Substantive Change Proposal: Respiratory Care Baccalaureate Degree Program Unit Change

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The five-year cycle proposed by the OAW now clearly dovetails with the curriculum review cycle, thus making processes at the institution more efficient. (Curriculum Review Cycle)

11. General Education

All degree programs at MJC must have a substantial component of general education courses designed to ensure breadth of knowledge and promote intellectual inquiry. To date, 21 degrees offered by MJC have already been through the ADT approval process; therefore, the general education and major portion of these degrees are widely accepted across the state. Students are required to complete courses in language and rationality, the natural sciences and mathematics, arts and humanities, the social sciences, and physical activities and health. Students must also complete a course in cultural diversity and demonstrate proficiency in reading. All courses, as a result of the curriculum review process, are consistent with the levels of quality and rigor appropriate to institutions of higher education and are consistently reviewed by the Academic Senate’s Curriculum Committee. Detailed information about general education requirements can be found in the MJC catalog. (Catalog pg. 113)

12. Academic Freedom

YCCD Board Policy 4030 addresses academic freedom and ensures faculty members are free to examine and test all knowledge appropriate to their discipline or area of major study as judged by the academic/educational community in general. (BP 4030) Board Policy 5-8081 ensures that students are free to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Intellectual freedom and independence are core values of the institution. (BP 5-8081)

13. Faculty

All of the faculty of MJC meet or exceed state-mandated minimum qualifications. The document “Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges” is used to make these determinations, and it is supplied by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office. (Minimum Qualifications) The MJC Faculty Handbook is available online and it delineates the roles and responsibilities of faculty, and the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA)/YCCD Contract complements and completes that handbook. (MJC Faculty Handbook; YFA Contract) The MJC catalog lists faculty degrees and dates of appointment while Central Services’ Human Resources Office has personnel files for all faculty members containing supporting documentation that verifies the meeting of minimum qualifications. (Catalog pg. 363)

14. Student Services

MJC provides appropriate student services for all of its students regardless of their learning modality. These services support student learning and development within the context of a California community college, the mission of the college, and the nature of the student population. Student services include the following areas: Career and Transfer Center, International Student Services, Student Development and Campus Life, Testing and Assessment, Evaluation Services, Matriculation Services, TRiO, Supplemental Instruction, Book Loan Program, CalWORKS, Admission and Records, Counseling, Disabled Students