

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Annual Meeting
May 12, 2018
1:30 PM
Reinhardt Alumnae House Garden

- I. President Viji Nakka Cammauf MA '82 welcomed alumnae, friends and guests and called the meeting to order. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:
 - a. Board Members present: Ammie-Felder Williams'76, Adrienne Foster'74, Lucy Seereiter'77, Miki Hong'95, Gloria Fangon-Hitz'80, PierreLoving'77, Susan Thomas'80, Dawn Cunningham'85.
 - b. Association Members present:
- II. President Viji Nakka Cammauf presented the minutes of the 2017 Alumnae Association Meeting, which were approved unanimously.
- III. President's Report
 - a. Reunion held in the fall was wonderful and well attended.
 - b. Awards presented at Reunion 2017 (committee chaired by Susan Ardisson '77 and Lynette Castille-Hall '75):
 - i. Outstanding Alumna Volunteer: Gerry Wong Ching '57
 - ii. Distinguished Achievement: Bonnie Brazelton Hill '74
 - iii. Recent Graduate: Vineetha Mummadi MBA '17
 - c. Board of Governor's (BOG)
 - i. Overview
 1. Every position on the BOG was filled this year. The entire BOG participated in a retreat at Asilomar in the fall.
 2. A Memo of Collaboration was established with the college encompassing areas of fundraising, marketing, community and volunteer development.
 3. The "Educational Outreach" committee was renamed "Lifelong Learning".
 4. Mills College President, Beth Hillman, regularly attended BOG meetings.
 5. Trustees were invited to dinner prior to BOG meetings.
 - ii. Partnerships
 1. Alumnae of Color Committee
 - a. Enhanced and expanded the Alicia de Coudreaux Scholarship.
 - b. Phenomenal Women of Color invited Professor Melina Meeko.
 - i. 29 faculty selected students received awards.
 2. Pearl M Dinner
 - a. A Pearl M was awarded to Melissa Berkay at the annual affair honoring Seniors.

3. Mid-year graduates were feted in December.
 4. Taco Tuesday was held in partnership with the college on the 4th Tuesday in August and celebrated incoming admitted students with BOG members and invited alumnae attending the free taco dinner.
 5. Associated Students of Mills College (ASMC)
 - a. First generation, DACA students are mentored by alumnae with students bravely sharing their stories. Phone and email exchanges are encouraged between alumnae and students.
 6. Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA)
 - a. Two information sessions were held to explain the Memo of Collaboration to Alumnae with the President Hillman and the Office of Institutional Staff attending.
 - b. BOG and OIA staff are working in concert with each other.
 7. Peoplegrove is a new online mentoring program to be implemented in the fall.
 8. The AAMC and the Lokey School of Business are partnering to provide an intern to help in the administrative offices of the AAMC.
 9. Trustees now feel more connected to alumnae and recognize the effort that alumnae contribute to the college.
 10. The AAMC is providing a Line of Credit to be used for undergraduate educational efforts and to support and select an online program for the graduate school of Education.
 - a. The college will use these funds and then return the money to the AAMC.
 - iii. Viji expressed her gratitude to the BOG for their dedication, commitment and service to the AAMC and the College.
- IV. Treasurer's report was given by Lucy Seereiter '77.
- a. A motion was passed to add two new committees to the BOG for the upcoming year:
 - i. Communications/Marketing/Fundraising (Budget 2018-19: \$2250)
 - ii. Volunteer Management (Budget 2018-19: \$0)
 - b. Reinhardt Alumnae House has a pending request for renovation funds for the upcoming year, approximately </=\$30,000.
 - c. Two new 'Operations Expenses' were implemented:
 - i. Event Supplies (Budget 2018-19: \$5000)
 - ii. Office Supplies (Budget 2018-19: \$750)
 - d. Revenues budgeted for 2017-18 were \$10,000; the Actual YTD was \$11,163 (5/2/18)
 - e. Expenses budgeted for 2017-18 were \$72,436; the Actual YTD was \$41,998 (5/2/18)
 - i. Expenses included BOG Committees, Operations and Personnel.
- V. Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80 presented four new BOG members for the upcoming year as recommended by the Nominating Committee.
- a. Debbie Connick '85, Kirstyne Lang '12, Cherlene Sprague Wright '92, and Miki Hong '95.
- VI. Nominations and Voting for the new Nominating Committee

- a. The new Alumna Trustee will be announced by letter to alumnae following the June 1st election deadline. (Result: Pam Versaw '75 to serve July 2018 – June 2021)
 - b. The Nominating Committee for 2018-19 “shall have seven (7) members, at least three (3) of whom must serve concurrently on the Board of Governors”. The membership of the AAMC elect six (6) additional members, at least two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Governors for the fiscal year and three (3) alternates. The chair is Marina Simenstad '68 (BOG). The following nominees were elected.
 - i. Two Nominees currently serving on the Board of Governor’s
 - 1. Lucy Seereiter '77
 - 2. Susan Thomas '80
 - ii. Four nominees from the general alumnae population
 - 1. Pierre Loving '77
 - 2. Camilia Hudson Franklin
 - 3. Louise Leck
 - 4. Njoubé Dugas
 - iii. Three alternates
 - 1. Gloria Fangon Hitz '80 (BOG)
 - 2. Benita Harris
 - 3. Anjele Underwood
- VII. Trustee Report given by Ammie Felder-Williams '76 for outgoing trustee Susan Ardisson '77.
- a. Trustees and College officers engaged in discussions exploring enrollment strategies for the next 5-10-20 years in light of the changing demographics of college students, and considered ways in which to deliver a more flexible education, partner with corporations to educate their employees, and develop online programs that are flexible and accessible to adult learners.
 - b. Trustees, faculty and staff members, and College officers engaged in a discussion focused on the challenges facing private, independent colleges in today’s higher education environment.
 - c. The Office of Institutional Advancement conducted a fundraising workshop for trustees addressing topics such as Strategies for donor solicitation; Marketing Mills: Why Mills? What motivates your service? and Connecting Mills with perspective donors—Getting the meeting.
 - d. Approval of the recommendation of the Committee on Trustees to elect Daljit Bains '99 to the Board of Trustees as a Trustee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.
 - e. Approval of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to borrow from the AAMC endowment through a revolving credit line of up to \$2 million as proposed in the commitment letter.
- VIII. Branch Club Welcome and Report given by Marina Simenstad '68
- a. Brief reports were solicited from Branch/Club leaders.
 - b. Reports were gathered from Palo Alto, Marin, Oakland/East Bay, Monterey, LA, Orange County, Puget Sound, Washington DC, New York, North Bay, London.

- i. Highlights included book clubs, holiday teas, museum visits, online auctions, Summer Send Off Admission events, dinners and happy hours.
 - 1. New York celebrated their 100 Anniversary.
 - 2. Clare Ptak '77 of Violet Bakery in London provided the royal wedding cake for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.
 - ii. President Hillman, OIA VP Jeff Jackanicz visited several branch events around the country.
- IX. Peoplegrove Update given by Dawn Cunningham '77
 - a. This online career mentoring program encourages alumnae to mentor students and other alumnae. In beta testing over the summer, the program entitled "MillsConnect" will launch in September at Reunion. Currently containing 300 participants, the hope is that with the announcement of its inauguration more students and alumnae will be encouraged to enroll. Micheline Beam '72 and Miki Hong '95 serve on an advisory group.
- X. Announcements:
 - a. Alumna Awards announced by Lynette Castille-Hall '75.
 - i. Nominations are solicited for the upcoming 2018 Reunion for three awards. The deadline is July 15th. Nominees must be present at Reunion.
 - 1. Distinguished Achievement (professional achievement)
 - 2. Outstanding Alumna Volunteer (promoting the goals of the AAMC and the College)
 - 3. Recent Graduate (within the past 15 years)
 - b. RAH Committee, Pierre Loving '77 reported
 - i. Reinhardt Alumnae House has been returned to the purview of the AAMC, a major accomplishment.
 - ii. Renting of the facility will be facilitated by the AAMC.
 - iii. The kitchen is in dire need of renovation.
 - 1. Requires additional funding to complete the renovation without depleting the funds of the AAMC,
 - a. Ideas include Branches/Clubs buying or donating appliances
 - b. A licensed contractor is needed who might donate time.
 - c. The total cost of the possible renovation was estimated to be \$30,000 three years ago including a facilities director and asbestos mitigation.
- XI. The 2018 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.
 - a. Minutes submitted by Vicki DuVall Luibrand '75.

