

Alumnae Association of Mills College  
Board of Governors Meeting  
October 19, 2016  
6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Reinhardt Alumnae House

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. There were 14 members in attendance.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice-President: Marge Nicholson

Treasurer: Dorothy Lawrence

Board Members: Lynette Castille-Hall, Gloria Fangon-Hitz, Adrienne Foster, Catherine Ladnier, Kirstyne Lange, Pierre Loving, Alexa Pagonas (via phone), Lilian Sahagun, Lenore Tate, Susan Thomas

Alumna Trustee: Judith James, Susan Ardisson, Yvonne Daniel

Student Governor: Kylie Becker, Advocate and Support Senator of ASMC

Board Members Linda Stingly and Lucy Seereiter were absent.

The meeting began with a motion from Governor Forster made a motion to add a discussion for the bi- laws committee. The motion was seconded by President Nakka-Cammauf. There was no discussion and the rest in attendance voted “aye,” motion passed. Foster also served as the Sergeant – At- Arms during the meeting and advised the group that we should consider adopting the Brown Act’s meeting protocol.

Following the motion, the new governors and trustee began to introduce themselves. This includes: Yvonne Daniel (Trustee), Kirstyne Lange, Adrienne Foster, Alexa Pagonas and Linda Stingly and Lucy Seereiter were absent.

President Elizabeth Hillman introduced herself to the board and provided the board with a scope of the current status of the college. She addressed the need for Mills to boost its competitive edge amongst the larger pools of schools. Mills students are currently reflected as 40% of color, 29% LatinX, and 60% First Generation Students.

Katie Sanborn ’83 introduced herself to the board as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees. She also served as a governor in the early 90s.

Dianne Kettle, alum and new Dean of the School of Education introduced herself and shared the faculty report. She highlighted that there is a great feeling of collaboration and collective starts with the new tone set by President Hillman. There is a lot of hope, and faculty members are excited to continue their work knowing it’s going to move the college forward. There are restored feelings of belonging and that is key in the movement forward altogether. In her role as the Dean of the School of Education, she shared the multitude of program pipelines established to continue to train teachers and help them in their placements in Oakland schools.

Following the introductions, Governor Foster motioned for a break. The motion was seconded by Trustee Daniels; the rest in attendance voted “aye,” motion passed.

## **II. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Before the approval of the minutes, Vice-President Nicholson highlighted that Kirstyne Lange was missing from the initial slate presented at the May 11, 2016 meeting. Governor Foster added a point of information that the Annual Meeting is where the follow up vote was cast and Governor Kirstyne Lange was voted in, therefore a change in the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes are as stands. Trustee Ardisson motioned to approve, Governor Fangon-Hitz seconded the motion and the rest in attendance voted “aye,” motion passed.

Treasurer Dorothy Lawrence presented her report, a hardcopy. Lawrence noted that there were a few challenges compiling the report, as some of the categories did not align or reflect some of the accounting correctly. Former governor, Susan Thomas was present to assist in the clarity and work that she and Dorothy have done to update and improve the accounting. Governor Foster moved to accept the minutes, Governor Lange seconded it but Trustee Ardisson asked for a friendly amendment to approve the minutes upon the updated categories being reflected in the report and that was accepted by Governor Foster. Trustee Lawrence motioned to approve the sub-committees process for funds requests and Governor Foster seconded it, no opposition. Motion passed with an “aye” vote.

Treasurer Lawrence also shared that they have moved the applicant process for the AAMC Office Coordinator position down to ten(10). They will move forward with interviews in hopes to have a person hired soon.

President Nakka-Cammauf gave the President’s Report and provided a hard copy for all governors as emailed ahead of the meeting. Nakka-Cammauf also advised the board that there are active discussions with the college in regards to the update to the kitchen in RAH.

## **III. COMPACT UPDATE**

Vice- President Nicholson proceeded with the Compact Update. She noted that the next steps are to identify what are we uniquely qualified to do?

The group began to identify the key areas to help guide the forward direction. Governor Foster highlighted the need for Bi-Law Revision and will work with Trustee Ardisson and present suggested revisions to the board. Suggestions from the board: eliminating some of the grey areas in the language, implementing standard operating procedures. Governors Lange and Pagonas will work on Board Governance in evaluating that the committees reflect those of the college and the work that will need to be done as the Compact continues.

## **IV. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

President Nakka-Cammauf called for nominations for 2 Members – At – Large and 1 Alumna Trustee:

Adrienne Foster was nominated by Lenore Tate and **ACCEPTED**

Yvonne Daniels was nominated by Susan Ardisson and DENIED  
Judith James was nominated by Susan Ardisson and **ACCEPTED**  
Gloira Fangon-Hitz was nominated by Lenore Tate and DENIED  
Alexa Pagonas nominated by Gloria Fangon – Hitz and DENIED  
Lynette Castille-Hall self-nominated contingent on Alexa’s response and **ACCEPTED**  
given Alexa’s DENY.

The Executive Committee Members are: Adrienne Foster and Lynete Castille-Hall as Members- At-Large, and Judith Jordan as the Alumna Trustee. Governor Loving motioned to approve and Governor Fangon-Hitz seconded with no opposition, the rest in attendance voted “aye,” nominations approved.

## **V. RAH PRESENTATION**

Governor Loving reviewed that the ad-hock committee on Reinhardt Alumnae House was formed in February 2016. She shared a summary of the extensive research, the history and connection to identify the ownership of RAH given the MOA’s over the years. Loving highlighted that the ultimate goal would be for the AAMC to have exclusive rights to use RAH and would like to move forward with that discussion.

Governor Pagonas motioned to approve Pierre and the ad-hock committee to enter discussion with the college about the ownership of RAH given the language mentioned in the 1948 Agreement that includes AAMC rights to RAH. Governor Castille-Hall seconds the motion. There was a lot of discussion on the specificity of the 1948 Agreement’s word-choice, but the vote was cast and passed with one abstention.

Governor Foster added a final point of information that this action allows an agenda item to prompt a formal vote given the outcome of the dialogue with the college at the December 7, 2016 meeting. Members will be notified in advance and can be prepared to vote on this matter.

## **VI. RETREAT DATES**

President Nakka-Cammauf proposed the board to plan for a two-day retreat with possible date selections around the December meeting. Given many of the winter events, holidays and travel for other members, Governor Lange offered to create and share a Doodle Poll to help with selecting the date and Governor Pagonas is researching locations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm by President Viji Nakka-Cammauf

Submitted by Kirstyne Lange  
November 23, 2016