CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, and called to order by Chairperson Webber at 5:01 p.m. in the Board Room, M210, at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM A. ROLL CALL


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.

Chairperson Webber announced a change in the order of the agenda to accommodate the schedule of student guests.

ITEM G. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Discussion President Darnell E. Cole asked Mr. Archie Graham, Student Life, to introduce Ms. Carole Steele, MATC State Ambassador for the Wisconsin Technical College System, and Mr. Anthony Ramirez, New Century Scholar, American Association of Community Colleges. Both students thanked the college for the support they have received throughout their academic terms.
ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C-1 Regular Board Meeting: February 27, 2007

Motion It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Maierle, to approve the February 27, 2007, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion Ms. Baker noted a correction on Page 7 of the minutes: “Ms. Baker noted that Milwaukee Public Schools had not made a request for accommodating this program, but she expressed concern that a site location was not bid out to private enterprises—the contract was not put out for bid.”

Dr. Hughes asked that, under Roll Call, the minutes reflect: “Excused: Dr. Hughes attempted to connect via telephone, but due to technical problems was not connected to the meeting.”

Action Motion approved with the corrections as noted.

ITEM D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Discussion: Dr. George Stone, faculty, distributed a copy of a letter from Mr. Carl R. Siegrist, senior renewable energy strategist, We Energies, to Mr. Michael M. Sargent, vice president, Finance, announcing a grant of up to $100,000. Dr. Stone and Mr. Corey Odom, faculty, requested that the board encourage administration to continue to bargain in good faith and to settle the contract.

Mr. Raul Ramirez, spokesperson for the MATC Latino Organization, and Ms. Christine Neumann-Ortiz, director, Voces de la Frontera, spoke in support of Mr. Colón and Mr. Earle.

The following individuals spoke in support of approving the lease from Esperanza Unida:
- Mr. David Bodoh, Red Tail Construction
- Mr. Robert Miranda, executive director, Esperanza Unida
- Mr. Calvin Edwards, Esperanza Unida student
- Ms. Laura Manriquez, representative of the community and vice president, Esperanza Unida
- Mr. Orlando Edwardo Carasco, Red Tail Construction
Mr. Avalt Tohm, student, thanked board members for meeting with students at the Listening and Learning Sessions. He presented the following issues:

- Access for persons with disabilities
- Condition of restroom facilities in the gym
- Work with student veterans
- Compliance with state statutes

Mr. Joseph Kellam, student, distributed a copy of a memorandum that he had sent to T. Jones, T. Barry, J. Falkenberg, C. Brown, D. Cole, and the MATC District Board, on March 6, 2007. He presented the following issues:

- Parking
- Open access to Student Union by non-students
- Textbook prices
- Neglect of veterans and students with special needs
- Prices at the Food Court
- Impression of the college in the community
- Disconnect between students and administration
- Lack of support of athletic programs and student organizations.

ITEM E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

FPO-2  Bills – February 2007
FPO-4  Human Resources Report
FPO-5  Procurement Report

Motion  It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action  Motion approved.

ITEM F. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Discussion  Chairperson Webber distributed the Presidential Performance Evaluation 2006-2007 form and requested that board members return the completed forms by April 13, 2007.

Chairperson Webber noted that the board retreat on Saturday, March 10, 2007, had gone well. He stated that other stakeholders may be invited to future retreats.
Chairperson Webber announced that the March 29, 2007, Listening and Learning Session at the Oak Creek Campus had been canceled because of conflicts with board members’ schedules. He noted that the sessions had offered a good opportunity for board members to dialogue with students. Ms. Bell requested that the board be responsive to student issues, and noted that administration would address concerns that were raised.

Chairperson Webber announced that Mr. Maierle would receive the Distinguished Service Award at the April 4, 2007, Apprenticeship Banquet.

**ITEM G. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Discussion**

President Cole announced that the first Express Ramp Heavy Plate Welder Training Program students had graduated on March 8, 2007.

President Cole announced that *Redefining Smart* would air on Channel 10 on April 6, 2007, and that he had participated in the panel discussion with Mayor Tom Barrett; Ms. Julia Taylor, Greater Milwaukee Committee; and Mr. Tim Sheehy, Metropolitan Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. James R. Walsh, interim provost, distributed information on initiatives of the Wisconsin Technical College System Transition Committee.

President Cole invited board members to the Annual Soul Food Celebration on March 3, 2007.

President Cole noted that spring break was scheduled for April 6 through April 13, 2007.

Mr. Wells reported on the visit of a South African delegation to the college.
ITEM H. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Discussion Mr. Chris Clark reported on various student activities on the campuses, as well as:
- A visit to Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., with the American Association of Community Colleges.
- A survey of students regarding issues of concern (attached).
- Town hall meeting at the Oak Creek Campus on April 16, 2007, which Mr. Colón will attend.

ITEM I. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS REPORT

Discussion Ms. Bell gave highlights of the Legislative Task Force, which met on March 2, 2007. She distributed a copy of the comments of Mr. Macrea Coleman to the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee on March 20, 2007.

ITEM J. PUBLIC TELEVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion Mr. Earle gave highlights of the Public Television Committee meeting, which are reflected in the March 19, 2007, minutes.

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 March 20, 2007, minutes.

Ms. Bell departed the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Action Items

ESIR-2 Revisions to Policy A0109 – Public Records

Motion It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the Revisions to Policy A0109 – Public Records.

Action Motion approved.
ESIR-3 Resolution (E0003-02-07) to Approve Computer Simulation and Gaming Associate Degree

Motion
It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve Resolution (E0003-02-07) to Approve Computer Simulation and Gaming Associate Degree.

Action
Motion approved.

ESIR-4 Resolution (E0004-03-07) to Approve Implementation Phase for Medical Coding Specialist Technical Diploma Program

Motion
It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve Resolution (E0004-03-07) to Approve Implementation Phase for Medical Coding Specialist Technical Diploma Program.

Action
Motion approved.

ESIR-5 Resolution (E0005-03-07) to Approve Investigation Phase for Web Designer Diploma Program

Motion
It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve Resolution (E0005-03-07) to Approve Investigation Phase for Web Designer Diploma Program.

Action
Motion approved.

Ms. Bell rejoined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Discussion Items

ESIR-9 Quarterly Childcare Update

Discussion
Ms. Baker presented the Quarterly Childcare Update by Ms. Patricia Martinez, child care liaison.

ESIR-10 Student Complaint Process Overview

Discussion
Ms. Baker presented the Student Complaint Process Overview and the Student Senate/Organizations Benchmarking Study. Attorney Janice Falkenberg reviewed the process for student complaints. She stated that she had concluded that the college’s operations are in compliance with the directives of the state statute referred to by Mr. Thom and had advised him of
that conclusion. She stated that the benchmarking study would be presented at a future ESIR Committee meeting. Board members stressed that processes should be in place to make the college and board approachable to students.

ITEM L. FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Action Items

FPO-6 Resolution (F0011-03-07) Authorizing the Sale of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07G of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Discussion Ms. Michele A. Wiberg, vice president, Robert W. Baird & Co., distributed and reviewed information regarding the issuance of the general obligation promissory notes.

Motion It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07G of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Baker, Bell, Colón, Earle, Hughes, Maierle, Wells, Wilson, and Webber – 9.

Noes: None.

FPO-7 Resolution (F0012-03-07) Authorizing the Issuance of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2006-07H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve Resolution (F0012-03-07) Authorizing the Issuance of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006-07H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.
Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:


Noes: None.

**FPO-8 Resolution (F0009-02-07) to Revise FY2006-2007 Renovation/Remodeling (Capital) Projects**

**Motion**

It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve Resolution (F0009-02-07) to Revise FY2006-2007 Renovation/Remodeling (Capital) Projects.

**Action**

Motion approved.

**FPO-9 Resolution (F0013-03-07) to Approve FY2006-2007 Budget Modification**

**Motion**

It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve the Resolution (F0013-03-07) to Approve FY2006-2007 Budget Modification.

**Action**

Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Colón, Earle, Hughes, Maierle, Wells, Wilson, Baker, Bell, and Webber – 9.

Noes: None.

**FPO-14 Draft Resolution to Approve Lease from Esperanza Unida**

**Discussion**

Dr. Hughes stated that the FPO Committee had moved the resolution forward to the full board for approval. He distributed a packet of information regarding the lease.

Dr. David B. Turner, dean, Technology and Applied Sciences, reviewed the selection process he had used to identify Esperanza Unida as the site for the heavy plate welding program:

- Develop a college presence on the south side of Milwaukee for a multicultural/diverse environment.
- A site that would accommodate adults.
- A site that would allow the college to build to capacity.
Mr. Colón suggested that the Milwaukee Enterprise Center-South would be an appropriate site for the welding program. President Cole stated that the purpose of the MECs was to provide incubator opportunities. Ms. Baker stated that the Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School had a relationship with Bucyrus International. She also expressed concern about spending on the program and lack of a contract with Bucyrus International. Mr. Maierle reiterated that the college should take a leadership role in the diversification of the skilled trades. Ms. Wilson questioned if other options were investigated.

**Motion**

It was moved by Dr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve the Resolution to Approve the Lease from Esperanza Unida.

**Discussion**

Mr. Colón stated that he had a fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers regarding the proposed lease and opposed approving the lease.

Chairperson Webber requested a roll call vote.

**Action**

Motion not approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Hughes, Maierle, Wells, and Bell – 4.


**Discussion Items**

- **FPO-10** Budget Variance Report – Seventh Month Ended January FY2006-2007

**Discussion**


**FPO-12 Preliminary Budget Planning Assumptions**

**Discussion**

Dr. Hughes presented the Preliminary Budget Planning Assumptions for discussion.
FPO-15 LAB Audit

Discussion Dr. Hughes Presented the Legislative Audit Bureau Audit for discussion.

ITEM M. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Communications and Petitions
   None.

2. Information Items
   None.

ITEM N. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Agenda Items

2. Date of Next Meeting
   Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 5:00, Regular Board Meeting, Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

ITEM O. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND DISCUSSION OF RELATED FISCAL INFORMATION

ITEM P. LITIGATION UPDATE

Discussion Chairperson Webber stated that there would not be a Litigation Update.

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

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. The MATC District Board may
reconvene into Open Session to take action on matters discussed in Closed Session under Item O.

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

Ayes: Hughes, Maierle, Wells, Wilson, Baker, Bell, Colón, Earle, and Webber – 9.

Noes: None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenard Wells
Secretary