

Title III Progress Report #1, June, 2007

Personnel

The positions for Project Director, Student Advisement, and Instructional Technology have been filled. Two positions yet to be filled are Director of Program Review and Assessment and Administrative Assistant. I anticipate that all Title III positions will be filled before August.

- Director of Program Review and Assessment: From a pool of 13 applicants, the Title III Advisory Committee has selected three candidates for preliminary interviews.
- Administrative Assistant: From a pool of 16 applicants, I have selected two/ three candidates for interviews.

Student Advisement

Diane Hutt's work is aimed at making systemic improvements for a more comprehensive approach to student advisement. Ultimately, it is expected that improved student advisement will result in better student-mentor relationships as well as an advisement program that increases retention and graduation rates. In June, Diane's work has focused on the following:

- recruiting a Student Advisement Committee;
- drafting a mission statement for Faculty Advising at MHC;
- developing Faculty Advisement Handbooks;
- developing the MHC Challengers program; and
- preparing for summer SOAR and Gateway.

Technology

Marty Gilbert's work is aimed at transforming the technological landscape at MHC. It is expected that instructional technology improvements, i.e., infrastructure and faculty professional development, will help yield a rigorous liberal arts environment for the 21st century. All of Marty's work is done in collaboration with an IT Advisory Committee. In June, Marty's work has focused on the following:

- selecting a course management system;
- prioritizing classrooms for technology across campus;
- designing smart classrooms/ tech-enabled rooms and analyzing costs; and
- developing surveys for needs assessment and faculty attitudes toward integrating technology with instruction.