Community College Presidents Luncheon Recent Developments Important to CC/WMU Relationships

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• **A new joint degree agreement.** Last winter, I told you of a joint engineering degree program we have begun with our partners at Kellogg Community College. At the time, I mentioned that it would serve as a model for similar programs in the future in other disciplines. I'm pleased to announce that we have begun our second such program with KCC--this one in aviation. Students will be enrolled in both schools, will enjoy the resources and advising options found on both campuses and will be able to seamlessly move from the community college to the university's bachelor's degree programs in Aviation Flight Science, Aviation Maintenance Technology and Aviation Science and Administration.

• **Confucius Institute grand opening.** The official opening of our new Confucius Institute is Nov. 23, and for that event, we expect to be joined by the president of Beijing Language and Culture University and several other administrators from that university. Though not officially open yet, WMU's Confucius Institute is already bringing programming to campus and benefits to our students and the community--Chinese opera performances and lectures. Good opportunity for CC students interested in language and global developments to get involved even before they complete their associate degrees.

• **Related--Nov. 16-21 International Education Week.** It's a series of events for the entire community. International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. departments of State and Education. The local celebration is being organized by WMU's Haenicke Institute for Global Education and is dedicated to Diether
Haenicke. Events include a Japan Festival, A Russian Festival and Russian movie showing, a Geography Bee and Brazilian martial arts and dance demonstration.

• **Seita Scholars** developments. Many of our students who need support come to us as transfer students from CCs and we want other students there to know about the opportunities and the success students are finding at WMU.

• **Medical School Progress.** This will be a transformational opportunity for all of SW Michigan and it will result in new degree programs and more opportunities for all of our students in the health and life sciences.