

# MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

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## MPC ONLINE STRATEGIC INITIATIVE UPDATE:

### “GOING THE DISTANCE”

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**Professional Development:** Four MPC Faculty members received MPC Foundation Faculty & Staff Advancement Awards to support the development of new curriculum, including new online education components.

- Molly Jansen will be developing an online version of HOSP 51, Introduction to Hospitality, providing students the opportunity to complete the Associates of Arts degree in Hospitality Management online.
- Susan Singer, from Nutrition, received an award to develop a Nutrition Science program at MPC, to be approved for online offering as well as face to face.
- Andres Durstenfeld received his award to support the exploration of an online general education science course.
- Sue Hanna, Distance Education Coordinator, obtained an award to fund a day long training for about 30 online faculty.

We are pleased to support faculty in helping lead the way to meet the needs of our distance education students.

In a continued effort to support our MPC Online offerings, MPC Online provides an opportunity for faculty to get together called ‘Coffee and Conversations’ to discuss a variety of topics related to Distance Education. On October 11th, MPC Online lead a conversation on “Conquering the content: Strategies for creating and posting engaging and accessible online course materials.” The conversation focused on practical ways to create and post engaging materials and resources in online courses.

Sue Hanna, our Faculty Coordinator for Distance Education and fearless leader, also presented great information and facilitated great discussion about understanding our student needs and teaching strategies to address them. You will find the PowerPoint presentation from today's session along with a few interesting articles, additional tips, examples, and a place to ask follow up questions in the **MPC Online Faculty Community** (sign into MPC Online <http://mpconline.mpc.edu> and you will find it listed as one of your courses).

Jon Knowle in collaboration with Rosaleen Ryan made a power point presentation reporting on trends in online education at Monterey Peninsula College, which documents enrollment and FTES growth in distance education at Monterey Peninsula College, along with the type of students served in distance education.

The Institutional Committee on Distance Education continued a series of conversations with online faculty, aimed at improving quality in online teaching and learning. These "Online Faculty Coffee & Conversations" take place every other Friday throughout the semester. The next conversation, on "Engaging and retaining online students," will take place October 27th from 11-noon in LTC 317. Everyone is encouraged to join us.

The next **MPC Online Coffee and Conversation** will take place this **Friday, November 22th from 11:00 a.m.-noon in LTC 317** for a conversation about *recording desktop video lectures*. This week's conversation is facilitated by Steve Bruemmer and Jon Knolle.

A fundamental goal of MPC's Institutional Committee on Distance Education is to support the development of high quality online learning environments that facilitate student engagement and promote learning. Jon, Sue, Catherine, Fred and the ICDE have been instrumental in continuing to address these goals.