



**Student Senate  
Meeting**

December 18, 2020

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Zoom Conference

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98662366240>

**Minutes**

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Friday December 18, 2020 at 3:00pm through Zoom Conference: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98662366240>  
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**I. Call to Order: 3:01 PM**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call:**

Executive Officers		Senators		Senators	
<b>Jennifer Novoa</b> President	P	Jesus Medina	P	Hannah Smith	P
<b>Samantha Carvajal</b> Vice President	P	Amy Carvelho	P	Gabriel Barajas	A
<b>Raymond Gonzales</b> Secretary	P	Maria Marquez	P	Lila Mae Young	P
<b>Vacant</b> Director of Political Development		Diana Ledesma	P	Richard Garcia	P
<b>Hannah Ransdell</b> Director of Student Relations	P	Idalia Rojas	P		
		VACANT		<b>Guests</b>	
		VACANT			
		VACANT			
<b>Staff</b>		VACANT			
<b>Alejandra Espinoza</b> Campus Life and Student Learning Manager	P	VACANT			
<b>John Griffin</b> Campus Life Program Assistant	L	VACANT			
<b>Mitch Miller</b> Campus Life Student Center Tech	A	VACANT			
<b>Carmen De La Cruz</b> Campus Life Program Specialist	P	VACANT			
<b>Rebecca Tilger</b> Administrative Technician	A	VACANT			

## **Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion by Senator Marquez; Seconded by Vice President Carvajal

*Approved with No Abstentions*

### **Public Comment (Brown Act §54954.3):**

This segment of the agenda is reserved for members of the public to directly address the Student Senate on any matters within its jurisdiction. A time limit of two (2) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic will be allotted. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of items not on the agenda. The Student Senate may briefly respond to comments made or questions posed. For an item to be placed on a future agenda, please contact President Novoa.

Persons who want to **comment on topics not included on the agenda** can do so as part of this section of the agenda.

Persons who want to **comment on agendized topics** may do so after being recognized by the ASMJC President before Senate discussion on the action item.

Prior to comment at the Senate Meeting, all speakers should complete a Speaker Request form in advance and give it to the ASMJC President.

### Approval of Previous Minutes:

December 15, 2020

Motion by Secretary Gonzales; Seconded by Senator Mendoza

*Approved with One Abstentions – Senator Rojas*

## **IV. Presentations and Introductions: None**

## **V. Action Items (Items to be voted on):**

- A. NTE: \$1,475.00 for MSR Computer (Fund 73)  
Motion by Secretary Gonzales; Seconded by Senator Carvelho  
*Approved with No Abstentions*

## **ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:**

- A. YCCD Board Meeting: Jennifer Novoa:  
President Novoa reported their last meeting was moved to a Friday and was to wrap up what the semester had entailed from Modesto Junior College, Columbia College, both Academic Senate presidents, YFA, CSEA, ASCC, and from ASMJC. Judy Lancaster also reported on some renovations that will take place on the East and West Campuses. Their final subject was evaluating what it means for a student to be in good standing.
- B. AB 705 Taskforce: Diana Ledesma/Lila Mae Young: No Report
- C. Academic Senate: Gabriel Barajas: No Report
- D. Accreditation Council: Raymond Gonzales/ Maria Marquez/ Hannah Smith: No Report
- E. College Council: Hannah Ransdell:  
Director Ransdell reported they decided that the strategic enrollment management request should

be postponed until further notice given that the spring semester is going to be filled with a lot of other important matters that will need to be discussed but College council has also announced that this is an important matter to be talked about and when they feel the need to bring it up again, they most certainly will. Jennifer Zellet went over the enrollment update which showed student attendance for the fall of 2019 and the fall of 2020. They compared each subject and noted the decrease in students due to COVID-19. They further discussed as to how they could increase student participation and attendance for the following spring semester, and they are actively working towards advertising MJC to students. For spring institute day MJC will be having an astronaut who was also a professional football player will guest speak in the spring semester. They also discussed the instruction counsel's List of off cycle replacements Which is a ranking of all the subjects that need Professor replacements. At any time, Dr. Houppis can change the ranking of this prioritization list with good reason. Lastly, they discussed the recommendation of prioritization of small capital outlay projects, this list prioritizes minor updates and Reconstruction that needs to be done throughout the campus.

- F. Facilities Council: Maria Marquez/ Diana Ledesma:  
Senator Ledesma reported everything is going smoothly on campus. Majority of the constructions that are happening on campus have been completed but there are still some issues that are being fixed. The campus is being maintained despite the students and staff not being there. The school is getting more information of whether athletics will be allowed in the spring. There is a new outdoor waiting room that was proposed but the issue with that is timing. They are not sure if there will be enough time for it to pass and for it to be constructed. It could be helpful in storing carts because MJC does not have any place where carts can be stored.
- G. Instruction Council: Ida Rojas: No Report
- H. Student Success and Equity: Jesus Medina/ Gabriel Barajas:  
Senator Medina reported there were presentations for priority level registration where each was graded with The Enrollment Priorities Level 2 rubric being: would student success be inhibited, if this group doesn't receive second level priority, does the proposal support their overall institutional goals in terms of student success and equity, pass for presentation, presentation strengths and weaknesses, and final recommendation. The groups presented in the following order, UMOJA, International Student, Athletics, and TRIO. The Student Success and Equity Committee and Student Services also discussed the future goals and tasks for this committee in breakout rooms touching on the topics of committee name, size, goals, term limits, responsibilities, and a value statement draft, however there was not enough time in the meeting, and it will be addressed in the future.
- I. Distance Education: Richard Garcia:  
Senator Garcia reported they skipped over old business for the first part of their meeting due to Chad attending their meeting they did go back to it towards the end. They discussed more about how many classes need one or two classes to take the degree or certificate fully online. Chad Redwing spoke at their meeting and discussed with us about making the OEC a Consensus Committee that reports to Senate. He told us they don't want to change their committee format; they would be reporting to the Academic Senate. Ryan Guy asked if small ticket items like the time the canvas history button being turned for canvas like would they have to report to the Academic Senate for those such items and would their process for big ticket items change. Chad said that if it is a 10 + 1 item (big ticket item) send it to the senate, if not like the canvas history button it doesn't go up to the senate. Patrick Reported that net-tutor and Proctorol and Crambium Café will be covered until June 30th. Ashli reported that net-tutor hours have been changed for Math and English. They began a discussion about the Camera Policy for Synchronous classes. An Ad-hoc committee was made to discuss at first it was a one meeting committee now there will be two meetings one that will begin the conversation the next to finalize it. The first one no

one from the ASMJC Senate attended due to us not discussing this topic. Originally, they were going to have it in January, but they had one earlier today Friday 12/18/2020 at 9:30 to 10:30 and scheduled the next meeting January 4th, 2021 at 9:00 am – 10:00am. It is important that the senate discuss what the opinions are on this matter so they can go to the meeting, to have a side to advocate for, and have the student's voices heard.

J. Resource Allocation Committee: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal: No Report

K. PIT Crew: Amy Carvelho: No Report

## VI. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:

A. Student Relation Report: Hannah Ransdell

Director Ransdell thanked the senate for posting about FLOW and for posting about the virtual spirit week. Today is the last day to participate for this Christmas spirit week so she encouraged participation. She mentioned she prefers the posts before 9:30-10pm so she can repost it on time. She then thanked the senate for all their hard work this semester and that she appreciated it and wished them a restful winter break.

B. Vice President Report: Samantha Carvajal: No Report

C. Presidential Report: Jennifer Novoa

President Novoa started by congratulating everyone for completing another semester of their college career. This has been one interesting semester and she is proud of everyone for completing it regardless of all the other external challenges they faced these past months. She then reported on the Hispanic education conference committee. They had a meeting on Wednesday and discussed the possible outcomes of what the conference can look like virtually. They talked about having less breakout groups and shortening the time to about an hour. Some parts of the conference will be live other parts will be pre-recorded. Nothing is set in stone other than the date, it will be on Saturday, March 6. She then gave an update on the graduation committee. They have been meeting on a weekly basis their last meeting was on Tuesday, and during the meeting they talked about the technicalities of having a virtual graduation. The committee has sent out a survey for all the 2020 graduates who are interested in participating so they can sign up and pick a time that they can stop by photo ready to pick up their caps and gowns. She mentioned some of the senate may need to help during that day when they plan on having students drive-through for a photo, of course not everyone because they want to be as safe as possible, but they may need a couple of volunteers. As she said the technicalities are still being worked out, but as of right now the plan is to have the video out by March and as soon as they send that one out, they will begin working on the video for 2021 graduates. As this is the last Senate Meeting of the semester, she encouraged the senate to step away from their computers and your phones and TVs and just relax for a couple of weeks. There is much more planned for spring semester regarding events, some weeklong events, and conferences, so the senate needs to rejuvenate for the spring semester because they will have a lot going on. She concluded by wishing everyone a merry Christmas and happy holidays and opened herself to calls or texts if the senate needs anything.

## VII. Campus Life Staff Reports:

A. **Campus Life Program Specialist Carmen De La Cruz** reported the final count on flow was 1820 WINCO cards handed out during the fall semester. She reminded the senate it started slowing, but towards the end it picked up and helped many students. She thanked the senate for posting and that she looks forward to working with everyone next semester as well.

- B. Campus Life and Student Learning Manager Alejandra Espinoza** reiterated that over the next few weeks that the senate should try to get away from their electronics, and to try to enjoy their time with friends, family, and pets. She then mentioned that next semester will entail more training, leadership development, and events, so to be prepared.
- C. Campus Life Program Assistant John Griffin** also encouraged the senate to get away from electronics and relax. He then reminded the senate they are in a leadership position, so that when they move forward it is important to remember a leader is a servant. Anywhere that requires a leader, needs someone to help them progress and move forward as well.

#### **VIII. Adjournment: 3:50 PM**

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place:

January 15, 2020  
Via Zoom

\* With the exception of special meetings and holidays all ASMJC meetings take place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month during the Fall and Spring semesters.