Happy Thursday!

Thanks to all who suggested names for the weekly communication formerly known as the Monday Memo. I had envisioned a clever name that incorporated running, my fitness activity of choice, but was not able to get beyond MJC on the Run. The suggestions submitted demonstrated the creative talent among this fine group and hinted at the twisted sense of humor harbored by some local Pirates. The new name is... *MJC Reflection* from Theresa Stovall, English professor. I look forward to meeting Theresa over a cup of coffee!

**Campus Security** – Classroom phones have been updated to include one button access to campus security for all emergencies. YCCD IT staff responded immediately to the request by Becky Crow, Director of Campus Security, to enhance access to emergency services. The collaboration across departments resulted in a quick implementation of this project.

**Online course review** – Dr. Jim Faye, instructional deans, and the faculty @One peer mentors are in the midst of final review of online courses for fall delivery. A rubric for online courses was developed as a result of a recommendation from the ACCJC. Interim VP of Instruction, Dr. Faye, commends the online faculty for their quick response to the request for course redesign guided by the rubric reporting that all of the courses reviewed, to date, in Blackboard meet or exceed the newly adopted distance education guidelines.

**Human Services Grant** – Congratulations to the Human Services Department that was awarded funding of $198,780 for three years from the California Institute of Mental Health to expand the current California Association of Social Rehabilitations Agencies program. Dr. Kimberly Kennard, professor of human services is the grant administrator. We were not so fortunate with the Title V grant application that would have provided funding for the DE Strategic Plan. MJC will move forward with plan implementation with an eye out for other funding opportunities!

**Phi Beta Kappa Update** – Special thanks to Judy Cain, philosophy instructor, for her leadership of PBK over the past few years. Under her direction, the MJC chapter of PBK received recognition as a Two Star Chapter.

**ACCREDITATION** – The Accreditation Point Persons team met on Tuesday where each college recommendation was discussed at length. Some recommendations have been fully met and there is a solid plan for resolving each of the remaining recommendations. There is a great deal of work to be done! Academic Senate President, John Zamora, and Accreditation Faculty Co-Chair, Debi Bolter, worked at the table with the administrative point persons to craft the plan for meeting the requirements set forth in the Standards and Commission recommendations. All agreed to the aggressive timeline and will have drafts complete by Thursday, July 19th. MJC must have a solid Follow-Up Report complete by mid-August to afford review by the governance councils and approval by the Board of Trustees.

**Your assistance is critical** – documented examples of change to instructional methodology, curriculum, courses, and programs based upon evaluation of the assessment of learning outcomes is needed immediately. Other types of evidence of dialogue centered on student learning outcomes is also needed. Contact your dean, Debi Bolter, or James Todd, Assessment Faculty Co-Chair if you can provide these examples. Substantial SLO work is occurring at MJC – we have to tell the story and document the progress!

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow.’” — Mary Anne Radmacher