

Five Recommendations from the Accreditation Team that visited MPC in 2004

As a result of its review of the Institutional Self Study and supporting documentation provided during the visit, and from the over 180 interviews with Board members and campus staff and student, the team is making five recommendations to the college to assist it in strengthening its compliance with several Commission standards.

1. The team recommends that the college support and enhance its initial efforts at using data in planning, evaluation and decision-making processes by emphasizing the value of research and data throughout the campus, broadening research directions and expanding data availability. (Standard 3: A.1-3, Standard 5-1, Standard 9. A.5)

2. The team recommends that the college develop a clear delineation of the role and responsibilities of the individual planning entities and the linkage between each group, clarify the strategic and operational relationships of all planning documents, and prioritize institutional long-term goals. (Standard 3: A.1-4, B.1-3, C1-3)

3. The team recommends that the college regularly review and report to the Board of Trustees concerning the institution's contracts with outside agencies to provide instruction. The report should address the compliance of those courses with Board Policy 3030, and include such areas as curriculum approval, staffing, evaluation, funding, operational oversight and student support. (Standard 4.D.6, Standard 9.B.3, B.5)

4. The team recommends that the college develop a long-term financial resources plan to ensure acceptable levels of staffing, maintenance, and technology support for the implementation of the Educational/Facilities Master Plan. (Standard 9.A.2, Standard 3.B, Standard 5.3, Standard 6.4, 6.5, Standard 8.5)

5. The team recommends that the college improve communication processes at all levels of the campus. Special attention should be paid to improving the process for communicating the results of executive and committee decision-making to all campus constituencies. (Standard 10 Preamble, Standard 10 B.8-10, Standard 9.A.5)