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BOARD ANNOUNCES EIGHT SEMIFINALISTS IN SEARCH FOR PRESIDENT

MONROE, Mich. – The Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees last night officially announced the names of eight semifinalist candidates for president who have been invited to participate in interviews with the committee later this month.

The Presidential Search Advisory committee met throughout the day on April 17 to review and consider 35 applications received through a national search to replace President Dr. David E. Nixon, who announced in November that he plans to retire at the end of his current employment contract on July 31.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on the evening of April 17, the Board was provided with a list of eight candidates who were recommended by the Search Advisory Committee for semifinalist interviews. The Board approved the list of candidates, who were identified at the time only by tracking number to protect anonymity until they officially accepted the opportunity to be interviewed.

The semifinalists, in alphabetical order, are:

Dr. Amy DeSonia, who serves as chief academic officer and dean of academic affairs at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson and Willimantic, Conn. Previously, she served as academic dean of the Division of Business, Social Sciences and Public Service at Tidewater

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Community College in Norfolk, Va. She earned a doctor of philosophy in public administration and a master of public administration in healthcare administration from Western Michigan University and a bachelor of business administration from the University of Michigan in Flint.

Dr. Carlee Drummer serves as executive director of college advancement and executive director of the educational foundation at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines and Skokie, Ill. Previously, she served as vice president of Lipman Hearne, Inc. in Chicago. She earned a doctor of philosophy and master of arts in English from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a bachelor of arts from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. Utpal Goswami serves as vice president of instruction at College of the Redwoods in Eureka, Calif. Previously, he served as interim president/superintendent of College of the Redwoods. He earned a doctor of philosophy and master of arts in economics from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, a master of arts in development economics from Boston University and a bachelor of arts from the University of New Delhi in New Delhi, India.

Dr. Karen Hays serves as vice president of academic and student affairs at Middlesex County College in Middletown, N.J. Previously, she served as dean of academic affairs at Miami Dade College in Miami. She earned a doctor of philosophy in educational administration from the University of Texas in Austin, a master of education from Florida Atlantic University in Ft. Lauderdale, a bachelor of arts from the University of Florida in Gainesville, and an associate of arts from Miami-Dade Community College in Miami.

Dr. Kojo Quartey serves as provost and chief academic officer of the City Colleges of Chicago. Previously, he served as dean and professor at the College of Business at Davenport University in Grand

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Rapids. He earned a doctor of philosophy in applied/agricultural economics from Mississippi State University in Starkville, a master of arts in economics from Morgan State University in Baltimore and a bachelor of science in accounting from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Dr. John Satkowski serves as the executive vice president of finance/treasurer at Owens Community College in Toledo. Previously, he served as interim president of OCC. He earned a juris doctorate of law and a master of science in accounting from the University of Toledo and a bachelor of business administration from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Renay Scott serves as vice president and provost of Owens Community College in Toledo. Previously, she served as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at OCC. She earned a doctor of philosophy in curriculum and instruction from Wayne State University, a master of arts in curriculum and instruction from Michigan State University and a bachelor of arts from Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Suzanne Wetzel serves as vice president of administration/executive director of The Foundation at Monroe County Community College. Previously, she served as director of institutional advancement/executive director of The Foundation at MCCC. She earned a master of arts in public relations from Michigan State University and a bachelor of arts from Central Michigan University.

All semifinalist interviews will be conducted by video conference at a meeting open to the public. The semifinalist interview schedule will be announced as soon as arrangements have been finalized.

Following the semifinalist interviews in late April, the Search Advisory Committee will recommend finalists for consideration for interviews by the Board of Trustees in May. Public forums on campus will also be scheduled for each finalist.

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In other action, the Board approved Fall 2013 Semester tuition and fee rate increases.

Students who are Monroe County residents will pay \$8 more per billable contact hour. The rate will be \$92, up from \$84.

In addition, the Board approved Fall Semester tuition rate increases for students who are not residents of Monroe County.

Students living in Michigan, but outside Monroe County, will pay \$158 per billable contact hour, up \$14. Students from out of state will pay \$176, up \$16.

The Board also increased the technology fee from \$10 to \$12 per billable contact hour.

Fall Semester begins August 29. Registration began April 15.

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