MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room #Z-203
La-Z-Boy Center
7:30 p.m., February 28, 2011


Also present: David Nixon, Randell Daniels, Sue Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Molly McCutchan, Dan Schwab, Paul Knollman, Brian Lay, Jim Blumberg, Vinnie Maltese, Mark Hall, Tracy Vogt, Clifton Brown, Peter Coomar, Steve Mapes, Joe Verkennes, Bonnie Boggs, Cynthia Roman, John Joy, Josh Myers, Molly Luempert-Coy (DTE), Darrick Whitaker (DTE), Hawk Asgeirsson (DTE), David Mendelsohn (A123), Deputy Michael Langton, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

1. Chair Bacarella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Bellino that the minutes of the special meeting of January 22, 2011, be approved as presented and the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2011 be approved as corrected.

The motion carried.

3. There were no delegations present.

B. 3. b. (1) 4. Representatives from DTE Energy and A123 Systems were in attendance for a presentation to explain the Michigan Public Service commission (MPSC)/Department of Energy (DOE) funded energy storage research/demonstration project at the college. Molly Luempert-Coy from DTE Energy introduced Hawk Asgeirsson, Manager of Power Systems Technologies at DTE Energy and David Mendelsohn, Project Manager at A123 Systems to the Board.

Mr. Asgeirsson gave an overview of the Monroe County Community College SolarCurrents project. He explained how the A123 Systems, which will design and install a Grid Battery System, will integrate and use the combined system to identify the economic and technical benefits of combining energy storage with renewable energy.

Mr. Mendelsohn explained the battery system components and how they work to control the system and “talk” to the grid controls.
The next steps are to request to amend the current Detroit Edison easement agreement to allow the inclusion of the A123 battery system through the end of 2015 from Monroe Township. Installation of the system is expected to commence August, 2011 and take one month to install. “Smart Grid Stabilization System,” a real-time display of power, capacity, and charge generated by the system could be placed in the college lobby.

Potential business, professional and educational opportunities between A123 and the college which will benefit students may arise from the development of this project.

*It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board authorizes Monroe County Community College to proceed with the demonstration station, to modify the DTE Energy easement agreement, and to authorize A123 Systems to use college property for four years to meet the requirements of the MPSC and DOE grant.*

The motion carried.

C. 2. a. (1)  5. A thank-you note was received from the family of Dorothy A. Zorn for a memorial gift sent at her death.

C. 3. a. (1)  6. President Nixon reported on the following transfer and contract renewals.

  **Transfer**
  Tracy Vogt, Registrar, effective February 28, 2011 (formerly Director of Financial Aid)

  **Continuing Contracts**
  Daniel Shaw, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Humanities

  **3rd Year Probationary Contracts**
  Nicole Garner, Assistant Professor of Nursing
  Denise Robinson, Assistant Professor of Nursing
  Justin Schmidt, Instructor of Welding

  **2nd Year Probationary Contracts**
  Holly Boylan, Assistant Professor of Practical Nursing
  Penelope Dunn, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
  Dawn Lymond, Assistant Professor of Nursing/Nursing Skills Lab Coordinator
  Dr. Cynthia Roman, Dean of Health Sciences/Director of Nursing
C. 3. a. (2) 7. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending January 31, 2011. The college will continue to receive tax revenue checks through the middle of March. Trustee Thayer noted that home values are going down and it reflects on college revenues.

C. 3. a. (3) 8. Board members received a copy of the Federal Awards Audit 2010. A schedule of findings is included.

C. 3. a. (4) 9. Procedure updates were reported to the Board. Vice President Randell Daniels noted changes to Procedure 3.16, Guidelines for Student Groups and Activities. Vice President Suzanne Wetzel presented information on Procedure 6.18(e), Procedures for Appliances in the Workplace – a new procedure.

C. 3. b. (1) 10. Announcements of Group Four appointments (Faculty/Staff) to The Foundation for two-year terms expiring 12/31/12 will be made at the March 28, 2011 board meeting.

C. 3. b. (2) 11. VP Wetzel reported on The Foundation Quarterly Update. The Hurd Road property is now a $324,000 asset of the college. The Great Pumpkin Pursuit raised $4,900 to establish a scholarship in memory of Marilyn Schroeder. The theme of the annual Cultivation Luncheon to be held April 8 will be the Career Technology Center. The Foundation allocated $20,000 to fund the 2011 Enhancement Grants Program. The audit for The Foundation was presented by Matt Hehl of Cooley Hehl Wohlgamuth and Carlton. Joanna Sabo and Peter Coomar presented highlights of their respective grant-funded trips. A $50,000 five-year pledge was received from the C.S. and Marion F. McIntyre Foundation in support of the Title III matching gift endowment. The Foundation is looking for someone to manage the $300,000 extra monies raised for the La-Z-Boy Center. About $39,000 of a $50,000 goal for the 2011 Annual Fund has been raised to date. The Ultimate Tailgate Raffle raised about $4,700. The Strikes, Spares and Scholarship event raised over $6,000 for student scholarships. A Capital Campaign Planning Committee will be established to help organize the new capital campaign.

A meeting with Mr. Bacarella, President Nixon, VP Wetzel, Chuck West and Dirk VanHeist was held to consider Fifth Third Bank’s interest in making a gift to the college toward a loan program for students.

C. 4. b. (1) 12. Trustees Thayer and Lauer and President Nixon attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, February 13-16, 2011. Trustee Lauer noted that focus is on community college completion rates. Community colleges need to make an impact on unemployment. Trustee Thayer noted that Pell grants are being cut. The MCCA has formed a new department to measure student success. President Nixon and Trustees Thayer and Lauer met
with Congressman Dingell to discuss community college issues. Dr. Nixon noted that community colleges must become more aware remedial education. About 70 percent of students are not ready for community college.

C. 4. b. (2) 13. Upcoming events were noted. The college will host the MCCA Board of Directors Spring meeting here on March 18-19. Chair Bacarella encouraged trustees to attend. Commencement is April 29 at 7:00 p.m. The time change was noted. The Foundation Cultivation luncheon will be Friday, April 8. The National Park Service will make a presentation on April 1 in the Atrium of the La-Z-Boy Center. The date for the MCCC Business and Industry luncheon is May 4.

14. Trustee Braunlich commended MCCC President Nixon’s entrepreneurial philosophy and willingness to address community needs and opportunities which bring about educational enrichment for Monroe County residents.

15. *It was moved by Mr. Bellino and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Mary Kay Thayer
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the March 28, 2011 Board meeting.