

Superintendent/President's Report

May 25, 2016

The report from the Collaborative Brain Trust is a call to action for Monterey Peninsula College. The analysis and recommendations from these expert external consultants on the status of our college, coupled with our internal analyses, make clear the price of inaction. From the Board of Trustees and Superintendent/President to all employees, our near-term focus must be on the fiscal solvency of the District to ensure that the core mission of our great college—to educate the people in our communities—continues to thrive for future generations of MPC students.

To achieve our goal of a fiscally solvent college for current and future generations, the path forward will require substantial change. Scheduling at the college must be improved to better meet student need, increase the efficiency of the instructional program (through larger class sizes), significantly reduce expenditures, and build enrollments that target high school students, basic skills students, transfer students, and career and technical education students. We will need to upgrade MPC's ineffective and long-neglected technology infrastructure. We will change the manner in which we operate our participatory governance system to benefit from the rich participation of our workforce while bringing needed operational efficiency and clarity of roles to the campus. With hard work, collaboration, commitment, and a keen focus on the long-term health of our college, we can succeed.

Many thanks to the members of the Collaborative Brain Trust for their dedication to helping MPC move forward. Thanks also to those MPC faculty, staff, and administrators who engaged in work groups that developed handbooks for advancing the changes to our participatory decision-making processes and planning, as well as proposed changes in scheduling.

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