



Student Senate Meeting

April 2, 2021
3:00PM - 5:00PM
Zoom Conference

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Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College shall conduct a meeting on Friday April 2, 2021 at 3:00pm through Zoom Conference: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98524798055> All meetings of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College are open to the public and are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person(s) with disabilities requesting special accommodations should contact Jennifer Novoa, President of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College by phone at (209) 575-6700 or by e-mail at asmjcpresident@my.yosemite.edu for such accommodations to be made.

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I. Call to Order: 3:01 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Executive Officers		Senators		Senators	
Jennifer Novoa President	P	Jesus Medina	P	Hannah Smith	P
Samantha Carvajal Vice President	P	Amy Carvelho	P	Lila Mae Young	P
Raymond Gonzales Secretary	P	Maria Marquez	P		
Vacant Director of Political Development		Diana Ledesma	P		
Hannah Ransdell Director of Student Relations	P	Idalia Rojas	P		
		VACANT		Guests	
		VACANT		Dr. Matthew Phillips-Lopez	P
		VACANT		Amy Yribarren	P
Staff		VACANT		Jair Pineda	P
Alejandra Espinoza Campus Life and Student Learning Manager	P	VACANT			
John Griffin Campus Life Program Assistant	A	VACANT			
Mitch Miller Campus Life Student Center Tech	A	VACANT			
Carmen De La Cruz Campus Life Program Specialist	P	VACANT			
Rebecca Tilger Administrative Technician	A	VACANT			

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Senator Carvalho

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:

March 19, 2021

Motion by Senator Medina; Seconded by Senator Carvalho

Approved with One Abstention by Senator Smith

Presentations and Introductions:

Dr. Matthew Phillips-Lopez, Dean of Counseling, wanted to introduce himself to the student senate and show his support of all that they do including offering resources, leadership development, and being present with trying to figure out the new online environment, and that if there are any questions or concerns to reach out to him. He went on to explain he was a first-generation college student who understood hearing phrases such as “you’re not college material” and understands having barriers in place that can discourage people from pursuing higher education. He also informed the senate more on his personal background to better connect including that he loves working with college students and helping them to succeed. Adding to this, he stated participatory governance is a three-legged stool of the administration, faculty and staff, and the students to emphasize the importance of the student voices in different fields of the college. He concluded by encouraging the students to speak up and use their voices to talk to administration about expectations and values of participatory governance.

IV. Action Items (Items to be voted on):

A. Black Lives Matter resolution

Motion by Vice President Carvajal; Seconded by Secretary Gonzales

Approved with No Abstentions

B. Undocumented students’ resolution

Motion by Senator Marquez; Seconded by Senator Carvalho

Approved with No Abstentions

C. Health fee increased

Motion by Senator Carvelho; Seconded by Senator Marquez

Approved with No Abstentions

A. ASMJC Shared Governance Council/Committees:

- A. YCCD Board Meeting: Jennifer Novoa: No Report
- B. AB 705 Taskforce: Diana Ledesma/Lila Mae Young: No Report
- C. Accreditation Council: Raymond Gonzales/ Maria Marquez/ Hannah Smith: No Report
- D. College Council: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal

Vice President Carvajal reported, in College council, they discussed a new security alarm system. This new security alarm system would be an alarm monitoring company calls and to use this alarm there needs to be a code that faculty would know. There were some issues with this alarm system such as contract issues and specifics with the monitoring system and money situations. There was also an issue on whether the department was going to get charged for false alarms. They also discussed the HERF and HERF three update. The HERF 2 was past December for \$20.6 million and they are also getting another \$36,120,000. 18,060,000 is going to students for emergency financial aid and some will also cover lost revenue and implement strategies to help track and provide Covid vaccinations. Lastly, they discussed having a meeting free day for all committees and constituent groups to give everybody a free Wednesday every week to not worry about having meetings to be able to finish assignments and use that time for any catch-up work or breaks needed. There was a calendar that provided this information and Jennie also mentioned that they should add the ASMJC events because it will be beneficial in this calendar to get more awareness with our faculty.

- E. Facilities Council: Maria Marquez/ Diana Ledesma: No Report
- F. Student Success and Equity: Jesus Medina: No Report
- G. Resource Allocation Committee: Hannah Ransdell/ Samantha Carvajal

Director Ransdell reported they went over our budget for this year and the upcoming year to get an estimate of what they should be spending in the upcoming years. They reviewed every outlet that RAC provides money for and re-evaluate how much they give people and if they need to give more, less or keep it the same. For the DFAC Update they went over the saving carrying over and deficit because it was updated very recently so Sarah went over the minor updates that were made. She wants to attach this to their pilot RAM, and this is expected to be finalized before or during summer. Moving on the HEERF II

money is in and they have already sent up the budget and Sarah was able to get an extension on our cares and HEERF 2 fund so now they have until March 2022 to spend that money. As of right now there are no updates on HEERF 3 funds so Sarah is waiting for updates when the money will be rolling in. Also, Sarah went to CSCA and they are setting up a town hall for CSCA members to answer questions about the college ram. And afterwards RAC wants to get RAM approved by CC before they close for the semester, but it all depends on when they do the town hall. And lastly, they went over the RAC and facilities master calendar for 2021-2022 and Jennifer Zellet is wanting every division within MJC to make a master calendar so RAC and Facilities will have the model master calendar.

H. OEC Committee: Amy Carvelho

Senator Carvelho read the mission statement for the OEC committee being:

“The MJC Online Education Committee uses evidence-based practices with technology to promote challenging innovative equitable learning opportunities that empowers students to discover opportunities and reach their goals through access and inclusion in higher education.”

She requested any feedback on this to be reported to her related to this mission statement, so she can move forward and present it to the group.

I. Instruction Council: Ida Rojas: No Report

V. ASMJC Executive Officers & Senator Reports:

A. Student Relation Report: Hannah Ransdell

Director Ransdell reminded the senate her next meeting will be on the 8th of this month, and that she will be emailing everyone the April Calendar today.

B. Vice President Report: Samantha Carvajal: No Report

C. Presidential Report: Jennifer Novoa: No Report

VI. Campus Life Staff Reports:

A. Campus Life and Student Learning Manager Alejandra Espinoza reminded the senate that there is only three weeks left of the semester and that she wants everyone to finish strong. With finals coming up, she wants to make sure everyone is doing their work keeping up academically. She also reminded the senate that the graduation pickup will be from April 22nd to April 24th, and that if

they have not received the email with these dates to contact her for it. Adding to this she encouraged all the graduates for this year to participate in the virtual commencement ceremony. Finally, she reminded the senate that we are still receiving applicants for ASMJC positions next term and to encourage people to apply as well as vote for those who will be in the elections. The email for voting will be sent on April 5th, 2021.

- B. Campus Life Program Specialist Carmen De La Cruz said she is very excited for those who are graduating and reminded the senate that there are still three more weeks of FLOW with the updated April schedule in ASMJC emails. She reminded the senate how much this means to the students who come weekly, and that this event has helped thousands of students throughout the Fall and Spring semesters.

VII. Adjournment: 3:58 PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Associated Student will take place:

April 16, 2021
Via Zoom

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