

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MILLS COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
May 15, 2013
6:30 – 9:00 PM
REINHARDT ALUMNAE HOUSE

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Linda Jaquez-Fissori called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM. There were 16 members in attendance.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Linda Jaquez-Fissori.

Vice-Presidents: Michelle Balovich and Jennifer King

Board Members: Darice Balabanis, Lilly Sahagun, Viji Nakka-Cammuf, Pierre Loving, Diane Kettle, Marge Nicholson, Rita Stuckey, Rina Faletti, Cynthia Guevara, Rebecca Freeman (ASMC).

Alumna Trustees: Diana Odermatt, Gayle Rothrock and Julia Almanzan.

Absent were: Bianca D'Allesandro, LaKimbri Brown, and Treasurer Lucy Do.

Guests: Lynda Campfield '00, MA '02, Melody Fuller '82, and Senior Director of Alumnae Relations Laura Gobbi.

II. REPORT: PRESIDENT ALECIA DECOUDREAUX

The meeting began with President Alecia DeCoudreaux updating the Governors since her last visit with the group in February.

DeCoudreaux began with an acknowledgement to the class of 2012 and stated how proud she had been of their fund raising accomplishments; she felt they had set the bar really high. The class of 2013, however, has managed to exceed their goals. To date \$4740 has been raised, a big portion at the senior auction due to some generous donations from the Alumnae Association and from alumnae. Their gift giving participation rate is on track to exceed 60%, right now it's at 50%, and the final number will be announced at Commencement.

DeCoudreaux then continued her report with an update on the Strategic Plan and the state of the college. DeCoudreaux provided the Governors with a handout outlining the 6 Strategic Imperatives to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on May 16th. This is the framework and the details will be developed once approval is given. There is an element of enrollment in each imperative. The financial health of the college continues to improve. The fiscal year '13-'14 budget includes funds to implement the Strategic Imperatives as well as a one-time stipend for staff. There will be no staff salary increases in fiscal year '13-'14. There still continues to be a deficit. DeCoudreaux

announced the hiring of Tammy Jackson Vice-president of Finance. DeCoudreaux thanked the outgoing members of the Board of Governors, President Linda Jaquez-Fissori, Vice-president Michelle Balovich, Alumna Trustee Gayle Rothrock and Governors Cynthia Guevara, Rina Faletti, Rita Stuckey, and Associated Students of Mills College President Rebecca Freeman for their service to the Alumnae Association.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 13th meeting had been provided to the Governors in advance of the meeting. Vice-president King made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-president Balovich. Some corrections to the minutes were noted as follows:

Section VI, 2nd sentence should say: Marge Nicholson and Michelle Balovich have been planning the retreat which will focus on creating talking points, reviewing this year's goals, and setting goals for next year.

Section VI, 3rd sentence should say: 7 governors are going off the board.

Section X, 4th sentence: correction in spelling name of Hung Liu.

Vote taken to approve the minutes, one abstention, 15 ayes; minutes approved as corrected.

IV. REPORTS

In an effort to save time, all Governors had been provided most of the committee reports in advance of the meeting.

President's Report (report provided in advance of meeting):

President Linda Jaquez-Fissori encouraged the Governors to make a contribution to the Alumnae Association Endowment before the end of the '12-'13 fiscal year. She really wanted 100% of the Governors to contribute, 63% had made a contribution as of the date of the meeting. Jaquez-Fissori will be sending a letter to all alumnae announcing the new Alumnae Association president and the Alumnae Trustee. Jaquez-Fissori would like to create two new committees on the Board of Governors, Communication Committee and Branch Liaison Committee. Diana Odermatt made a motion to form the two new committees, Vice-president King seconded. Vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (report provided in advance of meeting)

Linda Jaquez-Fissori made the report for Treasurer Lucy Do who was unable to attend the meeting. The Board of Governor's budget of \$49200 for fiscal year '13-'14 was provided in advance, there was increased funding for a few committees. The investments are doing well, donations to the endowment are down a few thousand dollars, and operating expenses have stayed static. Governor Faletti moved to approve fiscal year '13-'14 budget, Vice-president King seconded, vote taken and the FY '13-'14 budget approved unanimously.

Report from the Office of Alumnae Relations (report provided in advance of meeting)
Laura Gobbi reported that the highlights of her presentation were in the paper report. Gobbi stated that Alumnae Relations is trying to maximize opportunities to partner with other organizations within the Mills umbrella such as the Office of Admissions and regional alumnae clubs. Of course the Alumnae Association is a major partner in this endeavor.

V. TALKING POINTS

The Talking Points developed at the March retreat had been provided in advance of the meeting. Marge Nicholson wanted to encourage each Governor to use these key words when having a conversation about Mills. The Governors should be speaking with “one voice”. Governor Nicholson then spoke about her experience at Mills having been a long-time employee before actually attending graduate school. Vice-president Balovich then spoke about how her connection to Mills began with high school and ended by saying it takes a village to cultivate an active alumna and that our interactions do make a difference.

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VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Diane Ketelle reported results of all the hard work by the Nominating Committee and put forth the entire slate of candidates for approval by the Board of Governors.

President Board of Governors	Lucy Do '75
Vice-president Board of Governors	Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82 MA
Treasurer Board of Governors	Susan Thomas '80
Governors	Dawna Williams '13
	Marina Simenstad '68
	Toni McElroy '83
	Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80
	Pamela Sufi '91
Alumnae Trustee	Melissa Stevenson Dile '91

Motion made by President Jaquez-Fissori to approve the slate, seconded by Governor Balabanis. Vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

One last nomination was made; a new chairperson of the nominating committee was needed. President Jaquez-Fissori nominated Governor Pierre Loving. Governor Loving accepted the nomination, there were no additional nominations made, Governor Loving is now the chair of the Nominating Committee.

VII. TRIBUTES TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Prior to the beginning of the meeting a reception was held in honor of outgoing board members; President Linda Jaquez-Fissori, Vice-president Michelle Balovich, Alumna

Trustee Gayle Rothrock and Governors Gynthia Guevara, Rina Faletti, Rita Stuckey, and Rebecca Freeman.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-president King had an action item. The Resource Development Committee needed approval of the Board to spend \$471.26 on tote bags. Motion by Vice-president Balovich to approve expenditure, seconded by Governor Nicholson, vote taken, motion passed unanimously. Vice-president King also wanted it clearly stated in the minutes of the meeting that the artwork contained in the newly produced note cards DOES NOT belong to the Alumnae Association, it remains the property of the artist.

Governor Lillian Sahagun provided a very brief Graduate Student Alumni committee report on the success of the end of the semester celebration co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Alumni Committee and the Office of Student Activities. 140 graduate students joined them for ice cream, salsa, appetizers, wine and beer.

Meeting adjourned by President Jaquez-Fissori at 8:44 PM

Submitted by Lesli MacNeil
May 20, 2013