**Legislative Support**

**Goal: Continue to develop annually a strong legislative agenda.**
- Legislative issues circulated to MDCC community with weekly updates provided during session. (August-01)
- Legislative issues summary presented to Executive Committee and Board. (August-01)
- Updates on proposed bills and funding related discussions were distributed on a regular basis. (March-02)
- Input into proposed revisions of Florida education Statutes was provided by the College. (March-02)
- Weekly legislative updates were provided throughout the three sessions. (August-02)
- Funding cuts to the College were restored, and M-DCC received a 3.2% increase in funding for 2002-03. (August-02)
- Secured funding for the replacement of the Burn Building for firefighter training. (August-02)
- Provided statewide leadership in securing proposed changes to statutes governing community colleges. (August-02)
- Legislation critical to the College was passed in the School Code Rewrite, such as enhancing the autonomy and local control of district boards of trustees. (August-02)
- Successfully defeated proposed legislation detrimental to the College, such as onerous requirements of an inspector general. (August-02)
- The Community College Program Funding formula was successfully put into statute. (August-02)
- Successfully passed legislation granting part-time students eligibility for State financial aid. (August-02)

**Goal: Continue to make use of the special expertise and knowledge of the Board of Trustees.**
- The Board of Trustees and the college community have been active in meeting with and communicating concerns to legislators. (August-01)
- Executive Leadership and Trustees attended MDCC days in Tallahassee during the legislative session. (August-01)
- District Board of Trustees members and the MDCC community met with and communicated concerns to legislators. (March-02)

**Goal: Broaden the support of local legislators and community members.**
- Communication structures to communicate issues of concern to legislators on a timely basis were developed by campuses and District areas. (March-02)
- Achieved high participation level by the College community - staff, students, FACC members, and faculty - to communicate budgetary and substantive issues to the Legislature during the Legislative Sessions. (August-02)
- Engaged student leadership in communicating with local delegation members on budgetary issues affecting the College. (August-02)