CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, and called to order by Vice Chairperson Bell at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM A. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Baker; Jeannette Bell; Robert M. Davis; Peter G. Earle; Victor L. Rossetti; Fred Royal, Jr.; and Ann Wilson.

Excused: Pedro A. Colón and Bobbie R. Webber.

ITEM B. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Vice Chairperson Bell 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: February 26, 2008

Motion It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the February 26, 2008, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Motion approved.
ITEM D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Discussion Dr. Michael Rosen, president, Local 212:

- Thanked Ms. Bell for her service and commitment to the college and students as a board member.
- Thanked board members who supported the Culinary Arts Department’s 5-Star Food and Wine Event, which raised over $10,000 for scholarships. He also thanked instructors, students, and staff for their contributions to the event.
- Reported that Wisconsin Assembly Bill 69 had been amended to ensure that technical college engineering graduates could sit for the professional engineering license.
- Reported that legislation had been introduced to provide $10 million annually to the Wisconsin Technical College System for categorical aids to districts for programs targeting areas of high unemployment.
- Congratulated Milwaukee Public School District for three entries in the Robotics Regional Competition.
- Stated that the WTCS Presidents’ Association met with Dr. David Wilson, president, University of Wisconsin two-year colleges, and that the UW System had no immediate plans to establish a two-year UW campus in Milwaukee, but that the system was considering adding a bachelor of applied arts and sciences degree.

ITEM E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

FPO-2 Bills – February 2008
FPO-4 Human Resources Report
FPO-5 Procurement Report

Discussion Dr. Pablo G. Cardona, assistant vice president, Human Resources, stated that new positions listed on the Human Resources Report were funded by grants. Ms. Sandra L. McClary, director, Office of Corporate Learning, reported that the college had received approximately $250,000 in workforce training grants plus an additional $30,000 to $50,000 in advanced manufacturing grants for incumbent worker training.

Motion It was moved by Mr. Earle, seconded Mr. Royal, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.
ITEM F.  CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Discussion  
Vice Chairperson Bell:
- Thanked Dr. Rossetti, Messrs. Royal and Webber, and Ms. Wilson for participating in the boards’ Listening and Learning Sessions with students.
- Congratulated newly appointed board members Ms. Melanie Cosgrove Holmes and Mr. Thomas Michalski, and reappointed board member Ms. Baker.

ITEM G.  PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Discussion  
President Cole:
- Reported that Chairperson Webber and he had welcomed participants to the Renewable Energy Summit.
- Reported on the success of the annual Black Student Union Soul Food Celebration.
- Announced that Mr. Jim McCaslin, president and chief operating officer, Harley Davidson, would be the May 22, 2008, commencement speaker.
- Announced that Dr. Vicki J. Martin, provost, had been appointed to the board of the Milwaukee Academy of Science.

Ms. Gloria Pitchford-Trice, dean, Pre-College, introduced Captain Carl Meredith, education services officer, Wisconsin Army National Guard, who reported on the college’s partnership initiative to provide GED training to enlistees. Ms. Pitchford-Trice thanked Ms. Patricia Kappel, associate dean, Pre-College, Ms. Jacqueline Reed, instructor, and Mr. Westmore Holmes, GED coordinator, for developing the national training model for citizen soldiers.

Dr. Martin and Mr. Richard Busalacchi, associate dean, Business Division, thanked Culinary Arts Department faculty, students, and staff involved with the 5-Star Food and Wine Event. Instructors Jim Udulutch, Tom Surwillo, and John Reiss reported on the successful event. They also introduced Ms. Rebecca Skrowback, student, who won a bronze medal at the American Culinary Regional Conference.

Dr. George Stone, instructor, reported on the Wisconsin Renewable Energy Summit, which was hosted by the college.
ITEM H. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Ms. Maija Cruz:
• Reported that eight students had attended the ASACC conference in Washington, D.C.
• Stated that students were appreciative of meeting with board members at the Listening and Learning Sessions.
• Reported that the final recommendation for the U-Pass would be made on March 19, 2008.
• Thanked the college for organizing the Black Student Union's Soul Food Dinner.
• Reported that the Multicultural Affairs Department had held voter registration on campus.

ITEM I. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS REPORT

Discussion Ms. Bell gave highlights of the February 29, 2008, Legislative Committee meeting and gave an update of federal and state legislative issues. She reported that the Germantown School District was proceeding to file a petition to secede from the MATC District.

ITEM J. PUBLIC TELEVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion Ms. Wilson gave highlights of the Public Television Committee meeting, which are reflected in the March 18, 2008, minutes. Dr. Davis commended Mr. Ellis R. Bromberg, general manager, Channels 10/36, on his presentation to the Milwaukee Rotary Club regarding Milwaukee Public Television.
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 12, 2008, minutes

Action Item

ESIR-3 Resolution to Approve Program Title and Program Number Change

Motion It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve Resolution to Approve Program Title and Program Number Change.

Action Motion approved.

Policy Review

ESIR-2 Policy F0500-1, Student Financial Aid Practices and Lender Relations

Discussion Ms. Baker stated that the policy would be brought to the April 22, 2008, board meeting for approval.

Discussion Item

ESIR-7 MEC Update

Discussion Dr. Richard L. Kettner, vice president, West Allis Campus, gave the history, purpose, and mission of the Milwaukee Enterprise Centers. He requested input on the future mission of the MECs. It was agreed to further the discussion of the MECs at the April ESIR and board meetings.
ITEM L. FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion Mr. Earle gave highlights of the Finance, Personnel, and Operations Committee meeting, which are reflected in the March 11, 2008, minutes. Mr. Earle noted that the FPO Committee was reviewing the possibility of reducing the $50,000 threshold for the issuance of contracts. He stated that the committee is evaluating revision of the procurement policy to include a poverty wage procurement component.

Action Items

FPO-6 Resolution (F0060-03-08) Authorizing the Sale of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2007-08G of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Mr. Earle, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve Resolution (F0060-03-08) Authorizing the Sale of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2007-08G of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Discussion Mr. Keith A Kolb, managing director, Robert W. Baird & Co., distributed and reviewed the Final Pricing Summary for the General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2007-08G.

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

Ayes: Baker, Bell, Davis, Earle, Rossetti, Royal, and Wilson, – 7.

Noes: None.
FPO-7 Resolution (F0061-03-08) Authorizing the Issuance of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2007-08H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Earle, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve Resolution (F0061-03-08) Authorizing the Issuance of $1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2007-08H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Action

Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Davis, Earle, Rossetti, Royal, Wilson, Baker, and Bell, – 7.

Noes: None.

FPO-8 Resolution (F0062-03-08) Authorizing the Sale of Not to Exceed $16,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2007-08J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Discussion

Mr. Kolb explained that the authorization of the sale of the notes allowed for flexibility to obtain the best rate between today's date and June 30, 2008.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Earle, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve Resolution (F0062-03-08) Authorizing the Sale of Not to Exceed $16,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2007-08J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Action

Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Earle, Rossetti, Royal, Wilson, Baker, Davis and Bell, – 7.

Noes: None.

Vice Chairperson Bell departed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and handed the gavel to Secretary Wilson to chair the meeting.
Discussion Item

FPO-9   Budget Variance Report for February FY2007-2008

Discussion Mr. Earle reviewed the Budget Variance Report for February FY2007-2008. The board engaged in a discussion regarding revenue.

ITEM M. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Communications and Petitions
2. Information Item

ITEM N. Old Business/New Business

1. 1. Future Agenda Item
2. Date of Next Meeting

   Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 5:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (Room M210).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wilson
Secretary