

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
May 10, 2017
5:30 – 9:30 pm
Reinhardt Alumnae House

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. There were 15 members in attendance and 2 by phone.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice – President: Marina Simenstad

Board Members: Lynette Castille-Hall, Adrienne Foster (via phone), Catherine Ladnier, Kirstyne Lange, Pierre Loving, Alexa Pagonas, Lilian Sahagun, Linda Stingliy, Lenore Tate, Susan Thomas, Lucy Seereiter (via phone), Dorothy Lawrence.

Alumna Trustees: Susan Ardisson, Yvonne Daniel, Judith James

Absent Members: Gloria Fangon-Hitz.

Student Governor: n/a

I. PARLIMENTARIAN

President Nakka-Cammauf advised the group that Governor Pagonas would serve as Parliamentarian for the meeting because Governor Foster wasn't physically present. President Nakka- Cammauf introduced our guest, President Hillman.

II. PRESIDENT ELIZABETH HILLMAN shared that her 1st year was filled with a lot of quick learning and continuous review of the necessary changes to the budget. President Hillman expressed excitement for commencement with Latifah Simon '17 as speaker and the presentation of an honorary degree to Betty Reed Siskin. President Hillman also shared her experience testifying before congress with Congresswoman Barbara Lee '73.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Governor Tate asked that the Action Items be moved to the top of the agenda. Trustee Ardisson motioned to approved, Trustee Daniel seconded the motion and it was confirmed by a unanimous "aye."

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Nakka-Cammauf gave the President's Report and provided a hard copy for all governors as emailed ahead of the meeting.

Governor Tate asked President Nakka-Cammauf about the idea of a strategic plan and if former President DeCoudroux would be made aware of the compact updates.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF REPORT

The treasurer's report was not complete at the time of the meeting. Governor Loving made the recommendation for the Finance Committee to meet and review the completed report in preparation for an electronic submission to the BOG in order to make the necessary recommendations for the upcoming year. This would call for an electronic vote by the BOG ahead of the Annual Meeting.

VI. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

After review of the BOG finances, The Finance Committee recommended that the remaining \$110,000 from the Gibney fund be transferred out of the checking account and into one of our other accounts. Governor Thomas motioned and Governor Tate seconded that the Finance committee contact Morgan Stanley to solicit a recommendation to bring back to the board. From there, an electronic vote could be conducted to move the funds appropriately. There was no opposition and the Finance Committee will follow up with the board.

VII. MERGER OF COMMITTEES

After the February retreat and assessment of active committees, President Nakka-Cammauf asked that the board consider a merger of the Graduate Committee with Alumni- Student Relations Committee (ASR). This would allow the ASR to continue to build a strong partnership with graduate students.

President Nakka-Cammauf motioned to merge the Graduate Committee with the Alumni-Student Relations Committee. Trustee Daniel seconded the motion and it was confirmed by a unanimous “aye.”

VIII. SELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND OTHER MEMBERS

President Nakka-Cammauf called for nominations from the board to fill the positions of: Nominating Committee Chair and two additional members of the board.

Governor Loving nominated Governor Stingily - accepted nomination

Trustee Ardisson nominated Governor Pagonas - declined chair but was open to being on the committee

Governor Lange nominated Governor Thomas - declined chair but was open to being on the committee

There were no other names brought to the floor and President Nakka-Cammauf confirmed the slate of names as follows:

Linda Stingily, Chair of the Nominating Committee

Alexa Pagonas, member

Susan Thomas as an alternate

Trustee Ardisson moved to accept the slate as presented and Trustee Daniel seconded and it was confirmed by a unanimous “aye.”

IX. COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION

Members of the Compact Committee gave an update on the close of the work on the points of agreement that will shape a new memorandum of collaboration. Governors were provided with an electronic copy ahead of the meeting. They reported on the implementation of the feedback from the survey and follow up emails with various alums. Much of the writing was split between the members of the committee. The committee reported finding great confidence in working with the college as they were continuing to negotiate on each area of the memorandum of collaboration.

Governor Ladnier moved to accept the document as it is written for presentation to the community at the Annual Meeting. Governor Loving seconds the motion, Governor Stingily abstained and the motion passed with a ‘yes’ vote from the remaining members.

X. AAOCC SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Governor Castille-Hall shared that the AOCC held their 2nd Annual Endowed Scholarship Reception at the president’s home. This was a small group that gathered in early April to continue to raise more funds for the scholarship. They moved the extended celebration to RAH after the formal program at the president’s house and raised \$20,000. Governor Castille-Hall attributes much of the fundraising success to the new donor page/donation option to specifically give to the scholarship fund.

XI. RETREAT REPORT

Governor Lange reported on the February retreat. It was an adventure as the group attempted to quickly find another space due to double booking. With the abrupt changes, the group was able to still bond and be creative in the spaces throughout. Governor Lange shared the 7 main goals the governors in attendance used to guide their discussions at the retreat and plans for future actions of the BOG.

BOG Retreat Goals

- 1) Continue to have more organized meetings
- 2) Continue the work on the Operating Agreement/ MOU
- 3) Evaluate Committees
 - a. Are they serving the need?
 - b. Clear list of Committees and review if there is BOG leadership or presence
- 4) Continue with BOG team building
- 5) Review of branch clubs
- 6) Increasing board members ownership in their role – a authentic and fluid connection – seeing each governor take more ownership in AAMC and student centered events
- 7) Increased partnership with the college

XII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Governor Loving, Chair of the Nominating Committee shared that there were over 16 applications for 3 available positions to join the Board of Governors. After a thorough process and explanation of the needs of the Board, the Nominating Committee presented the recommended slate to the board:

1. Lynette Castille-Hall, as the Vice-President of the BOG
2. Dawn C. Cunningham, member of the BOG
3. Tara Singh, member of the BOG

The membership of the AAMC body elected Ammie Felder-Williams ‘76 as the representative Alumnae Trustee on behalf of the Board of Governors.

Governor Pagonas moved to accept the slate, seconded by Trustee Daniel, Governor Lawrence abstained and the slate was accepted with a ‘yes’ vote from the remaining members.

XIII. ANNUAL MEETING SIGN-UPS

A signup sheet circulated the table to confirm who would be in attendance at the Annual Meeting. President Nakka-Cammauf emphasized the importance of governors being at these events and created slots for attending members to help lead at the meeting.

XIV. RECOGNITIONS

President Nakka-Cammauf called the board's attention to give thanks to Trustee Judith James and Governor Catherine Ladnier's departure from the board.

XV. OTHER

- Confirmation that Alecia DeCoudreaux will receive a copy of the final compact
- Governor Tate and Trustee Daniel ask that all future agendas plus the "ACTION" items (voting) to the top of the agenda in case people have to leave early
- Governor Ladnier shared more on her work highlighting the Mills Japanese experience and her work with a national Creole organization in New Orleans
- Emphasis on making sure there is student representation from ASMC at all of our meetings, that would mean coordinating and inviting them ahead of time. Possibly even following up with the advisor
- Following through on the work that will come in implementing the tasks from the memorandum of collaboration and implementing a process to go get it all done. Especially on the interacting with and engaging students to understand our role and the work we're doing "on the other side"

XVI. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm by President Nakka-Cammauf