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**Press Release**

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**MCCC RAISES FALL SEMESTER COST  
PER CONTACT HOUR BY \$3**

*Board remains committed to keeping MCCC affordable*

MONROE, Mich. – Following a review of revenue and expense projections for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a \$3 per billable contact hour tuition rate increase for students who are Monroe County residents at its meeting on Monday night.

Beginning with the upcoming Fall Semester – which begins August 28 – students who are residents of the county will pay \$95 per billable contact hour, up from \$92.

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 \$163 per billable contact hour, up \$5. Students from out of state and international students will pay \$181, up \$5.

The board did not increase the technology fee, \$12 per billable contact hour, or the registration fee, \$35 per student for each semester registering.

“Faced with an enrollment forecast predicting a 5 percent decline in enrollment coupled with basically flat state appropriations and property tax revenues, the board felt it necessary to increase tuition 3 percent for the 2014-2015 academic year to meet basic operational expenses,” said MCCC Board Chair William J. Bacarella, Jr.

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“We remain committed to keeping our tuition affordable and providing high-quality educational opportunities for our students.”

Cost containment efforts at the college have been very aggressive, extensive, effective, and on-going for years and have produced substantial savings and efficiencies. Given the revenue trends of the past five years and the measures already put in place, limited opportunities for creative and substantial cost-containment measures still remain.

“MCCC is truly facing a full-blown financial crisis,” said MCCC Vice Chair William H. Braunlich. “Given the financial trends, MCCC has substantial and ongoing financial challenges that include inadequate funding for new program development, addressing a deferred maintenance backlog approaching \$10 million, and continuing needs for enhanced and expanded student support services.”

MCCC President Kojo Quartey said that the faculty and staff are currently completing a comprehensive Strategic Plan that includes an Enrollment Management Plan and a Retention Plan to address declining enrollment. In addition, he reported that the college is continuing to explore and identify operational efficiencies and is reviewing other opportunities to increase revenues.

The increased tuition rate will cost the average in-district student taking a full course load about \$90 a year. A full yearly course load consists of 30 credit hours. For such a student, the cost of tuition at MCCC will now be approximately \$3,280 per year, which includes a \$35 registration fee assessed per semester (fall and winter). This figure does not include any specific course or lab fees that may apply.

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