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MCCC BOARD APPROVES BALANCED BUDGET

MONROE, Mich. – At its regularly scheduled meeting last night, the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a balanced general fund budget of \$26, 350,000 for the college for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

The budget, which goes into effect July 1, includes wage freezes for all employees groups.

For five of those groups – support staff, maintenance, administration, part-time faculty and student assistants – this will be the third year of wage freezes. Full-time faculty will be entering the second year of wage freezes.

An off-schedule payment of \$500 will be made to support staff, maintenance staff and administrators. Full-time faculty will receive a \$1,000 off schedule payment.

The budget also includes a change in the health care plan for support staff employees, maintenance employees and administrators that will yield a savings of \$380,000 to the college.

Three full-time positions were not funded; no new positions were included in the budget.

MCCC is projecting a 1.64 percent reduction in property tax revenue and 4 percent drop in state appropriations for the new fiscal year.

About 47 percent of this year's budget will come from county property taxes, 15 percent from state appropriations, 37 percent from tuition and fees, and 1 percent from other sources.

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These figures represent a recent trend of a marked change in the college's funding mix, according to Suzanne Wetzel, vice president of administration.

Five years ago, about 55 percent of college revenues came from property taxes, 18 percent from state appropriations and 24 percent from tuition and fees.

Still, MCCC remains one of the most affordable institutions of higher learning in the state at \$77 per contact hour.

“Despite repeated decreases in funding coupled with more demand for services, MCCC has maintained outstanding student service and continued to provide a variety of excellent higher educational opportunities to the community we serve,” said President Dr. David Nixon.

“The commitment of our exceptional faculty and staff and their willingness to make sacrifices have been critical in ensuring that we continue to meet our mission during a very tough economy.”

An electronic version of the approved budget document is available in the “Finance and Operations” section of the MCCC Web site at www.monroecc.edu. The document can be accessed directly via the following link: <http://www.monroecc.edu/finance/Budget%20Overview%202011-12.pdf>.

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