

Governing Board of Trustees
March 23, 2016
Academic Affairs Report

1. Enrollment:

Enrollment projections for spring 2016 continue to be about one percent lower than spring 2015 at this point in time.

2. Substantive Change Proposal to ACCJC for Distance Education:

The Distance Education team and the Institutional Committee on Distance Education (ICDE) are in the process of finalizing a Substantive Change proposal for submission to the Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to seek permission to offer 50% or more of MPC programs through distance education. MPC offers courses that allow students to complete nearly all our General Education requirements online, which means that most degrees can be completed more than 50% online. This Substantive Change Proposal will request permission for all programs that will be included in the 2016-2017 catalog and that were not included in the previous Substantive Change Proposal approved in 2014.

3. Evaluation of the Course Management System - Canvas:

The Distance Education team and the Institutional Committee on Distance Education (ICDE) are in the process of finalizing the campus evaluation of the Canvas Course Management system. As previously reported in June 2015, the California Community College Chancellor's Office Online Education Initiative (OEI) officially announced the selection of Canvas as the Common Course Management System (CCMS) for the state-wide Initiative. As part of the contract process, the OEI will subsidize the cost of Canvas service to all colleges in the system, if the colleges replace their current systems with Canvas.

4. Business Students provide free tax assistance to our Community:

Twelve students from our Business and Cooperative Work Experience programs received training in IRS Tax Law and are gaining valuable experience serving members of our community. The Business and Technology Division continues its partnership with the United Way Monterey County to serve as the Monterey host for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through April 14th. Residents earning less than \$54,000 per year are eligible to receive free income tax assistance at MPC (in BMC 206) every other Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in addition to other United Way VITA sites in Seaside, Marina, or Salinas, or online.