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I didn’t plan to send a Reflection today, but simply have to share what’s happening in Resource Allocation Council. The Resource Allocation Council includes 18 individuals that represent students, staff, faculty, and administration at MJC. The group includes some who have many years of experience in budget development through their extended service on multiple versions of this council. It also includes some who are new to budget development and only started their role when the new governance structure was enacted in January. Together, the group has developed a set of guiding principles that are the framework for resource allocation decision-making for the college. The guiding principles are the foundation the council used to refine their charge today and will guide planning for 2013/14. In today’s meeting, the group engaged in frank dialogue about the effectiveness of the new council in an inclusive and thoughtful manner. I am so excited by the ideas that were shared – ideas that will increase efficiency, support innovation, and recognize excellence. It is inspiring to work with such a creative and dedicated team of professionals. Thank you for the time you dedicate to this important work at MJC.

Tidbits - MJC Off“Balance Dance attended the American College Dance Festival/Baja Region, April 11-14 in Los Angeles. Modesto Junior College attended along with Stanford, UCI, Lines Ballet, Loyola Marymount, CSU Fullerton to name a few. 48 dances were adjudicated by esteemed dance masters from across the country, and feedback was given regarding each choreography. The adjudicators only knew the title of the work presented and the music composer, they did not know from which school the dance was from, nor if the piece was choreographed by a student, faculty, or guest artist. The feedback MJC received for both student; Blair Shearer-Pope and faculty member Kim T. Davis was exceptional. The dancers were praised for their technical virtuosity and stunning performances, and the choreographers were applauded for their craft in form, intent, and clarity. 12 of 48 pieces were selected to represent the best of the conference, Modesto Junior College, along with California State University, Long Beach were the only two colleges to have both their student and faculty works chosen. This was quite an honor; additionally, MJC student Lea Austin received a full scholarship to attend the California Summer Arts Program!

Congratulations to Professor Bobby Boswell who will be traveling to Sofia, Bulgaria with the USA Gymnastics (Acrobatic Gymnastics) team competing at the Sofia International World Cup event May 7th through May 12th. Bobby has been named the medical director for the USA team and will be on hand in the event of any injuries and or medical needs of the US athletes. This will be the 16th international competition in 8 countries that he has worked with USA Gymnastics teams.

*Time is a resource whose supply is inversely proportional to its demand.*

Craig Bruce