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Community College Trustees Set Tuition for 2007-2008

Board holds tuition increase to \$2 per credit hour, a total of \$60 a year for full-time students.

FAIRFIELD, ME — Trustees of the Maine Community College System voted today to increase tuition at the state's seven community colleges by 2.5 percent or \$2 per credit hour, effective fall 2007. In approving the increase, the Board stipulated that the revenues generated by the tuition hike be targeted to faculty or staff positions working in direct support of students.

"Maine's community colleges have grown dramatically in the past four years, but full-time staffing has remained the same," noted Dennis King, Chair of the Board. "By keeping this year's tuition increase to a minimum and dedicating the revenues to direct student support, we aim to ensure that the colleges continue to provide Maine residents with an affordable, high quality education."

The increase will mean that full-time Maine students will pay an additional \$60 in tuition during the next academic year for a total of \$2,400. Out-of-state tuition will also increase by \$2 to \$161 per credit hour, or \$4,830.

At the Board meeting, Trustees also established room and board rate ranges for the 2007-2008 academic year.

In addition, Trustees recognized two MCCS students who have received the George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship for study in Ireland in Fall 2007: Joshua Beaulé of Lewiston, a student at Central Maine Community College, and Caroline Prevost of Embden, a student at Kennebec Valley Community College.

The Board also approved Kineo Hall as the name of the newly constructed residence hall at Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC), established criteria for the awarding of advanced certificates for occupational programs of study, and amended several of the measures currently used in the MCCS strategic plan.

In other action, the Board accepted a number of gifts to EMCC and elected officers for the coming year. Dennis King of Freeport, Chief Executive Officer of Spring Harbor Hospital in Westbrook, will continue as Chair of the MCCS Board of Trustees, and Daniel Wathen of Augusta, retired Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and currently Of Counsel at Pierce Atwood, will continue as vice chair.

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