

I hope you're doing well. Thank you to everyone who filled out the part-time faculty survey. We received a lot of great feedback that we can use to improve your experience here at MCC. Results and updates are forthcoming, but what I noticed first was the dedication: when asked about what you enjoy best here at MCC, the majority of you said "working with our students!" Thank you for all you do for our students! Below I've included some additional resources to help in these efforts:

#### **Advising**

While part-time faculty members do not have a structured advising role, many of us receive advising-related questions from students. Sometimes we are the first person the student will ask when he/she has an advising question. Here are some resources in case you need to assist students:

# **Advisor Guide for Student Services on Campus**

Program Coordinators and Division Deans by Program Listing

## **Spring 2016 Advising Guide**

You can also visit the advisor information page: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/advising/registration.aspx

### **Tutoring**

The Academic Centers for Enrichment (ACE) offer both drop-in tutoring and scheduled individual appointments for all MCC students and in most subjects on campus. The Centers are staffed by professional and peer tutors, who are able to assist students with assignments and projects, lead study groups, and provide guidance in the use of computers and other multimedia. Students can make appointments by walking into the centers or online at the website <a href="https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/ace/">https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/ace/</a>. Additionally, faculty can arrange for a class visit orientation to the centers or they can come to your classroom and talk about the services we provide.

**Etutoring** is available online in **Writing** across the curriculum, **Math** at all levels including **Calculus** and **Statistics**, **Science**, **Accounting**, **Nursing** and **Research Methods**. It's easy to use and students can access eTutoring by clicking on the eTutoring link on our website <a href="https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/ace/">https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/ace/</a>

The ACE department also provides **Supplemental Instruction** for most STEM, Health and English Composition I courses. The purpose of SI is to help students better understand course content and improve course completion and retention rates. Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leaders attend class, help out during class/labs and hold weekly study groups for students enrolled in the targeted courses. If you're interested in learning more about embedding SI in your course, please see our website at https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/ace/sidefault.aspx

For more information regarding any of these services, please contact Noreen McGinness Olson at mcginnessn@middlesex.mass.edu.

#### **Discussion Forum**

I've heard from many of you how difficult it is to connect –in-person—with other faculty members on campus. So we've created an online space for discussions, questions and conversation: https://teamsites.middlesex.mass.edu/sites/adjunctdiscussion/SitePages/Community%20Home.aspx

You can also link to the forum from the main menu on <u>Adjunct Junction</u>. If you are already logged into the MyMcc portal, the link will go directly to the forum. If not, you will be asked to login and will use your regular MyMcc login information. Once in the forum, please click the blue button that says "Join this Community." For information on updating your portal profile, please click <u>here</u>.

This forum is an online meeting space for us to pose questions or help one another with teaching-related issues or questions. I can also create subgroups related to department or theme if you'd like. I will moderate posts and respond with information and resources when relevant. I created the first post with a question related to the survey results – check it out!

As always, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Email me at any time with questions or concerns, or come see me during my drop-in hours in the TLRC.

Best,

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