr. William Luebke. Guy said that his presence alone speaks to his support for Dr. William Luebke.

Jim Howen spoke against the resolution. Jim said that the U.S. Post Office has a policy to never put a face of a person on a stamp until after they have passed away. Jim said that we should adopt the same policy. Mr. Howen said that if you start naming things after people, it introduces politics. Jim said that another issue is with the Planetarium and Measure E.

James Varble, ASMJC, said that it would be nice to name the entire planetarium after Dr. Luebke but understands that donors may be needed which leaves this open to naming specific areas after Dr. Luebke.

***M/S/C (James Todd, Jennifer Hamilton) to call the question on the discussion.
18 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions***

***M/S/C (Charles Mullins, Jim Stevens) to approve Resolution FL12-A: The Naming of the Planetarium of the Science Community Center for a 1st Reading.
19 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions***

2. A. Mission Statement

John Zamora announced that a proposed mission statement has been brought to the Senate for discussion and/or approval. The Senate discussed the language used in the proposed mission statement. James Todd noted that College Council had made some revisions to the draft. John Zamora read aloud the proposed draft recently revised by College Council.

The proposed draft can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.mjc.edu/general/president/governance/index.html>

Jennifer Hamilton asked if the approval of this draft would mean that we are accepting this draft as the final draft. Allan McKissick said that if approved, then we are accepting this document as the final draft.

Allan moved to amend the first motion of approving the mission statement. Allan McKissick moved that the MJC Mission Statement draft be endorsed by the Academic Senate as the new mission statement of Modesto Junior College.

Eva Mo stated that she appreciates all the work that was put into developing the mission statement. Eva stated that the statement needs to be wordsmithed before it is accepted.

Allan said that the wording could be a little bit more elegant here and there, but time is of the essence on this. Allan urged a yes vote.

Lisa Riggs noted that although the section that discussed the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes has been omitted from the current draft, she believed that this section spoke to what is coming down the pipeline in Allied Health.

James Varble noted that part of why ACCJC wants us to develop a mission statement is to make institutional decisions based on what it is saying. James asked, "When you read this, is this going to help inform your decisions on whether or not to fund a program?" James said that our mission statement should align with the States statement as well.

Allan noted that the State's mission statement is much more developed than the current MJC statement.

Burt Shook motioned to make a friendly amendment. Burt suggested that the following wording be added as a third paragraph to the mission statement:

MJC fulfills its mission by developing knowledge, skills and attitudes that prepare learners for

- *Further education*
- *Transfer to other educational institutions*
- *And the workforce.*

Three Senators objected the friendly amendment. Burt moved to make the friendly amendment a regular amendment.

John Zamora announced that a special meeting of the Academic Senate will be held September 27, 2012.

M/S/_ (Rob Stevenson, Jim Howen) to approve the mission statement.

M/S/Failed (Burt Shook/Lisa Riggs) to accept the motion to amend Rob Stevenson's motion to approve the mission statement.

8 ayes/12 nays/0 abstentions

M/S/C (Jim Howen, Allan McKissick) to call the question on the proposed amendment.

20 ayes/0 nays/0 abstentions

M/S/C (Paul Cripe, Jennifer Hamilton) to call the question on the debate to approve that the MJC Mission Statement draft be endorsed by the Academic Senate as the new mission statement of Modesto Junior College.

20 ayes/0 nays/0 abstentions

M/S/C (Allan McKissick, Rob Stevenson) to amend the motion to approve the mission statement and approve that the MJC Mission Statement draft be endorsed by the Academic Senate as the new mission statement of Modesto Junior College.

17/aves/3 nays/0 abstentions

B. Participatory Decision-Making Handbook:

The Senators reviewed the proposed Participatory Decision-Making Handbook document proposed by Jill Stearns at the last Senate meeting. The Senators also reviewed the original document submitted by the initial Participatory Task Force. John Zamora noted that edits were submitted to College Council verbally on September 14, 2012 by John Zamora and are incorporated as tracked changes in Jill's document.

Susan Kincade, Vice President of Instruction, commented that College Council on September 17, 2012 had two documents in front of them (The task force document dated August 26, 2012 and the revised document dated September 14, 2012) and had voted to deal with the one document that is the MJC Participatory Making Handbook revised September 14, 2012. Susan noted that James Todd had mentioned that according to the revised September 14, 2012 document, the AIE Committee would not be resolved. Susan noted that the AIE Committee is a sub-committee of the Academic Senate and would not be dissolved. Susan said that it is not in anyone's purview to dissolve the AIE Committee; the AIE Committee will continue to be Academic Senate's committee. Susan stated, "The overriding issue is that AIE is a sub-committee of the Academic Senate and so it cannot be a formal participatory decision making committee reporting to Academic Senate where I do not vote and students do not vote. That is why government councils are created with representation from all sides, to all vote, and with the understanding of 10+1." Susan said that President Jill Stern's wanted to incorporate John's comments in her good faith effort however; Jill had asked John for his comments on Friday morning but did not get John's comments until after 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Susan stated, "The document that you have from College Council is only because she could not possibly get your comments in." John said, "Monday I made the comments. It was at Monday's College Council meeting that I was asked to write them down. There was no way that I could have given them to her on Friday, because I did not make any of those comments on Friday. I made them this past Monday."

Allan said that a motion was made at College Council to continue working on Jill's draft that was submitted and not the first draft created and submitted by the Participatory Task Force. Allan said that the Senate delegation made a point to abstain from voting at College Council on using the second draft and omitting the first draft for edits from this point forward.

James Todd noted that there are significant changes with the structure of the College when comparing the first draft created by the task force to comparing Jill's proposed document. James noted that there has been a suggestion for a creation of new council's in Jill's proposal. James mentioned that he had proposed adding the Academic Senate to help clarify some of the Senate's issues in terms of 10+1 within the original graphic that was proposed by President Jill Stearns. James shared a concern that the Senates role regarding 10+1 needs to be clearly understood and spelled out within the document.

Allan made the following motion:

The Academic Senate accepts and endorses comments by President Zamora on the September 14, 2012 draft of A MJC Participatory Decision-Making Handbook. The Academic Senate directs the executive committee to continue developing language for the handbook that reflects the Academic Senate position as stated in SB12-B, and in discussion with other constituencies at MJC, create a MJC Governance Handbook for ratification by the Academic Senate.

Allan said that by endorsing the commentary made by John Zamora, it shows that the Senate has said something concrete about this.

Eva Mo stated that regarding "mutually agree" and "rely primarily," structurally the document does not support the Senate's 10+1. Eva said that what she is hearing from Susan is that the comments added by John have not been added because it has been all about the matter of the timing. Eva said it sounds like Jill wants to add them but she hasn't had the time to incorporate them. Eva said that she has spoken to Deborah Bolter, Accreditation Co-Chair, who is writing the Follow-Up Report. Eva stated that Deborah has to have this report completed in eleven days. Eva said that Debi cannot complete this report without some understanding of how decision making is made and where the bodies of power lie. Eva said that she really hopes that we can come together to find some sort of conclusion.

Bob Droual said that a real threat is moving on the horizon. Bob admires the way that Jill Stearns has handled this. Bob said that concerns that have been shared regarding 10+1 by Senate have been addressed in the document by Jill. Bob said that if everyone voted in favor of Jill's document in College Council, then we should go along with College Council.

Allan agreed that we should not go against other constituencies unless a document does not pass the 10+1 test. Allan noted that if you look at Jill's document on page 17 the reference in paragraph one is an issue but can be fixed.

***M/S/Failed (Theresa Stovall, Paul Cripe) to approve a motion to adjourn.
7 ayes/9 nays/0 abstentions***

M/S/C(Allan McKissick, Rob Stevenson) to call the question on the debate to approve the motion.

17 ayes/0 nays/0 abstentions

M/S/C (Allan McKissick, Rob Stevenson) to approve Allan McKissick's motion.

15 ayes/2 nays/0 abstentions

M/S/C (Allan McKissick, Theresa Stovall) to approve a motion to adjourn.

17 ayes/0 nays/0 abstentions

V. REPORTS

STUDENT SENATE

NO REPORT

FACULTY CONSULTANT TO THE BOARD/DISTRICT COUNCIL

NO REPORT

INSTRUCTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S COUNCIL (IAC)

NO REPORT

ACCREDITATION/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE (AIE)

NO REPORT

ASSESSMENT WORK GROUP

NO REPORT

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

NO REPORT

COLLEGE COUNCIL

NO REPORT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NO REPORT

VI. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.