

November 19, 2019

Dear Senators,

I am away from the office this week attending a state-wide conference with our Trustees, so please accept the following as my written report for the November 21, 2019, MPC Academic Senate meeting:

- **Interim VPAA Update** – The internal interim recruitment is underway. The position closed this week and the screening committee is reviewing applications. The first round interviews are scheduled for this Friday, November 22. We hope to have an announcement by next week and have a two-year interim contract to the Board for their consideration in December.
- **Interim Dean of Student Services (2 positions)** – The search committee has concluded the first round of interviews and has forwarded candidates to the second round. We should have announcements of successful candidates by the end of the fall semester.
- **Acting Dean of Instruction, supporting Liberal Arts** – Dean Wilkinson has accepted a position with another institution and we thank her for her service to MPC. A big thank you to Diane Boynton for stepping up and helping as the Acting Dean until a search can be performed in the spring.
- **New Faculty Positions** – We are beginning the search process to fill 4 faculty positions: Biology, Medical Assisting, Anatomy/Physiology, and Mathematics. These were the top four positions rank through the AAAG prioritization process.
- **New Classified Position** – We will be starting the recruitment for a new groundskeeper position to provide some much-needed help in our facilities department.
- **November 2020 Bond Possibility** – At their November monthly meeting (11/20/19), the Board of Trustees considered two professional services contracts related to a possible 2020 bond. The contracts included a polling company (will help MPC perform preliminary voter polling) and a bond political consultant (assist MPC with community outreach, bond messaging, project language, and bond strategy). These two contracts are the first “big steps” in moving forward with a possible 2020 bond campaign.
- **Facilities Committee** – The facilities committee is starting the process of reviewing Facilities Modification Requests. These are requests submitted by departments to request modifications or renovations to existing buildings. Please see the two links below for additional details and please let me know if you have any questions.
 - Process flowchart (blue column) - <https://www.mpc.edu/home/showdocument?id=35144>
 - Facilities Modification Request Form (to be submitted by departments) - <https://www.mpc.edu/home/showdocument?id=35146>

I do apologize for missing the second straight meeting, Senators, as November is a busy statewide conference month. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your service on MPC’s Academic Senate.

David