



**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
October 18, 2012**

Senators Present: Kevin Alavezos, David Boley, Paul Cripe, Ellen Dambrosio, Bob Droual, Catherine Greene, Debbie Gilbert, Jim Howen, Debbie Laffranchini, Allan McKissick, Eva Mo, Mike Morales, Estella Nanez, Chad Redwing, , Burt Shook, Jim Stevens, Theresa Stovall, Lisa Riggs, Layla Yousif, John Zamora

Senators Absent: Bruce Anders, Jennifer Hamilton, Dorothy Scully, Brian Sinclair, James Todd

Guests Present: Kevin Sabo, ASMJC, James Varble, ASMJC, Elizabeth McInnes, SME

I. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

The order of the agenda items was approved without objection.

M/S/C (Robert Stevenson, Theresa Stovall) to approve the order of the agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 4, 2012 were approved without objection.

M/S/C (Robert Stevenson, Burt Shook) to approve the October 4, 2012 meeting minutes.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve appointment of Brian Sinclair as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees.
- B. Approve the appointment of Hector Duarte (Special Programs) and Teryl Ward (Allied Health) to serve on the hiring committee for the Director of Financial Services.
- C. Invite Antoinette Herrera, Director of Health Services, for introduction and Q&A of training opportunities to a future Senate meeting.

M/S/C (Ellen Dambrosio, Chad Redwing) to approve the consent agenda.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Continuing Business

1. Signature on Follow-Up Report:

The following motion was made by Robert Stevenson:

“The Academic Senate of Modesto Junior College accepts the Accreditation Follow-Up Report and authorizes the signature of the Senate President. This authorization does not supersede the Academic Senates official position declining to approve the document “Engaging All Voices”, referred to in Recommendation 6 of the Accreditation Follow-Up Report. The Academic Senate Executive Committee is directed to recommend constructive steps toward resolving any remaining disagreements with the document “Engaging all Voices” and is further directed to research requesting technical assistance from the State Academic Senate and Community College League of California to assure effective participation in college governance at our campus.”

Rob Stevenson said that we did have one disagreement on one of the areas within the report but no substantial disagreement on the rest. Rob said that it is still very important that we attempt to remedy the one disagreement with Recommendation 6. Rob stated that we need to be as constructive as possible in dealing with the problems that remain.

Allan voiced a concern regarding the Follow-Up Report. Allan said that the Senators should take note of a few items. Allan said that by signing the report, the Senate is certifying that there was broad representation. Allan was unsure of this being true.

Eva Mo stated that she was in support of John’s signature on the Follow-Up Report. Eva said that whether or not we agreed on issues within the report, we did participate. Eva said that we did not get what we wanted but we did participate.

M/S/C (Robert Stevenson, Bob Droual) to approve the motion.

2. Proposed Changes to Board Policy 7-8049:

John Zamora explained the proposed changes to Board Policy 7-8049. A copy of the current policy and proposed changes was provided to the Academic Senate meeting members. John explained that the changes reflect exactly what is stated in Title V regarding 10+1.

Allan McKissick was opposed to the proposed changes. Allan said that there is some tendency for the Senate not to have a direct relationship with the board to which it is legally entitled to.

Chad Redwing said that he has read the policy and the only change is that of the word designee. Chad said that the document is word for word what Title V already says.

The following motion was made:

“To approve that we accept the proposed changes to Board Policy 7-8049 for a first reading, with the intent of bringing this document to constituents for discussion to be brought back at a later meeting for a second reading.”

M/S/C (Robert Stevenson, Burt Shook) to approve the motion.

3. Student Senate Resolution: Vote of No Confidence in Academic Senate and its Leadership:

A Resolution that was presented at the Board meeting by the Student Senate was brought forth to the Academic Senate by Bob Droual. The Resolution reads as follows:

Student Senate of Modesto Junior College

Sponsors: Vice President of Legislation Varble, Senators Campbell and Santos

WHEREAS the Academic Senate of Modesto Junior College is the legally constituted body that represents the faculty on academic and professional matters as defined in Title 5 §53200, and

WHEREAS the Academic Senate, through its representatives, has failed to engage other constituencies and stakeholders at Modesto Junior College in a collegial manner in keeping with the principle of a good faith effort, and

WHEREAS the Academic Senate, through its actions and the behavior of its representatives including the Academic Senate President and Secretary, has continuously expressed an utter disdain for the rights and concerns of other constituencies, including the students and staff, where those rights and concerns do not coincide with those of the Academic Senate, and

WHEREAS the Academic Senate, despite having clear knowledge of the tenuous status of the institution's accreditation, has chosen to prioritize entrenching its own power vis à vis other constituencies by rejecting the document Engaging All Voices when the adoption of such a document is mandated by accreditation standards, and

WHEREAS institutions placed on show cause such as College of the Redwoods and Cuesta College have experienced declining student populations, thus negatively impacting enrollment-based funding based on full-time equivalent students, therefore

RESOLVED that the Student Senate of Modesto Junior College declares and affirms no confidence in the Academic Senate of Modesto Junior College and its leadership.

RESOLVED that the Student Senate of Modesto Junior College immediately recalls its representatives from the Academic Senate and directs the Student Senate Executive Council to review student participation on committees and workgroups which are formal subsidiaries of the Academic Senate.

RESOLVED that the Student Senate of Modesto Junior College declares and affirms its confidence in the President of Modesto Junior College and endorses the participatory decision-making document Engaging All Voices.

RESOLVED that the Student Senate of Modesto Junior College requests that the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees adopt the document Engaging All Voices as all parties have participated effectively in the development process and failure to adopt it would expose the district to legal liability or cause substantial fiscal hardship.

Adopted by the Student Senate: October 5, 2012

Bob stated that we cannot ignore the most important constituency at the school. Bob said that we would not exist for any other reason but the students. Bob said that it is unfortunate that it has come to this. He said that it is important that we seek an understanding or reconciliation between the respected bodies for the sake of harmony at the school and to move forward.

Bob presented the following motion:

“Two delegates from the Academic Senate Executive Board will be chosen to meet with the Student Academic Senate to seek a possible reconciliation.”

Eva Mo said that she sees a failure on both sides. She said that most of the dysfunction occurred in College Council. Eva said that it was not an intention of bad faith, but it was a failure to organize the conversation in a manner that could be productive. She said that she thinks there has been a good faith effort on all parts and she supports Bob’s motion.

M/S/C (Bob Droual, Robert Stevenson) to approve the motion.

V. REPORTS

STUDENT SENATE

Kevin Sabo said that the Resolution that was presented to the Academic Senate was voted on by the Student Senate 12 to 1. He emphasized that no members of the public attend the Student Senate meetings other than the Student Senate. Kevin wishes that faculty were more visible at the Student Senate meetings. Kevin said that the absence of faculty members from the Academic Senate is the underlying reason as to why the resolution was brought forth. Kevin said that the vote of no confidence was an action taken to get the Academic Senate’s attention.

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

Discipline Faculty for FSAs

Many of the FSA forms submitted to the Senate office are requests for current FSAs. Those forms will be forwarded directly to Human Resources as per the process agreed by YFA and the District and will be addressed by the YFA FSA Committee. There are approximately 30 FSA forms that are requesting additional FSAs and will need further review from discipline faculty. A call will be put out to the appropriate discipline faculty to review these forms.

District Council Report – September 27, 2012

It was requested of all at District Council to report out on the information provided at the meeting. A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to the General Fund final budget for 2012-13. You can see the entire 2012-13 Final Budget and the 2012-2013 Final Budget Presentation at the following website:

<http://www.yosemite.edu/fiscalservices/budget.htm>

We should be holding steady for the 2012-13 year. Central Services has reserves to deal with possible mid-year cuts. Depending on the outcome of Proposition 30, this means a 7.3% reduction in funded FTES, which is 1164 FTES less funded for YCCD.

Please take the time to go to the above link for detailed information regarding the budget.

Area A Meeting and Fall Plenary Session

The Area A meeting is Friday, October 19, 2012 at Sacramento City College. Jennifer Hamilton, Robert Stevenson, and I (John Z.) will be attending. Items to be considered can be found at the following website: <http://www.asccc.org/materials>.

A document of interest is the draft "Program Discontinuance: A Faculty Perspective Revisited" document. Fall Plenary is being held in Irvine on November 8th through 10th.

Vetting TMCs and C-ID course descriptors

There is a request from the state C-ID Faculty Coordinator for assistance in vetting the following TMCs and C-ID course descriptors. If you have not done so, please go to the website <http://www.c-id.net>. You have the opportunity to create an account for yourself on this system.

- Course Descriptors being vetted or re-vetted currently (in these disciplines)
Anthropology, Biology, Journalism, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Philosophy, Spanish
- TMCs being vetted or re-vetted currently
Philosophy, Spanish

A Degree with a Guarantee

A new website has been created and is associated with the marketing of the Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T and AS-T degrees). The website can be found at the following address: <http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com/>.

Call for Faculty Nominations to serve on the Board of Governors

Attached to this report are forms related to this call for nominations at the state level. These include the Call for Nominations letter, the application form, and the faculty nomination process. If you have suggestions for nominations, please let me know. Keep in mind the following (which is an excerpt from the Call for Nominations letter):

Candidates for nomination should submit a letter of introduction, a current resume outlining relevant professional activities, and the letter of local senate endorsement. All original materials must be received in the Academic Senate Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2012. NO FAXES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Call for Exemplary Award Applications

A Call for Exemplary Award Applications has been made. Attached are the letter, requirements, and application for the award. If you have any suggestions for nominations, please let me know. The following is an excerpt from announcement:

The Academic Senate is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Exemplary Program Award. This award is sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Each college may nominate one program to receive this prestigious honor. The Board of Governors presents the 2012-2013 Exemplary Program Award to as many as six programs from across the state at its January 2013 meeting. The Board of Governors established the Exemplary Program Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding community college programs. As many as two California community college programs will receive cash awards of \$4,000 and up to four programs will receive honorable mention plaques. This award offers an excellent opportunity for California community colleges to showcase exceptional programs.

Completed applications must be received in the Academic Senate Office by 5:00 p.m. on

November 19, 2012. The selection committee will complete the review process by early December. Please submit one original and one (1) copy of your nominated program. Scanned applications submitted by email (awards@asccc.org) with the appropriate signatures will be accepted. However, please call the Senate Office to verify receipt of the application.

Student Success Initiative Newsletter – October 2012 Issue

The Student Success Initiative Newsletter can be accessed at the following link:

http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/StudentSuccessInitiative/Newsletters/SSTF_Newsletter_2012_10.htm

Message from Governor Jerry Brown to college students

Governor Brown has sent a message to college students regarding the ability of Californians to register to vote online. As an information item, you may want to indicate to faculty colleagues and students that voter registration can be accomplished at the following website:

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm

VI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Burt Shook requested that we revisit the issue of policy and procedure of faculty hiring committees in early spring.

VII. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Eva Mo reminded everyone of the MJC Foundation welcome reception for President Jill Stearns presently happening in the Student Services Building.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.