

Proposed MWCC Constitutional Changes  
Effective for fall 2007

The current Constitution is rather dated in terms of language, description, etc. with the last modification (minimal) occurring in 2002. A small committee of John Fielding, Allan Russell, David Wyman and Charles Weitze has met during the fall semester, 2006 to discuss minor updating. As conversations evolved, the committee seemed to believe that a greater overhaul was necessary as a means to enhance information transfer concerning academic matters (courses, programs, policies, and the like) among those directly associated with academic issues at the college. To this end, we wish to have an open discussion at the January Professional Day concerning the enclosed proposal.

In a nutshell, the proposal looks like this:

1. Membership in the **Academic Assembly** will be for those directly linked to the academic side of the institution. Offices/staff not involved with academic nature of MWCC would not have direct participation yet would be represented by incumbent vice presidents who will be voting members of the **Academic Assembly**. A defined membership list will be required and accepted/modified by the current Assembly.
2. The three Standing Committees shall be **Outcomes, Academic Affairs, and Student Success**. **Academic Affairs** would continue the position of course proposal and review and decide policy according to guidelines to be written (as opposed to the current by tradition standards). **Outcomes** will continue the process of developing and implementing an Assessment Plan, especially reviewing any capstone course proposals prior to a vote by Academic Affairs. **Student Success** will continue its participation looking at ways in which the college can improve success of students. Outcomes and Student Success could report to Academic Affairs; however, this may be a burden which will result in greater bureaucracy. Perhaps Outcomes and Student Success would report directly to the Faculty Assembly with any motions requiring a vote by the said Assembly.
3. The current **Long Range Planning Committee** would cease to exist as a constitutional committee but would report to the Faculty Assembly on those issues related to mission and strategic planning and implementation on an as needed basis.
4. The Chair of Academic Affairs will receive a one course reduction per semester; the chair of the Assembly shall receive a one course reduction per academic year.

The above sketchy proposal requires discussion. Its purpose is to unify and organize academic areas of the college so that the governance process can better serve our constituents which are students, faculty and academic administrators.

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