October Mailbag!

Dear Campus Community,

As we circle the halfway point of the Fall 2019 Semester, I want to thank everyone again for the amazing work that is happening at MPC. One of the many themes this fall has been campus-wide strategic planning through the development of the Education Master Plan (EMP). The conversations to date have been open and engaging, and I would encourage everyone to continue these discussions as we move into the second half of the semester. I am very excited to watch the collaboration continue and to support, in any way possible, the work being done by the Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness Committee (PRIE-C), the advisory groups, the Academic Senate, and other committees.

Heading down the backstretch of the fall semester, I would ask that we continue to ponder the MPC of 2025 and what our college will look and feel like five years from now. Most importantly, please share your ideas with a colleague, a division/department, a campus committee, or a student. As we continue the EMP development process, the more collaboration and voices, the better the plan will be for our campus, our employees, our community, and our next generation of MPC Lobos!!!

I look forward to seeing you around campus,

David Martin, Interim Superintendent/President
Save the date!

**Spring 2020 Flex**

The Flex Team would like to share their **Call for Flex Day Proposals, Workshops, Breakout Sessions, and Presentations, Spring 2020**. The Spring 2020 Flex Days are scheduled for January 22nd and 23rd (college-wide) and January 24th (independent).

The Flex Team is particularly interested in sessions that feature teaching and learning theory, active learning strategies, best practices, equity, institutional reform, Hispanic Serving Institution goals, new programs like Umoja, interdisciplinary collaborations, and all other great initiatives happening on this campus.

**Friday Campus Forums**

The schedule for our Friday Campus Forums is listed below. Forums are from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in Lecture Forum 103. Feedback or suggestions regarding future topics or guest speakers may be emailed to dmartin@mpc.edu.

- October 18, 2019 – Dr. Borbely, “Building a Campus Community of Safety and Wellness”
- November 1, 2019 – College Conversation & Lunch

**Frankenstein**

Opening night of MPC’s production of *Frankenstein*, on Friday, October 11th, was absolutely wonderful! Our students, led by Theatre Arts Department Chair and Director Teddy Eck, were a joy to watch. The sets developed by Master Carpenter Eric Maximoff were exceptional, as were the actors’ costumes created by Edith Schneider’s “History of Fashion” students. Our Hospitality department, led by Department Chair Molly Jansen, provided the delicious spooky treats served at the opening night reception with cast and crew.

*Frankenstein* runs through Sunday, October 27th. Showtimes include 7:30 PM performances Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, in addition to Sunday matinees starting at 2:00 PM. Tickets are still available at: [https://secure3.ticketguys.com/mpc/ListShowings?aid=118](https://secure3.ticketguys.com/mpc/ListShowings?aid=118). Don’t miss your chance to watch this chilling production!
Guest Author Series
(Contributed by Henry Marchand)

MPC Guest Author Series has invited the prolific fantasy and science fiction author, Tim Pratt, to campus on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00 PM in the Sam Karas Room. Winner of the prestigious Hugo Award and author of nearly 30 novels and story collections in science fiction and fantasy, Tim Pratt will read from his work and discuss writing and publishing in these genres at this MPC Guest Authors Series event. The series is supported by The MPC Creative Writing Program, English Department, and Humanities Division, as well as The MPC Foundation and The Arts Council for Monterey County.

MPC Foundation Gala Event

The 3rd Annual Evening of Opportunity Gala
Sea of Dreams

The MPC Foundation is holding its 3rd Annual Evening of Opportunity Gala on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. This is the Foundation’s largest fundraiser of the year and a wonderful opportunity to showcase aspects of our amazing college to the Foundation’s donors and prospective new donors.

Volunteer Opportunities: All MPC faculty and staff are invited to volunteer during the interactive social hour (5-6pm). If you’re interested, please click here for more information and to complete a short form.

Guest Reservations: For those who wish to make a guest reservation, please click here!

Hot News!

Undocumented Student Action Week

This week, October 14-18, is recognized throughout the California Community College system as Undocumented Student Action Week. In support of the system-wide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for our undocumented student population, MPC’s EL CENTRO has developed a week full of activities to build awareness and provide support to undocumented students and community members. Check our website for a day-by-day schedule of events planned on campus and in the community: https://www.mpc.edu/Home/Components/News/News/10342/18
The MPC Education Master Plan process is underway!
Throughout the Fall 2019 Semester, the following campus groups are involved in the EMP development process: Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE), Academic Senate, Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC), Administrative Services Advisory Group (ASAG), Academic Affairs Advisory Group (AAAG), Student Services Advisory Group (SSAG), and President’s Advisory Group (PAG).

On Friday, October 4\textsuperscript{th}, the PRIE Committee led a college forum to update the campus on the plan’s status and to receive additional input. Thank you to all who participated in the forum! If you weren’t able to be there, don’t worry, you can access the forum recording at the following link: \textcolor{red}{https://youtu.be/v7xovALq8oM}.

Additional Opportunities for Participation:
1. If you have an idea regarding the EMP, please send them to me at \textcolor{red}{dmartin@mpc.edu}.
2. If you’d like to get involved in the EMP development process, please reach out to a representative of one of the committees listed above.
3. If you’re interested in attending a public forum for the campus and community, please see below for the schedule of future forums.
   1. Friday, November 1\textsuperscript{st} at 12:00 PM – Lecture Forum 103
   2. Monday, November 4\textsuperscript{th} at 5:00 PM – Lecture Forum 103

MPC Food Service

We will begin the process of looking into new campus-wide food service options for MPC this spring. Our PRIE Office will be developing a campus survey this semester to generate ideas, so be sure to participate to ensure your voice is heard!
A committee will be brought together this spring to review the options and make a recommendation on how to move forward. (More information to come.)
President's Advisory Group 2019-20 Charge

The college's President's Advisory Group (PAG) has been hard at work this semester reimagining its structure and purpose.

PAG has decided to focus this academic year on the following items:
1. Create a process to support professional development.
2. Identify a process for prioritizing college-wide projects and initiatives.
3. Review the college-wide resource guide to develop decision-making flowcharts.
4. Ensure that all legally required administrative procedures (APs) are finalized and posted on the website.

I would like to thank all PAG members for their hard work this semester and for their willingness to reimagine PAG's operations. If one of the above projects is of specific interest to you, please join us at the meetings (2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 2:00 PM in the Karas room). The PAG door is always open!

Nursing Accreditation Site Visit

During the week of September 23rd, three accreditation site visitors were on our campus reviewing MPC's nursing program. Although final results are not released until next year, the visit was extremely positive and the visitors rountinely mentioned how impressed they were with our program! A big shout out to Laura Loop, our director of nursing, and her amazing team of nursing faculty and staff whose hard work and dedication made the accreditation visit such a positive experience!

Also, a big shout out to our campus-wide faculty and staff (many from the Life Science Division) for their great work in ensuring our nursing students are prepared with a strong foundation to be successful in the program.

MPC Welcome Center & PRIE Move

Our facilities committee has been discussing the “Welcome Center” concept and looking at the available space in the General Classroom Building, which will transition into a “Welcome Center” during the spring semester. The “Welcome Center” will include El Centro; Ready, Set, Transfer; Umoja; International Students; LGBTQIA+; Job Center; Career Resource Transfer Center; and career center programs and services.

The PRIE Office will be temporarily relocated from the General Classroom Building to their own space adjacent to the athletic buildings.

More information will be forthcoming as we target the spring of 2020 for implementation!
Degree Audit Task Force

A task force will be put together later this fall to help review the status of the current degree audit project and possible options moving forward. The task force will include representatives from all stakeholder groups, but if you are interested in participating, please email me at dmartin@mpc.edu!

Open Administration Positions Update

1. **Chief Human Resources & Employee Relations Officer**: Applications for this position are currently being accepted. The priority screening date closes on October 27th. The search committee will work through November, with the goal of hosting finalists on our campus on Friday, December 6th for public forums.

2. **Vice President of Administrative Services (Interim)**: The application period for this position closed Monday, October 7th. We received a good pool of applicants, so the search committee is moving forward with the hiring process. We hope to have the new Vice President of Administrative Services at MPC beginning January 1st in a 2-year interim capacity.

3. **Vice President of Academic Affairs (Interim)**: We will be moving forward with an abbreviated internal recruitment for this position, which will be open to current MPC employees. The position will be a 2-year interim position starting January 1st.

4. **Interim Dean of Student Services (2 Positions)**: The internal search for both Student Services dean positions is currently in process with the application period closing October 17th. Both positions are scheduled to start January 1st.

Campus Kudos

**MPC Gentrain Society**

Thank you to MPC's Gentrain Society and Dr. Alan Haffa, for hosting a wonderful garden party to benefit our students on Saturday, October 12th. The event was well attended and two MPC students, who received Gentrain scholarships, were recognized and celebrated for their great accomplishments!

**MPC Environmental Club**

A big thank you to our students who participated in the MPC Environmental Club Campus Clean-up Day on Monday, October 7th. Led by club advisor Kevin Raskoff, along with students Freddy Sanchez and Bryan Thien, Environmental Club members encouraged other MPC students to pick up trash around MPC during their time between classes. Your efforts are very much appreciated!
Important Updates

**AB 48 (O’Donnell and Glazer) Comprehensive School Construction Bond**

This ballot initiative has been approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Newsom and will be placed on the March 2020 ballot. If approved, California will issue bonds for K-14 public schools for infrastructure and facilities safety projects. Both of MPC’s state approved projects were fully funded with the previous 2016 Prop 51 state bonds funds.

**State Chancellor’s Office Faculty & Staff Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan**

Chancellor Oakley has developed a task force to create a system-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion integration plan. This plan will address diversity among full-time and part-time faculty, classified staff, and educational administrators to ensure our efforts around diversity are not siloed or perceived to be the responsibility of a few individuals or departments. A timeline for plan development will be presented at the January Board of Governors (BOG) meeting.

*Do you have news to share in the Monthly Mailbag? Send the details to dmartin@mpc.edu.*