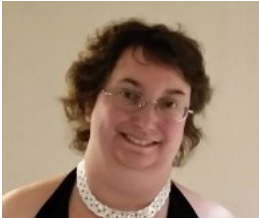


President's Message



Greetings!
Fall term is in full swing, and so is Classified Senate. Our 2017-2018 officers have been elected, and I would like to congratulate them all.

President: Andrea Hall-Cuccia
Vice President: Gabriela Garcia

Treasurer: Maria Soto
Secretary: Delia Esquivel

This year, Jeanette Martin and Denise Dupree will be taking over our website. They've got some exciting changes planned. I look forward to seeing it!
Also, I am looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter. Please e-mail me at andrea.hall-cuccia@mccd.edu if you are interested.

Welcome: New Classified Professionals

September

Jay Clark-Walker: Career/Transfer Center Assistant

Ana Rojas: Library/Media Technician

Dawnnet Willet: Accounting Tech

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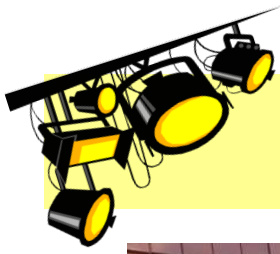
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Denise Dupree
Jeanette Martin

Meetings
Third Thursday of every month from August-May 2-3 pm in the Administrative Conference Room unless otherwise specified. Video Conferencing for Los Banos available upon request.
Website: <https://mc4me.mccd.edu/organizations/class-senate/>





Around Campus



The 1st Lt. Peter J. Gallo Veterans Resource Center has a new outside area. Come



Shared Governance

Did you know that there are seven Shared Governance Committees that oversee planning, budget, and policies at Merced College? They are: Administrative Master Planning Committee (ASMPC), Student Services Master Planning Committee (SSMPC), Instructional Master Planning Committee (IMPC), Facilities Master Planning Committee (FMPC), Educational Master Planning Committee (EMPC), Budget Committee, and College Council. The committees include representatives from all campus constituents, including Classified Senate. See descriptions of some of the committees below.

ASMPC:

The mission of the Administrative Services Master Planning Committee "ASMPC" is to promote the College's strategic priorities by providing high-quality, cost-effective administrative services that support Merced College's mission while fostering safe and engaging multicultural environment.

SSMPC:

The Student Services Master Planning Committee (SSMPC) provides broad oversight, advocacy, vision, and direction for all Merced College student services programs to help ensure student success.

IMPC:

The Instructional Master Planning Committee (IMPC) provides direction and oversight for instructional planning, program review, and resource allocation. IMPC communicates information to its constituents for the purpose of improving student learning and success. IMPC supports the development and enrichment of programs and services that provide culturally enriching opportunities for students, who can then take these experiences into the workplace or four-year colleges or universities.

FMPC:

The mission of the Facilities Master Planning Committee (FMPC) is to ensure safe and healthy, educational facilities, which promote effective and efficient learning. The FMPC accomplishes its mission through implementation of the overall District Facilities Master Plan and by responding to requests from other master planning committees.

The FMPC is responsible for the development of the College's Facilities Master Plan. The FMPC plans for new and remodeled facility projects and writes Project Planning Guides for submission. Its specific task is to produce appropriate requests for "campus build-out" and submit Initial Project Proposals and Final Project Proposals to the state. The FMPC also oversees the District Space Inventory by reviewing all designation changes to ensure we maintain overall efficient use of space.

The FMPC assembles and synthesizes information related to facilities needs and relates these needs with the College's current and projected budgetary resources. FMPC receives input from the campus community through program review and annual updates as a component of input to establish projects. Projects are established in accordance with the College's vision statement. The FMPC prepares the College's Facilities Master Plan using this information.

Budget Committee:

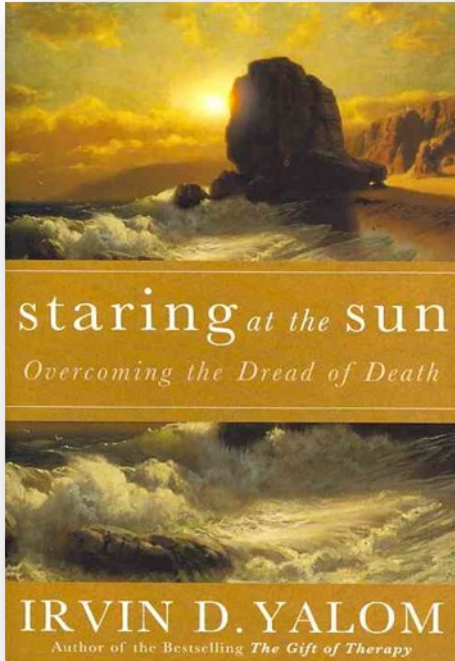
The Budget Committee assists the Vice President of Administrative Services on matters pertaining to budget development. The budget, as presented, includes projections of current year income and expenditures as well as a breakout of the reserves by various categories. All action items approved by the Budget Committee constitute recommendations to the Vice President of Administrative Services.

The Budget Committee accomplishes its mission by:

- Making budget assumptions for the following year's budget based on historical data, printed documentation, State sources and other related financial information; communicating with the campus community about the status of the budget through shared-governance representation and dialogue;
- Assessing current District revenues and expenditures to develop projected revenues and expenditures for the current and future academic years;
- Reviewing the draft budgets;
- Creating the budget development calendar
- Review of planned expenditures.

Book Review: Staring at the Sun

by Irvin. D. Yalom



Yalom, the author of several books, including novels, has always been a story-teller. In this comforting but realistic book, Yalom shares his own experiences and those of his patients as they consider the one event no one can avoid. He draws inspiration and quotes from philosophers and religious figures. He also uses the work of novelists, like Dickens, Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky.

Yalom has said in an interview: “(Therapists) get better as we get older because of a couple of things. One of them is the greater knowledge and awareness of yourself, provided you keep working on yourself, like being in a group or getting back into therapy when you go through the anxiety of various life stages. But secondly I believe that you grow wise.”

Often his wisdom is expressed in self-deprecating humor. But Yalom never minimizes our very real suffering on earth, or explains away evil with platitudes. He is also a staunch supporter of the idea of free will. Rather than needing affirmations or trophies just for showing up, Yalom says, “in order to love yourself, you must behave in ways that you admire.” This seems counterintuitive to today’s empowerment culture, but he’s right: low self-esteem can stem from legitimate guilt.

Surprise! Sometimes our parents aren’t to blame after all.

The big changes of midlife and old age can set off death anxiety. But this anxiety can prompt an awakening to life and help us realize our connections to people, animals and the planet - and our influence on others.

