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LCC 2009-2010 BUDGET PRESENTED TO BOARD ***Plan includes tuition freeze, closing of \$9.3 budget gap***

LANSING – The Lansing Community College Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget was presented to the LCC Board of Trustees at a special board meeting on Thursday night. The \$124 million budget includes no tuition rate increase, which, if approved, will be the second year in which the college has held tuition flat.

The budget also addresses a \$9.3 million structural deficit, primarily through several financial improvement initiatives that will improve operational efficiency and enhance revenue. The initiatives include minimizing the use of overtime and outside contractual help; reducing travel, supplies, printing, and postage; freezing high-level, non-union administrators' pay; improving tuition collection; and increasing returns on investments. These initiatives, combined with the \$1.3 million in savings from the Voluntary Retirement/Separation Incentive program, are expected to offset approximately \$6 million of the \$9.3 projected shortfall.

The remaining \$3.3 million gap will be eliminated through a strategic realignment that will eliminate approximately 30 non-teaching positions.

“We have been working tirelessly during the past six months to develop a budget that keeps the needs of the students first, which includes a freeze on tuition,” said Dr. Brent Knight, LCC President. “We explored many options and we made difficult decisions, but, ultimately, these decisions will result in maintaining the affordable and high-quality education for which LCC has always been known.”

The Board is expected to take final action on the budget at its regularly scheduled June 15 meeting.

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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.