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LCC BOARD APPROVES \$131 MILLION 2012 BUDGET

Plan emphasizes fiscal responsibility and student success

LANSING – The Lansing Community College Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget was approved by the LCC Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting on Monday night. The \$131 million budget emphasizes fiscal responsibility and student success.

It continues support for important student success initiatives adopted in 2011 that enhance the college's efforts to increase the number of students earning certification, associate's degrees, and/or successfully transferring to 4-year colleges and universities. For 2012, LCC is building on these initiatives with improvements in classroom technology, online services, and new programs such as the Sustainable Energy Center of Excellence.

The approved budget is based on a reduction in state appropriations of 4.2% and property tax revenue reductions of 3.6%. It also takes into account a mandatory 17.6 percent increase in pension obligations through the Michigan Public Employees Retirement System, bringing total pension costs to nearly 24.5 percent of payroll.

“While our state funding continues to be at risk and property taxes remain unstable, we have developed a budget that keeps the needs of the students first by maintaining the affordable and high-quality education for which LCC continues to be known,” said Dr. Brent Knight, LCC President. “Student success and cost containment remain a top priority.”

To help meet a \$7.5 million shortfall, the budget plan includes a minimal tuition rate increase – only the second in five years - and a reduction in staffing.

Tuition will increase \$3 per credit hour, or 3.9 percent, in Fall 2011 to \$79 per credit hour for in-district students. LCC's new rate will remain below the projected statewide average of \$85 per credit hour, which allows LCC to continue to provide an excellent education at a very affordable cost.

“It is always difficult to recommend tuition increases but given Michigan's continued economic challenge, we felt a minimal increase was responsible and reasonable,” said Brent Knight, President of Lansing Community College. “This translates to an additional \$36 a semester for in-district students taking 12 credits.”

LCC did not raise tuition for three academic years, from 2007 through 2010. For fiscal year 2011, in-district tuition also increased by \$3 per credit hour.

Nineteen LCC personnel will be affected by a reduction in staffing. Four full-time positions and 15 part-time positions are slated for elimination, but in accordance with the applicable contract agreements, LCC will consider options to minimize the impact of the reduction in staffing. In addition, impacted personnel will have the opportunity to apply for other positions at LCC for which they believe they are qualified.

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Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 20,000 students attending each year. 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.