Board of Trustees Room #Z-203
La-Z-Boy Center
7:30 p.m., October 24, 2011

Members present: William J. Bacarella Jr., Joseph N. Bellino Jr., William H. Braunlich, Marjorie A. Kreps, Linda S. Lauer, Mary Kay Thayer

Members absent: Michael R. Meyer

Also present: David Nixon, Randell Daniels, Sue Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Deb Beagle, Molly McCutchan, Brian Lay, Barbara McNamee, Paul Knollman, John Joy, Cynthia Roman, Jim Blumberg, Steve Mapes, Vinnie Maltese, Jim Ross, Peter Coomar, Joe Verkennes, Dan Shaw, Kaitlin Bereczky, Molly Daniels, Chase Dowler, Emily Goodnough, Collin Keehn, Brooke Sweeney, Kristie Wilson, Alex Wohl, Brianna Lopiccolo, Kendra Perkins, Linda Wilson, Gary Wilson, Ron Gruber, Tracy Vogt, Bill Myers, William Huff, Taylor Pinson (Agora), and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

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

2. It was moved by Mrs. Kreps and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2011 be approved as presented.

The motion carried.

3. There were no delegations present.

B. 3. a. (1) 4. It was moved by Mr. Bellino and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that Policy 2.01, Organizational Chart, be revised as presented.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (2) 5. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that Policy 4.04, Standard Course Resources Selection Policy, be revised as presented.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (3) 6. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Bellino that Policy 1.72, Anti-Bullying Policy, be adopted as presented.

The motion carried.
B. 3. a. (4) 7. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan be approved as presented.
The motion carried.

Vice President Wetzel reported that the state asks institutions to prioritize major capital projects requested from the State. The college has submitted renovation of East and West Technology buildings as such. State funding preferences will be given to those projects that creatively re-adapt, re-use, or renovate existing facilities.

B. 3. a. (5) 8. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Michigan lawmakers are considering the elimination of the personal property tax,

WHEREAS, Monroe County Community College relies upon the revenue generated from the personal property tax,

WHEREAS, the elimination of this revenue source would mean the elimination of 6% of MCCC’s total property tax revenue,

WHEREAS, the revenue from the personal property tax helps community colleges throughout Michigan deliver programs to students and services to their communities in keeping with the community college mission of access and affordability,

WHEREAS, revenue sources such as the personal property tax and aid from the State are Mission critical to Monroe County Community College,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Monroe County Community College strongly opposes any proposal to eliminate the local personal property tax as a source of revenue for Michigan’s community colleges unless that lost revenue is replaced by the Legislature with a stable, permanent and dedicated funding source which will provide these institutions with an amount as then calculated by the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies.

The motion carried.

C. 3. a. (1) 9. President Nixon reported on the following resignation:

Resignation
Beth Kohler, Coordinator of Grants and Major Gifts, effective October 8, 2011
C. 3. a. (2) 10. The statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending September 30, 2011 was presented. (A copy is filed with the Board Minutes.) Deb Beagle, Director of Financial Services gave a brief overview of the report and noted that tuition revenue year-to-date is 45 percent of total budgeted revenue which is down from last year. The college has not started collecting state appropriations.

C. 3. a. (3) 11. Steve Mapes, Associate Professor of Student Services, reviewed the Student Profile Data Report for Fall 2011. A data report with pertinent information was distributed to the Board. Typical student profile has stayed consistent. A decrease of full-time students is due to cessation of funded programs, change in health care requirements for students, and a decrease in population in the state of Michigan.

C. 3. a. (4) 12. The board received a thank you note from Renee Drouillard for flowers sent at the death of her husband, David Drouillard.

C. 3. a. (5) 13. The board received a thank you note from the family of Judy VanDaele for flowers sent at the death of Georgiana VanDaele.

C. 3. a. (6) 14. The board received a thank you letter from Beth Kohler for the opportunity to work at MCCC.

C. 3. b. (1) 15. A presentation on the Spring 2011 Study Abroad trip was given by Dan Shaw. Associate Professor of Art, Gary Wilson, and participants of the trip were also in attendance. A 30 minute video was shown which emphasized the educational, historical, and personal value of the experience.

C. 4. b. (1) 16. Trustee Thayer reported on the MCCA Board of Directors Meeting that was held October 6-9 in Muskegon. Tracking student success and assessing college accountability in that success continues. Discussions were held in consideration of offering open enrollment at community colleges. It is aimed at students as young as ninth grade and at homeschooled students. MCCA is recommending that guidelines and testing scores be put in place to insure student success. “Community College Without Walls” is being considered to help students who are not part of a community college district. Talks continue on offering baccalaureate degrees at community colleges in Michigan.

C. 4. b. (2) 17. Trustee Thayer reported on the ACCT Annual Congress October 12-15 in Dallas. The ACCT is forwarding information through local state committees or through MCCA. STEM science scholarships for low income, non-traditional or minority high school and first-time college students will provide assistance in earning technology degrees.

C. 4. b. (4). 19. Upcoming events were noted.

20. Chair Bacarella, Vice Chair Braunlich, Dr. Nixon, Vice President Yackee, Dean Roman, and nursing faculty met on October 15 to discuss deficiencies in the nursing program reported by NLNAC. Deficiencies are being addressed and progress is being made to correct them. Vice Chair Braunlich indicated that there are cost components in meeting all requirements. Chair Bacarella noted the cooperation between faculty and administration and their desire to exceed NLNAC guidelines.

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

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Mary Kay Thayer
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the November 21, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting.