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**BOARD APPROVES CONTRACT FOR NEW PRESIDENT**

*Dr. Kojo A. Quartey to Officially Begin Orientation Period July 8*



MONROE, Mich. – At a special meeting tonight, the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the contract for incoming president Dr. Kojo A. Quartey.

Quartey will be MCCC's fifth president. He was selected last week by the Board to replace Dr. David E. Nixon, who is retiring July 31 after 10 years.

The contract term for Quartey will be three years at a base salary of \$165,000 annually.

According to MCCC Board Chair William J. Bacarella, Jr., Quartey's salary will be in the mid-range among MCCC's peer group community colleges, as defined by the Michigan Community College Activities Classification Structure.

The ACS is a set of categories and related definitions that allows users to examine the operation of an institution as it relates to the accomplishment of that institution's objectives. Colleges in MCCC's peer group include Jackson Community College, Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Muskegon Community College, Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and St. Clair Community College in Port Huron.

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To facilitate a seamless transition, Quartey will be designated “MCCC president-elect” from July 8-31 and will participate in a comprehensive program of orientation events and activities organized and coordinated with Nixon and the Board of Trustees. The term of his initial contract will be from July 8, 2013 through July 31, 2016. He will assume all rights and responsibilities as president of the college on August 1.

According to MCCC Board Vice chair William H. Braunlich, an orientation arrangement such as this is a rarity in higher education and will greatly assist the college in navigating the presidential transition.

“Really, as members of the MCCC Board of Trustees, we simply couldn’t ask for anything more,” he said. “And I think it speak volumes about the character and dedication of both of these presidents.”

John Steinecke, search services specialist for MCCC’s presidential search consultant, the Association of Community College Trustees, and Quartey concurred with Braunlich’s assessment.

“The Board’s decision to create a transitional period represents a golden opportunity for the incoming president to benefit from the wisdom and experience of a highly successful president like David Nixon,” Steinecke said.

“Dr. Nixon has great institutional history and knowledge that would prove beneficial to a new president such as myself,” said Quartey. “Dr. Nixon has served MCCC loyally for 10 years. I hope to do the same. This overlap will allow for a smoother transition, which will, in the long run, benefit the entire institution and community. It is important to note that a major portion of the transition plan involves community engagement and interaction.”

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Quartey was appointed to the position of provost of the City Colleges of Chicago in July 2011. In this position, his responsibilities ranged from oversight of athletics to adult education to interacting with all seven colleges in the areas of academic and student affairs.

He has also served as dean of the College of Business at Davenport University in Grand Rapids; dean of the Division of Administration and Business at Talladega College in Talladega, Ala.; dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo.; and vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the Lincoln University Foundation.

Quartey holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in economics from Morgan State University in Baltimore and a doctoral degree in applied economics from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. He has completed post-doctoral work in finance and leadership.

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