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**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
June 9, 2009
Delta College Midland Center**

Board Present: R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, E. Selby, R. Stafford, D. Wacksman

Others Present: J. Goodnow, B. Baker, T. Caylor, P. Clark, T. Grunow, D. Halog, D. Harris, E. Heil, A. Hill, M. Ibanez, D. Lutz, F. Kindel, J. Knochel, T. Kubatzke, G. Luczak, J. Miller, S. Montesi, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, J. Perz, K. Randolph, L. Ramseyer, S. Romer, P. Seidel, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, K. Wilson, S. Whitney

Press Present: C. Heng, Saginaw News

Chairperson K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

J. Goodnow introduced Dianne Harris, who provided information about the Midland Center. The meeting then moved to the upstairs meeting room.

D. Lutz provided an overview of the proposed 2009-2010 budget. She described the separate General, Auxiliary, Restricted, Plant and Designated Funds. The General Fund budget is proposed at \$62.8 million, an increase of 2.8%.

D. Lutz reviewed the assumptions which were developed and used by the Budget Cabinet in its deliberations, including trends in enrollment, property tax revenue, state funding and expenditures. K. Higgs questioned when the budget was available to trustees and the public and D. Lutz responded that information was posted in newspapers per legal requirements. J. Goodnow pointed out that K. Higgs' agenda and budget information were delivered to his office and placed in his box by the College runner on Thursday, June 4.

R. Emrich commented that he is satisfied with the budget information he has received, and K. Houston-Philpot noted that any member of the Board may attend Budget Cabinet meetings, along with R. Stafford, the regularly appointed member. K. Lawrence-Webster inquired about applying dollars allocated to pay increases to health care benefits and D. Lutz responded that this has been discussed. K. Lawrence-Webster also inquired about additional discussion of next year's budget and J. Goodnow responded that a special meeting could be added in January next year.

T. Lane and R. Emrich expressed their strong support for the proposed pay raise for A/P and Support staff, pointing out the equity of providing the same increase for these employees as for faculty and facilities and food services staff, as well as the pressure to do more with less and the likelihood that next year such an increase may not be feasible.

D. Lutz, G. Luczak and S. Whitney presented information on the Michigan New Jobs Training Program. D. Lutz described the way the fund works by providing new employee training for businesses locating or expanding operations in the state, with no new dollar costs. Funds to

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cover the costs of training are attained through community colleges issuing debt or self-funding. The debt is then repaid to the college through a diversion of withholding taxes generated by the wages earned by the new employees. The program will roll out July 1, 2009.

The Program is based on an idea that began in Iowa in the early 1980's and was recently adopted in Michigan. It is being coordinated by MCCA, which contracted with the Miller Canfield law firm to develop the necessary legal documents. Mr. Selby inquired whether an employer in (for example) Oakland County could decide to contract with Delta. Ms. Lutz replied that there is a gentleman's agreement that a college in whose district the employer is located has a right of first refusal; J. Goodnow said that the Michigan legislation is based on consensus among the MCCA colleges and represents a win/win approach. K. Houston-Philpot commented that this MCCA consensus is the opposite of some other forums where Michigan voices are competing.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary