CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, and called to order by Chairperson Webber at 5:02 p.m. in the Board Room, M210, at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM A. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Baker, Jeannette Bell, Peter G. Earle, Bobbie R. Webber, Lenard Wells, and Ann Wilson.

William H. Hughes arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Excused: Pedro A. Colón and Mark S. Maierle.

ITEM B. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Webber indicated that proper notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C-1 Regular Board Meeting: March 27, 2007

Motion It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve the March 27, 2007, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Motion approved.
ITEM D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Discussion: Dr. Michael Rosen, president, AFT Local 212, requested that the unions’ contracts be settled.

Mr. Avalt Tohm, student: No comment.

ITEM E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

FPO-3 Bills – March 2007
FPO-5 Human Resources Report
FPO-6 Procurement Report

Dr. Hughes arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Motion It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM F. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Discussion Chairperson Webber congratulated Dr. Robert Davis and Mr. Fred Royal, who were appointed to the MATC District Board by the MATC Board Appointment Committee, and Mr. Earle, who was reappointed.

Chairperson Webber reported that Ms. Baker and he had participated in the Apprenticeship Banquet, and that Mr. Maierle had received the Distinguished Service Award.

Chairperson Webber stated that Mses. Baker, Bell, and Wilson, and he would participate in Channels 10&36 Great TV Auction.

Chairperson Webber reported that Mses. Baker and Bell had participated in the Wisconsin Technical College System District Boards Association Legislative Day in Madison.

Chairperson Webber restated the college’s commitment to developing a skilled workforce. He distributed a letter from Mr. Timothy W. Sullivan, president and chief executive officer, Bucyrus International, Inc. to Dr. Darnell E. Cole, president, Milwaukee Area Technical College.
ITEM G. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Discussion

President Cole reported that he had participated in the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention and also had participated in the American Student Association of Community Colleges Advisory Council meeting and the New Century Scholars Reception, where Mr. Anthony Ramirez, MATC student, was honored.

President Cole reported that Mses. Baker and Wilson and he had attended the Annual Soul Food Celebration.

President Cole reported that he and other college personnel had attended the North Central Association-Higher Learning Commission annual meeting.

President Cole stated that Mr. Earle’s concerns/questions regarding financial aid preferred lenders issues had been addressed, and he reported that a college employee had resigned from a preferred lender advisory committee, though the employee had not received any compensation/gifts. It was suggested that the process for selecting preferred lenders be discussed at an ESIR Committee meeting.

President Cole announced the following events:

• President’s & State Ambassador Awards Banquet – Sunday, April 29
• MATC Opening & Portfolio Night at Discovery World – Thursday, May 3
• Student Senate Banquet – Friday, May 4
• Employee Recognition Banquet – Friday, May 4
• Partners in Excellence Banquet – Thursday, May 10
• Lamp of Knowledge – Friday, May 11
• MATC Times Banquet – Saturday, May 12
• Spring Commencement – Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. at the Bradley Center.

ITEM H. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Discussion

Mr. Chris Clark reported on various student activities on the campuses, as well as:

• A meeting with a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee professor regarding transportation
• Visits with other college clinics
ITEM I. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS REPORT

Discussion Ms. Bell gave highlights of the Legislative Task Force, which met on March 30 and April 23, 2007. She reported that Ms. Baker and she had met with legislators and staffs during the WTCS District Boards Association Legislative Day in Madison. The following reports were distributed:
- State Legislation Which Could Affect MATC, 2007-08 Legislative Session
- New Bills of Interest to Wisconsin Technical Colleges
- Wisconsin Technical College Funding in Perspective

ITEM J. PUBLIC TELEVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion Mr. Earle gave highlights of the Public Television Committee meeting, which are reflected in the April 16, 2007, minutes. He announced the launch of the Spanish multi-station, V Me, and presented a video on the new station. Mr. Earle invited board members to a meeting with the Public Broadcasting System president on May 23, 2007.

ITEM K. EDUCATION, SERVICES, AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion Ms. Baker gave highlights of the Education, Services, and Institutional Relations Committee meeting, which are reflected in the April 17, 2007, minutes.

Chairperson Webber encouraged students with questions/concerns to attend ESIR Committee meetings.

ITEM L. FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Action Items

FPO-7 Resolution (F0015-04-07) Authorizing the Sale of $13,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Discussion Mr. John A. Mehan, managing director, Robert W. Baird & Co., stated that the sale was for $1,000,000; and that because of a timing issue, the $13,000,000 sale would occur at the May 2007
board meeting. He distributed and reviewed information regarding the issuance of the general obligation promissory notes.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of $13,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Motion

Mr. Earle made a friendly amendment to approve the Sale of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Action

Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:


Noes: None.

FPO-8 Resolution (F0016-04-07) Authorizing the Issuance of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2006-07I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve Resolution (F0016-04-07) Authorizing the Issuance of $13,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin as amended in the previous resolution.

Discussion

Mr. Mehan reaffirmed that the issuance would be for $13,000,000, the balance of the notes.

Action

Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:


Noes: None.
FPO-9  Resolution (F0017-04-07) to Approve College Parallel and Post-Secondary/Vocational Adult Tuition for Academic Year 2007-2008

Motion  It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve Resolution (F0017-04-07) to Approve College Parallel and Post-Secondary/Vocational Adult Tuition for Academic Year 2007-2008.

Action  Motion approved.

FPO-10  Resolution (F0018-04-07) to Approve Avocational Fees for Academic Year 2007-2008

Motion  It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve the Resolution (F0018-04-07) to Approve Avocational Fees for Academic Year 2007-2008.

Action  Motion approved.

L-1  Public Safety Structure and Staffing Levels

Discussion  Attorney Christy L. Brown, executive vice president and general counsel, and Mr. Douglas L. Tripp, director, Public Safety, reviewed a comprehensive public safety plan and requested five new additional personnel and up to three reclassifications of public safety officers to the public safety structure.

Board members expressed concerns that there was no supporting documentation for this action item. It was suggested that security considerations be discussed and possibly coordinated with the Milwaukee Police Department.

Chairperson Webber stated that he had brought this matter to administration four months ago, and he stated that the college had an obligation to provide a high level of safety to the college community.

Motion  It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Baker, Mr. Earle, Dr. Hughes, and Mr. Wells, to direct administration to bring to the May 22, 2007, board meeting a plan for additional officers that they feel are necessary to ensure the safety of the campuses.

Action  Motion approved.
Discussion Items

FPO-11 Budget Variance Report – Ninth Month Ended March FY06-07

Discussion Mr. Michael M. Sargent, vice president, Finance, reviewed the Budget Variance Report – Ninth Month Ended March FY06-07.

FPO-12 Final Budget Planning Assumptions

Discussion Mr. Sargent reviewed the Final Budget Planning Assumptions. Dr. Hughes requested that options be brought to the board which would reduce the tax levy.

Information Items

FPO-16 Quarterly Out-of-Country Travel Report

Discussion Dr. Hughes presented the Quarterly Out-of-Country Travel Report for information.

FPO-17 Office of Corporate Learning 38.14 Outreach Contracting Quarterly Report

Discussion Dr. Hughes presented the Office of Corporate Learning 38.14 Outreach Contracting Quarterly Report for information.

ITEM M. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Communications and Petitions
   None.

2. Information Items
   None.

ITEM N. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Agenda Items
   - Plan for additional public safety officers
   - Evaluation of process for financial aid preferred lenders by Legal Counsel
   - Options to reduce tax levy
2. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 5:00, Regular Board Meeting, Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

ITEM O. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND DISCUSSION OF RELATED FISCAL INFORMATION

ITEM P. PRESIDENT’S EVALUATION

ITEM Q. BOARD MAY RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION UNDER ITEMS O. AND P.

Ms. Wilson departed the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Closed Session

Motion It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Dr. Hughes, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item O., Collective Bargaining and Discussion of Related Fiscal Information, to discuss and formulate strategy in its negotiations with the college’s collective bargaining units because such bargaining reasons require a Closed Session; and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item P., President’s Evaluation, to consider the employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of the president over whom the MATC District Board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and to deliberate or negotiate the investing of public funds or other specified public business whenever bargaining reasons require a Closed Session. The MATC District Board may reconvene into Open Session to take action on matters discussed in Closed Session under Items O. or P.

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Earle, Hughes, Wells, Baker, Bell, and Webber – 6.

Noes: None.

Ms. Wilson returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenard Wells
Secretary