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Dear Members of the MVC Community:

Last week, academic senate, faculty association and District Office leaders sent a message regarding the fall 2021 schedule. That letter stated the District and colleges' goal "is to reopen the campuses in the fall to the furthest degree possible while safeguarding safety" and promised additional updates on the situation. Yesterday, Chancellor Isaac met with his cabinet and administrative leadership from the three colleges and further clarified guidelines for the Fall 2021 semester. This update reflects those guidelines.

In fall 2021, the College will safely return to regular in-person instruction and services. The District Office will announce that decision through a press release to members of the community. We are assessing MVC's entire space inventory to maximize potential classroom opportunities while following guidance from federal, state, and county agencies. We all seek to achieve the same goal: to emerge with equity, keeping student access and success at the forefront of our decisions.

Our plan for the fall term is that approximately 80% of course sections will be scheduled traditionally at 100% face-to-face course capacities, and 20% of sections scheduled online or hybrid. All personnel and services will return to normal in-person operations, including Student Services, Library, Academic Support, Learning Labs, Food Services, Associated Students, and Performing Arts Events. Should conditions and requirements from the county require less than 100% room capacity, the college will adjust the schedule to accommodate a safe return to on-campus instruction at reduced capacity with increased social distancing. Further, should conditions demand additional restrictions to in-person classes, the fall 2021 schedule will be adjusted to accommodate an emergency return to online instruction as previously enacted.

The safety of personnel and students is of paramount importance. The Facilities, Infrastructure and Safety Workgroup of the Safe Return Task Force has implemented hygiene and monitoring protocols that are being enacted at MVC. Additionally, RCCD Safety Risk Management is providing guidance for the colleges, that will be regularly updated according to Federal, State, and County guidelines. The District and bargaining units are working to finalize Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to further safeguard faculty and staff working conditions and establish vaccination protocols. Any employee with medical conditions or other reasons grounded in the guidelines that allow them to refrain from working on-site during the pandemic may seek reasonable accommodation through Human Resources and Employee Relations (HRER).

We thank you for your continued commitment to our students, community, and to one another. You have shown tremendous resilience, fortitude, and grace during these difficult times. Together we go forward.

Sincerely,

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