

Modesto Junior College (MJC)
Academic Senate Resolution
FA 20-B: Preferred Name Recognition

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Whereas: Article 3 [1], Article 3.5 [2], and Article 4 [3] of Chapter 4.5 under Title 3 of the Education Code under California Law, states that public higher education in California strives to provide educationally equitable environments listed in Section 66270, a reasonable opportunity to fully develop [their] potential; (Student Senate)

Whereas: The invisibility, both by omission and by design, of [LGBTQ+] students and their issues in curricula, co-curricular activities, and campus practices perpetuates prejudice against [LGBTQ+] individuals and promotes heterosexism; and,

Whereas: California Law allows legal ID's to include preferred pronouns in compliance with CA state law SB 179; and

Whereas: MJC's student information system (Datatel) preferred name & pronoun screens already exist and can implement preferred name through an IT work ticket and process.

Whereas: the CCC Application for admission already solicits students preferred name and MJC currently does not recognize the student request; and,

Whereas: Canvas has ability to change first name upon Faculty approval for each class– the name change does not show on the roster, as a result students are forced to out themselves several times each semester; and,

Whereas: students have requested MJC stop dead-naming them. Students have voiced concerns over faculty who are not able to make requested change for student. It is not the students burden to carry when the campus has the capability to create a process, implementing preferred name will honor the student without forcing them into an uncomfortable situation every semester;

Whereas: 30 Community Colleges have a Preferred Name Process

**Not a comprehensive list:*

San Joaquin Delta College, Gavilan, Los Rios Community College District (ARC, Sac City, Cosumnes, Folsom Lake), DeAnza College, Foothill College, Santa Rosa Community College, Santa Barbara Community College, Glendale Community College, Riverside Community College District, Palomar Community College District, Santa Monica College, Long Beach City

College, City College of San Francisco, Santa Ana College, Contra Costa Community College District (Contra Costa, Diablo Valley, Los Medanos), Butte Community College, Cabrillo Community College, Cerritos College, Cuyamaca College, Mira Costa, Coast Community College District (Coastline Community College, Golden West College, Orange Coast College

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Academic Senate will work with MJC administration to implement students' preferred name and pronoun using the models developed by the aforementioned California Community Colleges.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Academic Senate will submit an IT work order to request Preferred name and pronoun processing be programmed and implemented at MJC.

Therefore, be it resolved: The Academic Senate will help ensure MJC's LGBTQ+ is included in the MJC equity plan and commits to address institutional barriers faced by the MJC's LGBTQ+ community.

Therefore, be it resolved: The Academic Senate will help promote the process for preferred name and pronoun in Canvas until Datatel is in place.

First Reading: September 17, 2020

Final Reading: October 1, 2020

Disposition: Carried

Referenced Resolutions: [Support for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender \(GLBT\) Students and Staff](#) (ASCCC, Fall Spring 2009 Resolution Number: 03.02); Gender Equity Resources Centers (Student Senate of the California Community Colleges, Fall 2018)