



Greetings «FIRST_NAME»,

I hope you're doing well and that you're enjoying the beautiful weather (finally!). I've posted some information below that may be of interest. As always, feel free to get in touch with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Enjoy the remaining weeks of the semester!

Part-Time Faculty Survey

Thank you to all who participated in our part-time faculty survey last fall. We received a 50% response rate and learned some valuable information. The survey gave us an understanding of what you love about working at MCC as well as how we can improve the part-time faculty experience.

When asked what works best about teaching at MCC, here are the top three answers: 1) Working with our students, 2) Flexibility of schedule, 3) Supportive department/administrators. When asked how the teaching experience at MCC can be improved, faculty members said: 1) More communication regarding changes in college or department requirements 2) More interaction with other faculty and respect within the department 3) Help part-time faculty feel valued 4) More training, mentoring, and professional development.

I presented the survey results to the Academic and Student Affairs Council at end of the fall semester in an effort to help our academic divisions better connect with and support part-time faculty. The survey will help with future planning to support adjuncts as well. It was so important for them to hear our perspective, so thank you again for taking the time to complete the survey. If you would like more information or to view the full presentation, please feel free to email me and I'll send it along.

Library Services

Final projects are upon us, which means students will be scrambling to find the sources they need to complete their projects. Our MCC librarians can help in these efforts, particularly with student research consultations. They can also create customizable library instruction for you based on your assignments, in addition to individual research guides, such as this example:

<http://libguides.middlesex.mass.edu/bakereng101>.

Students can benefit immensely from individual conferences with research experts, so take advantage of this today. See the following information to help your students connect with library services:

<http://libguides.middlesex.mass.edu/faculty>

<http://libguides.middlesex.mass.edu/about>

Peer Tutor Recommendations

The Academic Centers for Enrichment (ACE) Department is looking for student recommendations for AY16/17 peer tutoring positions for reading/study skills, math (all levels), writing, ELL, science, accounting, business and economics. Please email Noreen McGinness Olson mcginnessn@middlesex.mass.edu the names of students who have succeeded in your courses and can communicate effectively and clearly. Student recommendations should have a B+ or better in the subject(s) they tutor and a minimum GPA of 3.0. ACE will reach out personally to your student and encourage them to attend an Informational Group interview. Interviews will be held on both campuses. The successful candidates will participate in 2 days of training before the semester begins and on-going training during the academic year. Successful students who participate in the program will receive a level I Certification from the College Reading and Learning Association! Please support our mission of helping all students become autonomous, lifelong learners by recommending a student for this important position today.

You can also refer students to the ACE website to read more about the position, the application process, and dates and times for the Informational Group Interviews. All potential student employees are required to submit a cover letter and resume through Optimal Resume.

<https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/ace/peertutoring.aspx>

<https://middlesex-mass.optimalresume.com/>

Final Exams

We are approaching the end of the semester, so it may be time to begin thinking about final exam schedules and policies. Please see our adjunct website for information about final exams as well as the Spring 2016 final exam schedule: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction/exams.aspx>

As always, don't hesitate to get in touch, and make sure to visit the Adjunct Junction website:

<https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/adjunctjunction/>.

Thank you for your great work!

Best,

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