President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes August 12, 2008

Present: Guy Altieri, Anna Barker, Barbara Macht, Donna Marriott, Joe Marschner, Judy Oleks, Donna Rudy, Brian Struntz, Beth Stull

Minutes from the June 11 meeting were approved for distribution.

President's Report

State CIP Funding for Arts and Sciences Complex

HCC has been approved for design funds for the A&S Complex in the state's FY09 budget, but Dr. Altieri is concerned because the remaining portion of design funds and initial construction costs are not currently included in the community college presidents' prioritized list for a presumed \$80 million state CIP budget for community colleges in FY10. Dr. Altieri feels confident that the remaining design funds will be made available in FY10, but he is concerned about getting state funding to begin construction. In spite of these concerns, the project will move ahead as planned.

Biosciences Discussion Paper

Dr. Altieri has prepared a discussion paper to inform various members of the community about a niche opportunity to position Washington County as a leader in bioscience. The paper suggests that the Mt. Aetna Farms property would be an ideal location to create a bioscience/biomedical corridor. Dr. Altieri is scheduled to meet with the county commissioners, Western Maryland legislative delegation, mayor and council, and business leaders in early September to further discuss the ideas outlined in the paper.