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6. MPC instructors care about students as human beings, and want decisions based on what is good for education. We don’t want students to be treated as warm bodies in seats in a robotic “efficiency” model, so we are rejecting cuts to classes, losses of important support staff, and the pressure to increase class sizes.

5. To prevent adjunct instructors from sleeping in their cars. MPC part-time pay is 71st out of 72 CCs in CA. 70% of MPC instructors are part-time, even as the state of CA wants a 25/75 part-time to full-time % ratio. Adjuncts often work at 2 or more schools, lack healthcare, and are not protected for rehire. MPC has lost many good instructors. (https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/09/higher-education-college-adjunct-professor-salary/404461/)

4. In support of shared governance policies, respect for faculty, and hiring of full-time instructors. Inaccurate budget data has circulated, claiming a $2 million deficit. In fact, we’ve had a nearly $3 million surplus over a 5-year period. Moreover, Governor Brown has pledged an additional $75 million dollars statewide for full-time hires.

3. We need to keep our good healthcare for full-timers, and extend benefits to part-timers, as some other colleges do. We save the district money, and want to prevent the replacement of our stable, inexpensive plan with inadequate, expensive, unpredictable policies that hurt families and the ill.

2. To prevent loss of grading factors, releases, and reassigned time, things that help instructors teach, as MPC faculty serve on committees, grade student work, meet with students, and create classes that students enjoy.

1. Because teacher working conditions are student learning conditions! The MPC Teacher’s Association is fighting on behalf of students and the community, as we try to maintain an excellent college focused on students, teaching, and learning. MPCTA puts community back in the community college.

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This chart represents the teaching experience of most people making decisions about education.

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