

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CHARLES STEWART MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MAY 22, 2006  
VOLUME 37

SCHEDULED MEETING:  
7:30 p.m.

BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM:  
North Ballroom,  
Prah! College Center

TRUSTEES PRESENT:  
James Bettendorf  
Andrew (Andy) Everman  
Ehren Gonzales (arrived at 7:42 p.m.)  
Albert J. Koegel  
John L. Snell, Jr.  
Celia M. Turner

TRUSTEES ABSENT:  
Lenore Croudy

PRESIDING OFFICER: John L. Snell, Vice Chairman  
Regular Board Meeting: 7:33 p.m. to 9:18 p.m.

Certified As Correct:

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John L. Snell, Vice Chairman

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James B. Bettendorf, Secretary

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION:

There was no committee of the whole session.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Snell called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED BY TRUSTEE EVERMAN THAT THE MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA.

THERE WAS NO SUPPORT. MOTION FAILED.

Trustee Everman also requested that Item 1.60, Tuition and Fee Increase, be moved to Item 1.55, or the first resolution under individual items. There were no objections to this move. No formal action needed.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Kelli Sproule provided a brief synopsis of the college's finances and operating budget. She indicated that a modest tuition increase is needed to help balance the budget given there will be no increase in state aid and the rising costs of health, retirement and other employee benefits.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board this month.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Several individuals gave comments relative to the importance of affirmative action and the need to strongly oppose the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Ballot Proposal. These individuals were:

Hector Garcia of Flint, a community/Hispanic activist; E. Taylor representing One United Michigan; Kimiko Shimoda of Flint representing One United Michigan; and Regina Laurie representing One United Michigan.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE TURNER, THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2006 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Acceptance of Standing Board Committee Reports:

1. Personnel (Turner, Bettendorf, Gonzales): Trustee Turner reported that the Personnel Committee met on May 16, 2006. Notes from that meeting appear as Attachment A.
2. Finance (Koegel, Everman, Snell): Trustee Koegel reported that the Finance Committee also met on May 16, 2006. Notes from that meeting appear as Attachment B.

Other Reports:

3. AACC Annual Convention: Celia Turner reported that she had attended the American Association of Community Colleges' Annual Convention on April 21-25 in Long Beach, California. She attended various workshops and seminars while there. Three major issues that she found of particular interest were the under-representation of black males and Latinos in higher education; the focus on board ethics and policies related to such; and measuring student outcomes and success.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE TURNER, THAT ITEM 1.54, TREASURER'S REPORT, BE APPROVED.

ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

Individual Action Items:

Secretary Bettendorf read resolution 1.60, Tuition and Fee Increase, in its entirety.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, THAT ITEM 1.60, TUITION AND FEE INCREASE, BE APPROVED WITH THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE TO BE CORRECTED TO \$1.40, NOT \$1.41, AS INDICATED ON TABLE PROVIDED.

Trustee Everman requested that Item 1.60 be tabled until next month to allow for a meeting/discussion with union leaders and the public to find alternative ways to cut costs, and thus avoid a tuition increase. He indicated that the tuition increase was a short term fix to a long-term problem, and that if this practice continues we will eventually price the college out of the reach of those students who need it.

Trustee Koegel stated that he would like to see the unions and employee groups give more concessions and work with the administration to keep employee-related costs down. He also stated that while he saw the need for a tuition increase, he would like to see it kept at or below the cost of living.

Trustee Gonzales concurred that we need to be more pro-active in finding ways to cut costs. He reminded the Board, however, that we are and will continue to be the best bargain in the area for all students; and that those who cannot afford to pay for college out-of-pocket have financial aid, grants, scholarships and various other assistance available to them.

Trustee Turner echoed Trustee Gonzales' comments by stating that residents continue to see Mott as a great asset to the community. She also thanked Kelli Sproule and her staff for all of the information and hard data they compile for the Board to help them make informed decisions.

Trustee Bettendorf stated that it is imperative that we have the funds to continue to provide the quality programs and services that our community has come to expect for us.

VICE CHAIRMAN SNELL CALLED FOR THE VOTE ON THE MOTION.

FIVE AYE VOTES. ONE NAY (EVERMAN). MOTION PASSED.

Secretary Bettendorf read resolution 1.55 in its entirety.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, THAT ITEM 1.55, HEALTH SCIENCES SKILLS LAB AND ESTHETOLOGY LAB RENOVATION, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

Secretary Bettendorf read resolution 1.56 in its entirety.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE KOEGEL, THAT ITEM 1.56, CLIO-NORTHERN TIER EXTENSION RENOVATION, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Trustee Everman stated that he understood that bond proceeds would be used to fund the renovations at the Clio Northern Tier campus, but that he was concerned that long-term operational expenses would force the college to again raise tuition. He requested that his comments be included in the official minutes as to why he will not support this item at this time. He also suggested that alternative transportation be provided to students to allow them to commute to main campus (i.e. Your Ride).

Trustee Gonzales reminded the board that several individuals from the Clio community had spoke at a recent board meeting about the benefits of the Clio campus to them and the entire Clio area community, and that it was evident that those stakeholders supported this outreach effort. He also stated that it is important that the college continue to reach out to all areas of the community to make education more accessible – if we are to be a true learning-centered community college.

Trustee Bettendorf stated that he was concerned that the Board was “micro-managing” and that he felt confident that this endeavor, being brought forward at the advice and recommendation of the administration, was the right thing to do.

VICE CHAIRMAN SNELL CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE MOTION.

FIVE AYE VOTES. ONE NAY (EVERMAN). MOTION PASSED.

Secretary Bettendorf read resolution 1.57 in its entirety.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, THAT ITEM 1.57, NEW PROGRAM – ENTREPRENEURSHIP CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

Secretary Bettendorf read resolution 1.58 in its entirety.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE TURNER, THAT ITEM 1.58, APPOINTMENTS TO THE MICHIGAN HOME-BASED CHILD CARE COUNCIL, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

Trustee Everman requested that thank you letters be sent to all the candidates. Dr. Shaink indicated that these letters had already been done and would be mailed as soon as possible.

Secretary Bettendorf read resolution 1.59 in its entirety.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BETTENDORF, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GONZALES, THAT ITEM 1.59, REVISION TO BOARD BY-LAWS & OPERATIONS SECTIONS 1325, 1420 AND 1630, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Trustee Everman requested to know who was bringing these revisions forward, and who had compiled/prepared the proposed new by-laws. He indicated that the proposed procedures had been essentially “plagiarized” from Lansing Community College, and given their current state of affairs was a poor model to use. He stated that there was no valid reason to change our procedures at this time, that this policy would usurp/undermine the Board’s authority. He recommended that the Board hire an outside consultant (i.e. Mercer Group) to assist them in developing policy.

Trustee Koegel stated that it was at his request that Attorney Jim Delaney put the revisions together. Attorney Delaney stated that the proposed new by-laws/policy was based on similar policy currently being used at Lansing Community College and other community colleges as well. He stated that he believed these revisions would reaffirm the board’s commitment to ethics and help clarify the role of board members in dealing with confidential information.

Trustee Turner also stated that these modifications and adjustments were coming at an ideal time given the discussions and presentations that had took place at the recent AACC Convention.

VICE CHAIRMAN SNELL CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE MOTION.

FOUR AYE VOTES. TWO NAY (BETTENDORF AND EVERMAN). MOTION PASSED.

## XI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

President Shaink distributed the President’s Executive Summary to each Trustee, and noted several important upcoming events. He also presented the staffing transaction report and asked Mark Kennedy to introduce a new employee, Linda Rutherford, Librarian-Technical Services/Circulation.

Dr. Shaink then asked Steve Robinson, AQIP Coordinator, to come forward and give a brief report on the recent AQIP Strategy Session that a team from the college participated in. He thanked Steve Robinson and Gail Ives for their coordination and hard work related to this effort.

He also reported that Larry Koehler and Keith Yarbrough had attended the Joint Capitol Outlay Committee on Thursday, May 18 and that both of the college’s renovation projects had been approved. He thanked Larry and Keith for attending the meeting and sharing the good news.

Dr. Shaink asked Patricia Markowicz, Dean of Health Sciences, to come forward and talk about the Nursing Program’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Patricia gave a brief overview of the events and activities that will be taking place over the next two years to celebrate the program’s fifty-year anniversary including: a golf outing, creating a photo album/scrap book, publishing a cook book, honoring distinguished alumni, a baby photo contest and much more. She indicated that the celebration would span two years because the program was established in 1956 and the first class of students graduated in 1958.

Dr. Shaink reported that the Honorary Degree Committee, led by Mark Kennedy, had met several times and is developing criteria for the conferring of honorary degrees.

He then thanked Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail for taking the time out of her busy schedule to be with us today and for sharing her insight and knowledge. He stated that the depth and breadth of the information she presented was astounding. He also thanked Kelli Sproule for her special presentation on the budget and for continuing to provide solid information and data to both the administration and the Board.

## XII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (Item 4.09):

Trustee Gonzales had no comments.

Trustee Koegel had no comments.

Trustee Everman stated that he had recently attended the Governor's Service Awards program in Detroit and that he was impressed with the number of community college students that had been nominated. He indicated that several community colleges received awards including Jackson and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He hoped that next year Mott Community College would have some nominees at this event. He also requested that the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative be placed on next month's board agenda.

Trustee Turner stated that she was honored to be a part of the team that attended the recent AQIP Strategy Session – even though they worked from 7:00 a.m. to well-beyond 9:00 p.m. each night! – and that she was pleased with the work they accomplished and that the three action projects had been identified. She also wanted board members to know that she had fulfilled her reading assignment and had put together a synopsis of the assigned chapters for their information and review. She gave each board member a copy of the handout.

Trustee Bettendorf said that he was grateful and pleased to see Lenore Croudy at the evening's dinner and discussion with Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail, and that he was impressed with all of tonight's presentations.

Trustee Snell had no comments.

## XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Snell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.