

Planning Assumptions – Fall 2009

In an effort to facilitate planning of the Fall 2009 schedule of classes and services, the college must develop some planning assumptions despite the lack of clarity on probable mid-year cuts for 2008/2009 and anticipated budget reductions for 2009/2010.

1. The current economic conditions will continue at least through the 2009/2010 academic year.
2. Community college budgets will be reduced mid-year for 2008/2009.
3. The best case for 2009/2010 community college budgets will be a continuation of the reduced budget levels resulting from the mid-year cuts in 2008/2009.
4. Community college fees will probably be increased.
5. CSU and UC have already announced plans to reduce the size of entering freshman classes as a primary means of absorbing their budget cuts, resulting in “redirected” students who will seek enrollment at community colleges.
6. MPC will maintain its strategy to enhance credit course enrollments and strategically reduce selected non-credit offerings.
7. MPC will endeavor to maintain the 2008/2009 level of program and service offerings.
8. MPC will examine the specific offerings to promote efficiency as a means of promoting access, including the possibility of redirecting program resources to areas of greatest need.
9. Enrollment growth will be sought through enhanced efficiency.
10. MPC will maintain its current permanent staffing level.
11. All staffing replacement requests will be examined to ensure the greatest efficiency.
12. Budget management for 2008/2009 must endeavor to limit discretionary spending, transfers, and end of year “buy down.”
13. The budget development process for 2009/2010 must reflect the anticipated budget parameters of the California community college budget.