

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MILLS COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
May 13, 2015
6:00 – 9:00 PM
REINHARDT ALUMNAE HOUSE

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Lucy Do called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 15 members in attendance.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Lucy Do.

Vice-Presidents: Viji Nakka-Cammauf and Jennifer King.

Board Members: Dawna Williams, Darice Balabanis, Skylar Crownover, Pierre Loving, Lillian Sahagun, Toni McElroy, Treasurer Susan Thomas, Marina Simenstad and Gloria Fangon-Hitz.

Alumna Trustees: Melissa Stevenson-Diaz, Molly Fannon-Williams and Judith James.

Board members absent were: Governors Betty Lin, Marge Nicholson, Catherine Ladnier and Lynette Castille-Hall.

While the Board had dinner, President Lucy Do honored the outgoing members of the Board with thanks, cards and gifts. Leaving at the end of term are: Vice-President Jennifer King, board members Darice Balabanis, Betty Lin and Skylar Crownover.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Board of Governors met with college President Alecia DeCoudreaux for an update on the state of the college. DeCoudreaux felt the semester was off to a great start as student retention had improved this year over last. There had been a few changes to the President's cabinet and she is working to fill all positions. She has hired a consultant Jim Langley to look at the Office of Institutional Advancement for possible restructuring. Langley is also charged with looking at how to strengthen the role of alumni within the college. The goal is for the college to have the strongest Office of Institutional Advancement program as possible. DeCoudreaux announced appointment of Chicora Martin as Vice President of Student Life. DeCoudreaux continues to look for a director for Career Services. DeCoudreaux has appointed Bob Allison interim Director of Finance. DeCoudreaux also asked that alumni help by being on campus as much as possible and be present with students. DeCoudreaux stressed that giving out accurate information is very important so as alumni and members of the Board of Governors if we are asked a question and don't know the answer please find out the answer. Her office is happy to help. DeCoudreaux is about ready to go public with the Lisser Hall renovation project and fund raising campaign.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senior Director of Alumnae Relations, Laura Gobbi, reported that it was a great year for regional events. Hey Day Play Day was well attended and Mills got the benefit of lots of

projects being done. A total of 92 alumnae/club events were held in the various regions, President DeCoudreaux participated in 9 of them. President Lucy Do travelled a lot this year and connected with many alumnae and regional clubs. 23 alumnae participated in Career Conversations as panelists representing government, non-profit, science, technology, arts and business sectors. Gobbi reported that Janice DiNatale has been hired as Interim Vice-president for Institutional Advancement in Office of Institutional Advancement. They are waiting for the results of the survey before doing more restructuring. A temporary employee has been hired to help with reunion as Nikole Hilgeman-Adams will be on maternity leave, Caitlyn McGarty has accepted other employment and Gobbi herself has accepted another job.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Board of Governors meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice-president King, seconded by Governor Simenstad. No discussion, vote taken, motion to approve the minutes of February 18 approved unanimously. President Do reported that she has been travelling a lot this year to attend events at various regional locales. She visited Portland, Seattle, New York, Chicago and Hawaii. President Do also reported that there has been a lot of personnel change at the college.

IV. BREAK 6:42 PM, CALLED BACK TO ORDER 6:50 PM

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Susan Thomas reported that the Finance Committee voted to reduce the budget of the Board of Governors by \$12,000 for FY '15-'16. All committees are to adopt the best practices in reducing spending and keeping expenses lean. The board had a net loss of \$8000 for FY '14-'15. The return on investments is much lower than last year and contributions to the Endowment fund are falling \$6600 behind last year. All of the committees got less money allocated to them than last year but that isn't to say a proposal for additional funds could not be made. Alumnae Student Relations was cut \$2100 for a reduced budget of \$4500. Educational outreach was cut \$500 for a new budget of \$2700. Alumnae of Color would get \$2000 in FY '15-'16. A motion to approve the budget was made by Trustee Diaz, a second was made by governor Williams. There was no discussion, vote taken and motion approved unanimously.

VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Governor Simenstad reported on the election of the new alumnae trustee, Susan Ardisson '77 was elected by a combination of electronic and paper ballots. Selected by the nominating committee for approval to the Board of Governors were the following: Dorothy Lawrence '11, Lenore Tate '74, Athena Yock-Davis '06, and Pierre Loving '77 will return to the board for a second term. Rachel Patterson '16 will join the board as the student governor. Marge Nicholson will become a vice-president on the executive committee due to vice-president King's completion of her term. Vice-president King made a motion to approve the slate of governors, governor McElroy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the slate was approved unanimously. The next order of business was to elect a new chair for the nominating committee. Vice-president Nakka-

Cammauf nominated governor Loving, vice-president King seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and governor Loving was approved as chair of the nominating committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Governor Williams asked for volunteers to help with the 2015 Annual Meeting. .

Molly Fannon Williams is the chair of the Alumnae Awards Committee, nominations to her by July 15, 2015.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by governor Fangon-Hitz, the motion was seconded by Vice-president King. A vote was taken and the decision to adjourn unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm by President Lucy Do

Submitted by Lesli MacNeil
May 27, 2015