The meeting took place in the Large Conference Room of the Goldberg Center, Harrison Campus.

Present: Douglas A. Jacobson, Board Chair; Betty M. Mussell, Vice Chair; Thomas W. Metzger, Treasurer; Carolyn C. Bay, Trustee; Eric T. Kreckman, Trustee; Terry Petrongelli, Trustee; Carol A. Churchill, President; Lillian K. Frick, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Michael W. Jankoviak, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Gwladys Austin, Vice President of Institutional Services and Technology; L. Scott Govitz, Executive Director M-TEC Center; Gail Nunamaker, Executive Director of Human Resources; Matt Miller, Executive Director-College Advancement; Jeff Percha, Faculty Senate President; Carol J. Santini, Dean of Student Success

Absent: Richard S. Allen, Jr., Secretary; Leslie Jones, ESPA President;

Guests: Courtney Hahn, Clare Sentinel Newspaper

**Agenda Item I: CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

There were no public comments from the guests.

**Agenda Item II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board Chair stated that a revised agenda is presented for approval by the board. It includes item VI-B, *Recommendation from Strategic Council for College Staff Event*. A motion was made by Trustee Kreckman to approve the revised agenda – all ayes; motion carried.

**Agenda Item III: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was presented by Trustee Bay to approve the consent agenda as reflected in the packet. All ayes; motion carried.

**Agenda Item IV-A: SOCCER FIELD-HARRISON CAMPUS**

Executive Director Miller updated the board on the Harrison Campus soccer field project. Due to the unexpected high cost of seeding, it is recommended the project be placed on hold for one or two years, while additional information is gathered and project costs are revisited.

**Agenda Item IV-C: NATIONAL CITY/PNC BANK COMMERCIAL CARD ACCOUNT RECOMMENDATION**

Vice President Frick recommended the Board approve replacing the Chase commercial card program with that of National City (PNC). National City offers reporting benefits and the ability to view actual receipts supporting the charge the day after posting. This change will result in greater efficiencies and cost savings for the College’s purchasing and accounts payable functions. A motion was made by Trustee Mussell to approve the recommendation as presented by Frick; all ayes – motion carried.
President Churchill provided a summary of Senate Fiscal Agency Director Gary Olson’s projected budget for Michigan. The stimulus money was highlighted in Olson’s presentation, contingent upon the Governor making no cuts in the education portion of the budget. The governor requested community colleges and universities freeze tuition in exchange for stimulus funds available due to interpretation of the 2007-08 appropriations. There is approximately $20 million in stimulus for the 28 community colleges in Michigan. Churchill informed trustees that the universities appear to be rejecting the stimulus funds, due to their projected loss in revenue if tuition remained flat. Vice President Frick provided different scenarios based upon varying assumptions in the categories of tuition, enrollment and state appropriations. Trustees agreed that the scenario which makes best budgeting sense had a 5% increase in In-District tuition, a 7% out-district, enrollment increase of 7.5%, and state appropriations projected as flat, and included no stimulus funds.

Churchill felt that quality must continue to accompany growth, with new employee hiring adjusted to meet needs that come with change. New hires are included in the budget projections developed by Frick.

Central Michigan University’s tuition is currently at $324.00, which still makes MMCC a good bargain. Frick stated that 85% of Mid’s students are on some type of financial aid, with approximately 60% receiving Pell grants. In polling trustees present, the Board Chair stated the increase in tuition as recommended makes the most sense in budgeting wisely. All trustees present stated affirmatively to continue with planned savings.

In two weeks, there should be better information regarding the federal stimulus money and the governor’s request to freeze tuition. Therefore, a special meeting will be held in two weeks in order to make a decision on tuition before registration begins on April 6th. Kyle will send the tuition hand-outs to Trustee Allen, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Dean Santini presented information on substance abuse prevention as related to Title IV funding (Pell grants/loans). The report must be submitted every two years to remain eligible for funds. Mid’s associated policies and procedures must be in compliance with federal guidelines.

President Churchill reviewed correspondence and announcements for the past month.

Churchill informed members of the board that it is the recommendation of the Strategic Council to offer tickets to the Loons game this year to all college staff. Those who choose to participate and a guest will receive tickets to the game at no cost to the employee. Last spring, the MMCC faculty and a guest were extended the invitation. Administration plans to work with a cross functional committee to develop ongoing plans for an annual event to celebrate staff recognition and appreciation.
The board supported the recommendation and asked the President to proceed.

**Agenda Item VII-A: CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

The Board Chair reviewed the calendar of events for upcoming months, an informational item.

**Agenda Item VIII-B: OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary,
Sherry L. Kyle
Exec. Asst. to the President and Board of Trustees

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Douglas A. Jacobson, Board Chair                         Richard S. Allen, Jr., Secretary