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DR. KOJO QUARTEY SELECTED AS NEXT MCCC PRESIDENT



MONROE, Mich. – At a special meeting tonight, the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees unanimously selected Dr. Kojo Quartey as the fifth president of Monroe County Community College.

“All four of our finalists were absolutely outstanding and would have been excellent at the job of president,” said Board Chair William J.

Bacarella Jr. “We are excited to welcome Dr. Quartey to MCCC. He has an extraordinary life story and is a committed academician. He is highly dedicated to serving at-risk communities, community engagement and positively impacting students’ lives. He considers himself, first and foremost, an educator.

“Dr. Quartey has experience in every single area we were looking for in the next president of Monroe County Community College.”

Quartey’s selection is subject to completion of satisfactory contract negotiations culminating in mutual agreement and acceptance of the terms and conditions of employment as president of MCCC, a comprehensive background and reference check, and any other conditions, requirements, examinations or materials required by the Board of Trustees.

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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. A significant accomplishment during his tenure in this position involved improving relations with the Faculty Council and faculty at all seven City Colleges. Other accomplishments included improving the faculty hiring and credentialing process.

He has also served as dean of the College of Business at Davenport University; dean of the Division of Administration and Business at Talladega College; dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies at Lincoln University-Missouri; 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 and a doctoral degree in applied economics from Mississippi State University. He has completed post-doctoral work in finance and leadership.

His community activities have included serving on several boards, such as the United Way of Jefferson City, Mo.; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Grand Rapids; Big Brother, Big Sisters Board of Jefferson City; and numerous other community boards.

Quartey has published a book and book chapters and has written numerous publications on international and economic development. He has served as a consultant on international projects in the Ukraine, Ghana, China and other nations.

Quartey has been selected to replace Dr. David Nixon, who will retire at the end of his current employment contract on July 31. Nixon has served as president of MCCC for 10 years.

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