Proposed 2018-19 College Budget

Executive Summary

Enclosed is the President’s Proposed Budget for 2018-19. It is being distributed for your review and consideration. A resolution is on the agenda for the Board of Governors to accept and approve this budget as the Board of Governor’s budget on July 24th. If desired, the administration is available for additional meetings in August in order to address any questions or concerns that may arise.

College staff prioritized their requests in order to achieve a proposed budget that fits the needs of the College and makes the best use of the available resources. To assure continued community access to quality services, especially due to uncertainties regarding the economy and revenue in the coming years, this budget is designed to provide the flexibility needed to effectively respond to emerging opportunities and current challenges.

The budget book is separated into three major sections:

I. The Introductory Information section includes this Budget Executive Summary, list of Board of Governors, the Institutional Mission Achievement Plan (MAP) – 2018-19 Strategic Focus, and the 2018-19 Planning/Budget Calendar.

II. The Budget Information section includes the detailed proposed budget for all College funds: General, Capital, Auxiliary, and Federal. Detailed information about property taxes, tuition, enrollment, cost centers, equipment, and capital projects are included in this section.

III. The Other Information section includes reports on Fund Accounting description, the 2018-19 Budget Development Guidelines (Instructions) for Cost Center Managers to use when developing their budget requests, a College History and Profile, Selected Master Plan Data Update Information, Accreditation Executive Summary, MCC Economic Impact, Heartland 2050 Study, MCC Annual Facts and Data Notebook, Course Weighting Information, Annual Credit Hours by Prefix, Online Degree Information, Significant State Statutes for the 2017-18 Budget Season, Real Property Valuation Change, State Agency General Fund Appropriations Summary, Value & Taxes Levied by Taxing Subdivision, and a Glossary of Educational Terms used by the College.

The Institutional Mission Achievement Plan (MAP) – 2018-19 identify strategic focus areas and key goals. The strategic focus areas are:

1. Focus learning delivery systems on student success
2. Smooth student pathways
3. Proactively plan our future
4. Increase participation across the four-county area
Areas in this budget have been specifically identified as major themes to move MCC forward:

1. Investment in learning spaces for students. The proposed budget continues support for the major facility additions identified in the Implementation Plan that further defined the 2010 Master Plan Update for Campuses and Centers. The building and infrastructure projects are identified on the Detail of the Five-Year Facilities Plan. The major facility project this year is the Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

2. Continue the proposed MCC virtual campus initiatives. This includes such projects as:
   - Continue moving information technology services to the cloud when available to provide better availability, back-up, performance and maintenance.
   - Make the best use of the wide area network (WAN) fiber network that now connects the campuses and most centers with increased bandwidth providing enhanced network performance and internet service.
   - Expansion and enhancement of wireless connectivity for students and staff.
   - Expansion of the use of Ellucian Colleague software in order to increase student recruitment, retention, communication and self-reliance development.
   - Continue implementing the Student Planning enhancements to improve the student experience and promote successful completion of their educational goals.
   - Expand video surveillance at all of our locations to insure a safe learning environment for our students.
   - Continue enhancing our College web pages to provide a cleaner, more intuitive experience for our constituents.

Additional highlights of the budget:
   - Tuition and fees for fiscal year 2018-19 will be $64 for resident tuition plus $5 facility fee for a total of $69 per quarter credit hour (equates to a semester rate of $96.00 tuition, $7.50 facility fee and $103.50 total)
   - The proposed General Fund property tax rate remains at 7.50 cents per $100 of valuation for the General Fund.
   - The proposed Capital Fund property tax rate remains at 2.00 cents per $100 of valuation for the Capital Fund to fund the identified major capital construction of the Facilities Master Plan and payments on the bond issues. The total tax rate is 9.50 cents per $100 of valuation that equates to a tax of $95 on a $100,000 home in our four-county service area.
   - Budgeted General Fund state aid revenue is our estimated share of the amount appropriated during this year’s legislative session.
   - The total General Fund expenditure budget is up 3.40% from last year’s request.
   - Positions continue to be reviewed to best realign staffing to match current and emerging priorities, such as staffing and maintaining the new facilities.
   - Continue backfilling spaces on each campus vacated by moves to the new buildings.
   - Renovation of Building #34 (formerly Building #59) Armory that was acquired from the military.

The approval process for the budget will follow the Resolution Establishing Calendar for Adoption of the 2018-19 Budget that was approved in June 2018. The final vote on the budget will be in September.

In closing, we will be prepared to present and discuss the proposed budget at the July 24th Board of Governors’ meeting. Please contact the College Administration if you have questions or information requests that will assist your review of the proposed budget.