

Alumnae Association of Mills College  
Board of Governors Meeting  
May 09, 2018  
6:15 – 9:00 pm  
Reinhardt Alumnae House

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. There were 13 members in attendance and two who participated by phone.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice-President: Marina Simenstad

Treasurer: Tara Singh (via phone)

Board Members: Lynette Castille-Hall, Dawn Cunningham, Gloria Fangon-Hitz, Adrienne Foster, Kirstyne Lange, Dorothy Lawrence, Pierre Loving, Alexa Pagonas, Lucy Seereiter, Linda Stingily(via Phone), Lenore Tate, Susan Thomas

Alumna Trustee: Yvonne Daniel, Susan Ardisson

Absent: Student governor Cindy Castillo

President Beth Hillman and Director of Legacy Giving Mark Jones were invited to give presentations at the meeting.

**II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Director of Legacy Giving Mark Jones discussed the ins and outs of legacy giving. He talked about the importance of Estate planning in general and then touched on the particulars of including our favorite college in our plans.

He handed out two very useful papers, 1) Some Questions and Answers on Estate Planning and 2) Mills College Estate Planning Toolkit, *a Step-by-Step Guide*.

President Hillman discussed four main items in her report to the board. 1) Online Degree Program –progress and implementation 2) MPower – Mills signature undergrad experience. 3) The Tuition reset and how Mills is doing. And 4) the Deficit

**III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES**

President Nakka-Cammauf moved to approve the meeting's agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Nakka-Cammauf also moved to approve the minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting. The motion was seconded and carried after a minor correction.

Governor Singh presented the treasurer's report.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Board said good bye to four members who are leaving the board after the close of the May meeting. The members are Dorothy Lawrence, Pierre Loving, Lenore Tate and Susan Ardisson.

#### **IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

President Nakka-Cammauf discussed the following items in her report to the board. 1) Peoplegrove: Process of beta testing and assessment for Peoplegrove is well underway with hopes of full implementation in the Fall of 2018. Special thanks to Dawn Cunningham for her excellent leadership. 2) Admitted Students Weekend: This year AAMC was invited to partner with the college in hosting a wine and cheese reception for the parents of admitted students. As the event was a complete success, Viji will recommend that we partner with the college with this event annually. 3) The Pearl M. Dinner: This year a student, Melissa Berkay, who had been volunteering for the AAMC received the Pearl M pin. 4) The Phenomenal Women of Color: Melinda Micco, an Ethnic Studies Professor was named as the Phenomenal Woman of the Year. And 5) Viji announced the winner of the Distinguished Alumna award, Dina Kavar '83.

#### **V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES**

**VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT COMM:** Chair Cunningham discussed her progress since the February BOG meeting. The committee had a meeting and finalized its mission statement and set some goals. A meeting is planned for late Summer.

**PEOPLEGROVE:** Chair Cunningham says the implementation of PEOPLEGROVE is progressing. She hired part-time project manager Michael Tan. the committee by majority vote recommends that: Miki Hong, Cherlene Wright, Debra Connick and Kirsten Oliver be approved as incoming Board of Governors. The motion was seconded and carried with one no vote and one abstention.

For the following year Marina Simenstad was elected as new chair of the Nominating Committee.

Ratification of the Pearl M Pin Award to Melissa Berkay '18 was moved, seconded and carried.

RETREAT DATES: A retreat committee was suggested to decide on the date and place of the Retreat. The suggested was moved, seconded and carried.

ANNUAL MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES: I totally forget! Remember that the discussion was lively and whatever we voted on passed with two abstentions.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and carried at 9:06 pm.

Next meeting date September or October

Submitted by

May 9

**Corrected September 26<sup>th</sup> 2018**