

Recommendation for Program Discontinuance

Program Being Evaluated: Marine Science and Technology (MAST)

*NOTE: we are NOT discussing the MATE program, the MATE program is a federally funded program that will continue to exist in its current form here at MPC.

Date: December 18nd 2013

Justification: The committee recommends proceeding with program discontinuance process based on the following early warning signs:

1. Insufficient funding to run the complete program;
2. Absence of full-time faculty leadership;
3. Limited local job opportunities in this field (which could impact our ability to comply with job placement mandates);
4. Low enrollment, probably influenced by the absence of full-time faculty in this area and compounded by our very limited offerings in MAST. Counselors report that there are very few inquiries about this program from students.
5. Declining program completion rates (due to the fact that we no longer offer all necessary classes).

Expected Impact on Students: Minimal, there are very few students who have declared a MAST major and who are actively enrolled in classes here at MPC.

Recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that MAST undergo program discontinuance.
2. The committee recommends that all curriculum be deleted by the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) with the following exceptions:
 - a. MAST 31 (Exploring Ocean Careers);
 - b. MAST 10 (Intro/Geographic Info Systems and Techniques);
 - c. MAST 111 (Guide Training for the Monterey Bay Aquarium); and
 - d. MAST 116 (Practical Experience in Guide Training for the Monterey Bay Aquarium).
3. The committee recommends that the institution explore options for continuing to offer the classes listed above, taking budgets into account.

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