

Planning Assumptions – 2015/2016  
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In an effort to facilitate planning of the 2015/2016 schedules of classes and services, the following planning assumptions are provided. These assumptions are based on the anticipated 2015/16 budget and its impact on district operations. It is noted that these planning assumptions are preliminary in that they are made prior to the release of the Governor's budget in January.

1. Planning must support the preparation and submission of MPC's Institutional Self-Study to the ACCJC and the ACCJC site visit in March 2016.
2. Though the passing of Prop 30 has resulted in the cessation of state-mandated budget reductions (so-called workload reductions), clearly the State of California is not using the existing Prop 30 revenue to restore base funding for community college districts. Most "new" funding has been made available for growth and selected categorically-funded initiatives like the Student Success and Support Plan (3SP). MPC has not been able to take advantage of the growth funding that is available. In fact, MPC has lost significant funding due to declining enrollments. Therefore, MPC must assume no new funding from the state and, at best, the same revenue projection from 2014-15. At worse, MPC will experience continued decline in enrollment.
3. Planning must be done to maximize our potential for gaining enrollment.  
Some areas of focus include:
  - a. ESL: those that qualify for enhanced non-credit apportionment funding
  - b. CSUMB: Partnerships with CSUMB that enable MPC to enroll students in 2+2 programs, initiate a concurrent enrollment model, and fill service gaps that exist at CSUMB (e.g., pre-college English and, potentially, foreign language)
  - c. Area High Schools: We must plan to maximize concurrent enrollment of qualified high school students in our service district. We must plan to capture a greater percentage of college-bound high school graduates from area high schools.
  - d. Program Expansion/Development: We must plan to expand or develop economically feasible CTE programs
  - e. Basic Skills Instruction: We must plan to integrate practices that are proven to be effective in assessment and course delivery to help students maximize their opportunities. Such practices will provide opportunities for our under-served and create a pipeline of success for students.
4. Class scheduling will be anchored by the MPC annual schedule. This document will serve as an invaluable tool for students, advisors/counselors/, and other faculty so that useful planning is possible. Effective scheduling of the district courses is the key to financial solvency. The schedule needs to be scrutinized for efficiency and to maximize potential enrollments while reducing costs. The Marina Education Center is a key strength to increase enrollment. The Marina Education Center schedule must be maximized to facilitate students' educational plans to the maximum extent possible. In general, MPC will examine specific offerings to increase average class size as a means of promoting access and enrollment, including the possibility of redirecting program resources to areas of greatest need.

5. Repeatability policies have created a gap in community needs and the availability of courses at MPC. The MPC community Education program must increase its class offerings to meet this need and mitigate services lost due to policy changes.
6. A major goal of the 2015/2016 budget development process is to end deficit spending.
7. Successful negotiations with both labor units are required to facilitate institutional stability and end deficit spending in a manner that best serves the students, community, and employees.
8. The budget development process for 2015/2016 must reflect the anticipated budget parameters of the California community college system, including legislative guidelines, and fiscal conditions resulting from collective bargaining agreements.
9. The budget development process for 2015/2016 must reflect the anticipated budgetary impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The college must plan to eliminate and, in rare cases, significantly reduce the additional cost anticipated by implementation of the ACA.
10. All staffing requests of all types of employees will continue to be examined to ensure greatest efficiency.