

# Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 16

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Good Evening:

This morning the Executive Cabinet met and discussed a robust agenda. We have been approached by a few of our legislators to share the College's needs during this crisis. We spent the morning discussing our perspectives on the future of MCC based on this new narrative. We reviewed The CARES Act from various lenses so that we could understand how it affects the institution, students, and employees. We developed a list of concerns and issues to share with legislators that could possibly affect MCC.

During the meeting, EC members reviewed MCC's bond election analysis and made inferences as to what the results meant by locality. We will use these results as a part of our enrollment plan when engaging our communities.

The Executive Cabinet discussed what we have discovered as best practices for working and leading virtually. The group recognizes that we are in uncharted territory, we don't have all the answers, and that is fine. We just seek to find the best ways to effectively handle our work remotely. EC ended the discussion by talking about the importance of taking time to use technology to enjoy spontaneous conversations with our co-workers.

EC discussed the MCC COVID-19 Self-Reporting Guidelines that were sent to MCC employees this afternoon. I urge you to please read this important email and ask questions.

We are required to submit to the Higher Learning Commission changes to educational offerings due to the coronavirus by April 1. The College is on track to meet this deadline.

The Technology Division donated supplies to medical facilities that included 22 containers of Lysol wipes, 43 bottles of Lysol cleaner and about 200 pairs of plastic eyewear (safety glasses).

I had one question that came in this morning. I have been asked to share what "increasing administrative burden relief" means as a Michigan Community College Association priority for legislators. This phrase was used to describe the funding and resources needed to offset the costs of running a college during a crisis that has had to transform itself. For instance, Michigan community colleges are asking for more funds and resources like the CARES Act to support the colleges' virtual efforts that will help our students complete and our communities be sustained.

Suggestions:

Suggestion #1

*Support Factory Two (Flint's Community Makerspace) in their work to manufacture PPE through the FabLab offering lab space, donated materials, or assisting with manufacturing.*

Suggestion #2

*Offer better signage by using the sandwich signs on the north side of the campus when hosting COVID-19 medical services. Folks often enter on the north side of campus looking for things like Ballenger Field House. It can be hard to know where to park or how to get to certain buildings.*

Looking forward,

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