

Newsbytes

Sharing the Load

Due to the vacancy of the Associate Dean of Instruction for Career and Technical programs position, the oversight of Career and Technical programs is being divided between Carol Achs, Associate Dean of Instruction—Math, Sciences, and Physical Education, and Rodney Holmes, Associate Dean of Instruction—Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. The duties are divided as follows:

Rodney Holmes—Business; Design, Family and Consumer Sciences; Administration of Justice

Carol Achs—Technology; Nursing; Fire Science; Mortuary Science

Associate Dean of Student Services

Congratulations to Patricia Cardenas-Adame, Joni Grover, and Pat Peppin as they each take on new positions this academic year. Senior Associate Dean of Student Services Patricia Cardenas-Adame is participating in the Faculty in Progress Program (FIPP) this academic year. Joni Grover will serve as the acting Senior

Associate Dean of Student Services, and Pat Peppin will fill Joni's role as Director of Student Financial Services.

Office of Research and Planning



MCC welcomes Matt Ashcraft to the Office of Research and Planning. Matt joined the team as Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness in June. He comes to MCC from the University of Phoenix.

Office of Institutional Advancement



Sonia Moreno-Filan has been selected as the Director of Institutional Advancement.

Events Calendar

Do you have an event, guest speaker, or activity scheduled for your department? Advertise it on MCC's online Event Calendar! The calendar is available at www.mc.maricopa.edu/apps/calendar/startcal.jsp. Contact Heather Miles at hmiles@mail.mc.maricopa.edu for information on how to post your event on the calendar.

Portable Buildings

New portables are scheduled for installation at both the Southern and Dobson and Red Mountain campuses. The portables will be located on the northeast corner of the Southern and Dobson campus, near the Business, Psychology, and Philosophy (BP) building. The Red Mountain portable will be located near the Palo Verde Building. Construction of the modular buildings will begin this fall and be completed before the start of the Spring 2004 semester.

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May I see your ID, please?



According to MCC Director of Network Services Bill DeHaan, in about 30 days the college will introduce new employee photo ID cards. They are designed to be tucked inside a wallet or worn on a lanyard. Strengthening campus security is the objective, but if MCC's employee ID card develops as Bill expects, it will

eventually become much more than a simple identifier.

MCC's photo ID card is just a first step to the Smart Card. Embedded within a Smart Card is a small computer chip that holds information exclusive to the bearer. The chip is programmed to authorize access based upon the employee's need. When the card is passed over a reader, an employee can check out a library book; gain access to gated parking, locked buildings, or copy machines; and even make purchases from the campus bookstore or food court.

With today's technology—in a perfect world—implementing the Smart Card is relatively easy. But the departments, organizations, and commercial sites on MCC campuses operate within different systems that are not necessarily integrated. Coordinating all of the areas that can

be facilitated by a Smart Card is a challenging task that requires time and careful planning.

Much of the planning is already underway thanks to MCC's Employee Smart Card team: Lynn Bray, Linda Canez, Bill DeHaan, Sonia Filan, Wade Harris, Luanne Patterson, Mike Sims, and Barry Vaughan. During the past year, team members have evaluated Smart Card capabilities and have decided to move conscientiously toward implementing this technology in the future. "The good news," Bill said, "is that we're going to take baby steps."

Step No. 1 is the new employee photo ID card coming next month. The card will display the MCC logo and will identify the employee by name, photo, and employee group.

Bill DeHaan, Director of Network Services

Meet your 2003-2004 employee group representatives

We rounded up the representatives from the six employee groups to see what their personal goal was for their employee group. Take a peek at what they had to say.



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You may also visit the MAT website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/organizations/employee/mat.

My goal for this year for the MAT association is to work closely with other employee group leaders to accomplish our goals of:

1. Provide professional development events for the MAT members.
2. Provide a support network for MAT members.
3. Increase the number of MAT employees that participate in MAT events, professional development, and fun activities that are planned for them at MCC.
4. Advocate for the MAT employees interests and concerns on campus.
5. Promote communication between MAT members by providing an updated web page and representing MCC on the MAT Executive Council.



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I'm honored to continue serving as the representative for M & O and will do the best that I can to represent MCC well. I look forward to another great year and can't wait to see what's in store. If anyone has questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me by phone or e-mail.



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My goal this year is to strengthen and unify our professional staff employees by creating opportunities for them to be involved and engaged in a variety of activities. I hope to encourage and promote their professional skills and standard of service, as well as provide an organized means of communication between administration and professional staff district-wide.



Greg Howard—
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The Adjunct Faculty Association (AFA) has three primary goals for 2003-2004. They are: professional development, membership growth, and improving benefits for members of AFA and adjunct faculty as a whole.

As a writing teacher, I have a strong interest in improving communication. As the MCC Representative for adjunct faculty, I am very interested in raising the level of awareness and participation among my fellow adjuncts. Adjuncts are welcome to e-mail me with any questions or concerns regarding the AFA or any issues of interest to adjuncts.



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The Senate looks forward to continuing to serve as the faculty voice to our college and district administration. This year the Senate will devote some time to developing a set of strategic issues to pursue with the Department Chair Association and our college administration. Key issues will be Senate input to the NCA Self-Study, the information technology plan for our college, and the continued development of the one-college, two campus model.



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In addition to the overall goal to continue to work with faculty, staff, and administration in offering the best possible instruction, technology support, financial and human services, and a stimulating environment for our students, I would like to focus on at least three areas.

These areas of focus will be academic clustering; future development, programming and staffing at the Red Mountain Campus; and preparing for the NCA site visit. I am hopeful the Department Chairs will be able to formulate value added suggestions and formulate specific recommendations in these areas. Anything, in addition to these focus areas, that may improve student access to learning opportunities will be important to the MCC Chair Association members.

I am excited about being involved in what will be another exciting year of challenges and opportunities for students, staff, faculty, and administrators.

New director charts a course

Greg Reents' engaging personality serves him well in his new position as MCC Director of Student Leadership. He hails from Northern Arizona University, where he worked as Coordinator of Student Activities and building manager for two student union facilities. Greg views his new position as an opportunity to advance professionally and looks forward to working in a community college setting. "My core focus in this department is to enhance student leadership on both of MCC's campuses," Greg said. "I want student involvement in every process."

Also on Greg's agenda are some improvements, such as enhancing the image of the Kirk Student Center. Interior design students have submitted proposals for a fresh new look in the lobby, and a plan to upgrade the conference rooms downstairs is in the works. Greg would like to "improve MCC's presence regarding

dining" by providing more food choices on MCC campuses. "And music in the bathrooms would be nice," he added.

Just as Greg was moving into his new role at MCC, several experienced staff members were moving on to new positions. So Greg started to work with a temporary staff that had little knowledge of previous operations. This was OK with Greg. "I think it's good!" he said. It's an opportunity to move forward with no preconceptions. Greg plans to take full advantage, however, of valuable resources close at hand, such as the Center for Service Learning and the Associated Students of MCC.

Greg is eager to contribute his own talents to Student Leadership. "I am extremely excited to be part of this team," he said. "I know all of this has been built before me, and in another five years I'll be able to look back and see what has changed."



Greg Reents, Director of Student Leadership