

Superintendent/President Senate Report

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Good afternoon Senators,

My apologies for not being able to present in person this afternoon as I am away at a meeting with UCSC team members - so please accept this document as my written report for your September 2nd meeting.

- **CHRO Position** - We have offered the position to a candidate and they have accepted! We are in the process of closing out the search process and will have a campus email out tomorrow (Friday, the 3rd) to share the name of our new CHRO! The Board will review the CHRO contract at their upcoming meeting (September 9th) and we hope to have our new Lobo team member start in the first week of October.
- **Upcoming Friday Forum** - Please mark your calendars for this Friday, September 3rd for our second Friday forum of the semester. Our branding redesign project is continuing to move forward and we hope to use this Friday to discuss possible MPC taglines to connect with our visual logo. Additionally, we'll also use some time this Friday to engage in an accreditation discussion as drafting the 2023 ISER report is a major project for the college this semester.
- **ASMPC Priority Projects** - I have had the chance to meet with ASMPC leadership and learn more about their goals this semester. The ASMPC team has identified two primary goals this academic year - renovating and updating the MPC amphitheater and placing a mural along the backside of the student center (outside wall facing the amphitheater). We will utilize our governance groups to discuss these ideas and projects in the coming months.
- **COVID Testing** - We are working on a partnership with a testing laboratory to provide free access to testing for all MPC employees, students, and family members. More information to come shortly.

- **Financial Aid Fraud Alert** - As a “heads-up”, the California community college system is experiencing a high volume of financial aid and admission fraud throughout the system. Fraudsters are utilizing the online environment to apply for numerous financial aid disbursements at colleges throughout the state. Our student services teams are aware of the issue and are hard at work to ensure the integrity of our MPC systems and disbursements.
- **MPC Redistricting** - The Board has extended the deadline to submit an application for MPC’s redistricting committee. This committee will be charged with reviewing the 2020 census data and its impact on District and Trustee boundaries. If you are anyone you know would be interested in possibly serving on the committee, more information can be found at the MPC Redistricting webpage:
<https://www.montereycoe.org/county-board/redistricting/mpc/>

As always, Senators, please let me know if you have any questions (dmartin@mpc.edu). I hope your fall semester is off to a great start and I look forward to seeing everyone at your next Senate meeting!

Thank you!

David