

Open Forum Reframe

The Board of Trustees values the input and ideas of members of the College community. This input, in conjunction with the professional knowledge and expertise of the individual Board members, informs the Board's decision making. It is for this reason that the Board implemented the Open Forum feature at its regular Board meetings.

To ensure that the Open Forum provides the maximum opportunity for the input that the Board seeks, the Board establishes the following rules for the Open Forum:

1. Each speaker will be allotted five minutes to address the Board; each speaker is responsible for ensuring that his/her comments do not exceed the five minute limit and must yield the floor at the end of five minutes.
2. The Open Forum will be a maximum of one hour. If there are additional speakers who sign up, they will be invited to submit their comments in written form to the Board and the comments will be posted on the Board page on the College's website.
3. Comments shared during the Open Forum should be related to the agenda items before the Trustees. Speakers must register with the Secretary to the Board of Trustees at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by phone or email and indicate their name and topic. Speakers will be called up in the order they have registered.
4. When speakers are accepted for the Open Forum, they will receive an email confirmation that will include the Open Forum rules and their placement on the list as a speaker.
5. Speakers accepted for the Open Forum may not allow someone else (either another registered speaker or another individual attending the Board meeting) to use part or all of their five minutes.

6. Speakers should address ideas and issues and remarks should be respectful and professional.
7. If members of the College community elect to make their viewpoints known through signs or other displays, they must not detract from or interfere with the Board meeting or the ability of the individuals in attendance to see and/or hear the proceedings. Signs or other displays that are obscene, disruptive, or violate the fire code will be removed.
8. In the spirit of MCC's values of integrity, excellence, empowerment, inclusiveness, collaboration and stewardship, all individuals who attend the Board meeting are expected to be respectful of one another, of the speakers at the Open Forum, and of the Board as it conducts its regular meetings: outbursts or verbal interruptions will not be tolerated.

The open forum is only one means of communication with Trustees; written comments on College matters can always be submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees who will share with the Board.