

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MILLS COLLEGE
Board of Governors Meeting

February 15, 2012
6:30PM
Reinhardt Alumnae House

I. INTRODUCTION

President Jaquez-Fissori called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present:

President: Linda Jaquez-Fissori

Vice Presidents: Michelle Balovich and Lynda Campfield

Treasurer: Karlin Sorenson

Members: Rina Faletti, Cynthia Guevara, Lucy Do, Jennifer King, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Bev Curwen, Diane Ketelle, and Marge Nicholson

Alumna Trustees: Julia Almanzan and Diana Odermatt

Student Representative: Modesta Tamayo

Absent:

Darice Balabanis, Gayle Rothrock, Lillian Sahagun, and Rita Stuckey,

Others Present:

President Alecia DeCoudreaux

Senior Director of Alumnae Relations: Laura Gobbi

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alecia DeCoudreaux

- A. Thanked Ketelle, Nicholson, Jaquez-Fissori, and Do for being present at the candle-lighting ceremony for the transfer students.
- B. While attending meetings with national boards and meeting with other college presidents, she had the opportunity to visit with alumnae in New York and Boston. Both events were well-attended but the groups were smaller than expected. Will have two more events in the Bay Area very soon. She will ask alumnae at these events how they would like to participate in the future of Mills.
 - a. March 3rd: Walnut Creek
 - b. April 1st: Oakland

- C. Wants to grow Alumnae Admission Representative Program and get more people involved with the AAMC Board of Governors. The success of Alumnae Relations programming depends on alumnae willingness to engage. Wants to encourage alumnae to run for BOG or Trustee positions.
- D. Board of Trustees meetings started today. The focus is on enrollment management and the budget. Identified \$3.2 million that will help us through the year. Trying to find \$4.6 million total. Looking at expense reductions and how to increase revenue. Last year, tuition was raised 4.5%, but had lower enrollment as a result of that increase. Trying to calculate what it costs to come to Mills and to make it easier to afford. Made some budget cuts, but does not want to cut more. There will be no further cuts to staff.
- E. Will start search for new Dean of Students ASAP.
- F. Board of Trustees had Student Affairs Committee meeting today. Met with Tamayo and other members of the ASMC. The ASMC has worked with the Provost's Office to bring "Latin Honors" to Mills. Tamayo raised the issue about grade inflation at Mills.

III. BOG MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 7, 2011

- A. **MOTION** by King:
 - a. Move to approve the minutes.
 - b. Seconded by Odermatt.
 - c. **Favor:15;Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0.**

IV. AAMC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Linda Jaquez-Fissori

- A. Sahagun is taking a leave of absence from the board this semester.
- B. Sent AAMC questionnaire to all board members. The survey results will help us bring in new people with the experience and skills that the board needs. Concern was raised over the question regarding sexual preference. Question should be reframed to ask: Are you interested in participating in and supporting LGBTQ events and affinity groups?
- C. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. *Encouraging all board members to attend the Walnut Creek and Oakland President events. Please RSVP for these events. The AAMC is co-sponsoring with Alumnae Relations*
 - b. *Will ask BOG Members to sign up to call alumnae to attend the President's events.*
 - c. *2-3 more board members need to complete the AAMC BOG Survey that Linda sent to everyone.*
 - d. *Need to create ad hoc committee to make changes to the bylaws. Will need to look at bylaws from other colleges.*

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Karlin Sorenson

- A. Shared finance and budget reports with the board.

- B. Between July and November of 2011, we had 78% giving participation from the board for the AAMC Endowment Fund. We still don't have numbers from December yet. 25 people gave \$6,000. Average gift was \$181.00.
- C. The tickets that we sold for Educational Outreach events are not considered income, since we are getting money back for what we spent on pre-bought tickets.
- D. Gift reports we get from the College are delayed. As a result, acknowledgements to donors are sent two months later than usual.
- E. **ACTION ITEM:** *Still encouraging all board members to give to the AAMC Endowment Fund. .*

VI. ALUMNAE RELATIONS REPORT

Laura Gobbi

- A. Hosted reception for dance alumnae. 60 people attended (both alumnae and faculty).
- B. LGBTQ reception had over 40 RSVPs. Faculty, staff, and alumnae gathered on campus for this event.
- C. Anita Bowers '63 will join the ARAC Committee. Two more nominees are needed.
- D. Thanked everyone for coming to Alex's reception. Caitlyn was promoted to Alex's position. Doing an open search for Caitlyn's now vacant position. E-newsletter will advertise the open position. This is a great job for a recent graduate. We hope to start interviewing around the end of February.
- E. See division of Alumnae Relations staff responsibilities on report.
- F. **ACTION ITEM:** *Remember to attend Commencement in May.*

VII. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Michelle Balovich

- A. Save the date for the following events:
 - a. The Oscars according to Ken Burke, Sunday February 19, 2-4PM; Lucie Stern 100.
 - b. Manage Your Inner Critic, Empower Your Appreciator, Sunday March 4, 2-4PM; Mills Hall RM 133.
 - c. Voices for Freedom- A New Look at the Hyers Sisters: Activist Divas of the 1880s', Saturday March 17, 2-4PM; African American Museum and Library of Oakland.

VIII. TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Lucy Do

- A. Finalizing program and pricing costs for the Post-Reunion trip. The Harvest Tour is included with the wine tasting, art collection viewings, and wine/food pairing activities.

IX. GRADUATE COMMITTEE

Rina Faletti

- A. Graduate Alumni Committee recently formed. Rina is the founding chair. The committee members are: Rothrock, Ketelle, Nicholson, Sahagun, Jennifer Lin, and Adrienne Barnes

- B. Plan to coordinate with Alumnae Relations and the Office of Student Activities for future programming.

X. ALUMNAE OF COLOR COMMITTEE

Cynthia Guevara

- A. Committee is participating in Black History Month activities with the students. Emailed copies of event fliers to all board members.
- B. Needs to obtain a separate usa.net email account for the committee. This will help the committee leadership communicate with alumnae.
 - a. **MOTION** by Guevara:
 - i. Move to have separate email account for an annual fee that will not exceed \$50.
 - ii. Campfield seconded.
 - iii. **Favor:15;Oppose:0; Abstain: 0**
- C. **ACTION ITEM:** *All board members are encouraged to attend the Alumnae of Color Spring Celebration April 26-29.*

XI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lucy Do

- A. Campfield's term on the board and as a Vice President is coming to an end. The Nominating Committee recommends that King be a new Vice President.
 - a. **MOTION** by Do:
 - i. Move to nominate King to be a new Vice President of the Board.
 - ii. Sorenson seconded.
 - iii. **Favor:15;Oppose:0;Abstain:0**
- B. Do resigned as chair of the Nominating Committee. Will need new chair.
 - a. **MOTION** by Nakka-Cammauf:
 - i. Move to nominate Ketelle as the new Nominating Committee Chair.
 - ii. Ketelle accepted.
 - iii. Tamayo seconded.
 - iv. **Favor:15;Oppose:0;Abstain:0.**
- C. The Nominating Committee recommends that Balabanis, Do, and Nakka-Cammauf be asked to join the Board of Governors for a second term.
 - a. **MOTION** by Balovich:
 - i. Move to accept Balabanis, Do, and Nakka-Cammauf for a second term.
 - ii. Seconded by King.
 - iii. **Favor:15;Oppose:0;Abstain:0.**

XII.ALUMNAE STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lynda Campfield

- A. Met with Liz Coyle to organize the Pearl M Dinner. The AAMC plans to contribute \$2,500 for the event. Students will have a family-style Mediterranean menu. Inviting Dr. Joi and Anita Bowers '63.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. *Will email Pearl M Nomination Form to all board members. Eligible students for the award can be volunteers with Alumnae Relations, The AAMC, and The College.*
- b. *All board members are encouraged to attend the Pearl M Dinner on Thursday April 12. Remember to sign up for a volunteer opportunity.*
- c. *The graduate student population is outside of the Pearl M tradition. Might need to find a way to include this population. Reconsider having a leadership award in addition to awarding a Pearl M. Have a graduate award? This might be a possible action item for the Graduate Committee.*

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Linda Jaquez-Fissori

A. MOTION by: Jaquez-Fissori:

- a. Move to have a closed session.
- b. Seconded by Almanzan and King.
- c. **Favor:15;Oppose:0;Abstain:0.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Balovich '03, AAMC Co-Vice President

