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LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS TUITION RATES AT CURRENT LEVELS; APPROVES ANNUAL BUDGET

LANSING, MICH. (June 9, 2008) – Lansing Community College announced it will maintain tuition rates at current levels for this upcoming school year following the approval of the college’s Fiscal Year 2009 general operating budget of \$123.8 million at tonight’s board of trustees meeting.

“Nearly every other community college in the state is raising tuition,” said LCC Trustee Robin Smith, chairperson of the board. “Instead, we are tightening our belts while finding a way to maintain program offerings that train our students for in-demand careers.”

Tuition will remain at \$73 per billing hour for in-district students, \$134 per billing hour for out-of-district students and \$201 per billing hour for out-of-state and international students. A billing hour represents the amount of time that a student spends in an average week in direct contact with an instructor or in a laboratory environment.

The college receives revenue from three major sources: state government, property taxes and tuition. Despite the fact that funds from state government continue to remain uncertain and property tax revenue is projected to decrease due to the housing slump, total revenue earned by LCC is expected to increase slightly due to an increase in overall enrollment. Still, LCC cut more than \$4.3 million from its original budget in order to maintain current tuition levels by deferring faculty/staff hiring and cutting expenses.

“In today’s economy, higher education is more important than ever before,” said LCC President Judith Cardenas. “We want to make sure that we’re as affordable as possible so that everyone who wants to improve their skills, earn a degree or certificate, or receive training that can be transferred to four-year colleges can do so at a quality institution such as LCC.”

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About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in general education for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, career and workforce development, developmental education and personal enrichment. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.

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