



# MONTEREY PENINSULA College

## Acting Superintendent/President Report to the Academic Senate

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- 1. Spring 2022 Class Schedule Updates** - Priority registration began this past Monday (11/15) and open registration will begin November 29. The Marketing & Communication department has been busy sending student announcements via email and social media to encourage students to register. In addition, the [printed spring 2022 schedule](#) will be delivered to homes throughout the district at the end of next week.
- 2. COVID 19 Vaccination Mandate** - The DRAFT of [Administrative Procedure 5210 - Communicable Disease](#) is nearly complete after hearing feedback throughout participatory governance groups over the past few weeks. Kudos to Vice President Larry Walker and his team for their hard work in developing the process and engaging in dialog with faculty, staff, and students across campus. A campus forum will be held Friday November 19 at noon for one last presentation of the draft requirements. Students have received two email notifications (the first on 11/3 and the second on 11/17) to provide advanced notice of the upcoming requirement, encourage them to get vaccinated, and share information about the upcoming pop-up vaccination clinic on December 8 from 10am-2pm at our Marina campus. COVID-19 vaccines are FREE and the first 100 students to receive the vaccine at this event will get a \$100 gift card.  
**We need faculty and staff support to communicate this information to students. Please share the recent email communication in classes and through the services we provide.**
- 3. 2021 Equity Champion of Higher Education** - We were delighted to receive news that the [Campaign for College Opportunity](#) has named Monterey Peninsula College an "Equity Champion for Excellence in Transfer for Black & Latinx Students." MPC is one of only six California Community Colleges to earn this title. The distinction recognizes that MPC has made progress in closing transfer-related achievement gaps and is "leading the state and working with intentionality to support Black and Latinx students through the Associate Degree for Transfer," according to the Campaign for College Opportunity. The organization plans to celebrate colleges who are Champions of Higher Education for Excellence in Transfer (in multiple categories, including Equity Champions) at a virtual event on November 16, 2021. It is notable that very few of the state's 116 community colleges earned the distinction for both Black and Latinx students. For more information [review the Campaign for College Opportunity's report](#).

- 4. Umoja Conference XVII** - Earlier this month a group of 10 MPC faculty, staff, administrators, and 8 MPC students participated in the Umoja Conference XVII (November 4-6). In addition to a series of fantastic workshops and presentations, this year's Umoja conference included the inaugural Umoja Awards to honor Umoja regions, programs, students, faculty, and practitioners. Among this year's honorees we were delighted to see **MPC Umoja Coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Perkins**, included in faculty/staff honors and **MPC Umoja student ambassadors Daja Robinson and Matthew Perkins** recognized as Umoja Student Leaders of the Year! Congratulations to our fantastic MPC Umoja team and our amazing students!
  
- 5. Advisory Redistricting Commission** - MPC's [Advisory Redistricting Commission](#) has begun to meet and begin their work to evaluate Monterey Peninsula Community College District (MPCCD) Governing Board trustee area boundaries based on the most recent US Census. The group has begun to work with professional demographers from Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc. to [review the redistricting process and census data](#) and has learned that, based on most recent Census data, MPCCD trustee areas no longer have equal populations and therefore redistricting will be required. The demographers [presented an initial draft redistricting model](#) to the Commission at the November 15 meeting and the Commissioners will work on a plan to recommend to the Governing Board for consideration in the near future.