

During financial report:

Thank you, David, for the wonderful job you are doing for us. As you know, fiscal stability is one of our board's most important mandates. While not all may understand our fiscal policy, I hope all can appreciate the fact that our fiscal actions exist to protect the college in the long term from bankruptcy or another structural deficit.

We are certain that, along with Dr. Tribley's leadership, we have preserved job stability and pension security for our MPC family. Sometimes families have to be frugal and cut out luxuries or unneeded items in order to ensure the rent or mortgage will be paid and there will be food on the table. We all have to be diligent about our own expenditures.

Being diligent about our college's future is an awesome responsibility, but it is ours. We want our faculty and staff to know their jobs and their retirements will be secure because today we are acting with fiscal responsibility. Those community colleges that have taken a path of greater budget largesse, now find themselves in financial trouble.

Thank you, David Martin, for the splendid work you are accomplishing to keep MPC on a healthy fiscal path, and thank you too to all our VP's and their staff and faculty for their understanding, their hard work to assist in soundly restructuring the college in an effective manner, and to all for their cooperation. Together we succeed. Thank you.