

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
September 26, 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 6:00pm. There were 9 members in attendance and five who participated by phone.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice President: Lynette Castille-Hall

Treasurer: Tara Singh (via phone)

Board Members: Debra Connick, Dawn Cunningham, Gloria Fangon-Hitz (via phone), Miki Hong, Kristen Oliver, Alexa Pagonas, Lucy Seereiter, Susan Thomas

Alumna Trustee: Yvonne Daniel (via phone), Pam Versaw (via phone), Ammie Felder-Williams (via phone)

Absent: Adrienne Foster, Kristyne Lange, Linda Stingily, Cherlene Wright, and the student governor

President Beth Hillman was invited to give a report at the meeting.

II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

President Hillman discussed three main items in her report to the board. 1) New and exciting curriculum items, (many because of AAMC support). She mentioned the launch of our first online masters program and the piloting of our first Bachelor Degree Completion program in the education department. 2) She discussed Mills academic navigators program and the revised first year experience, *MPOWER* which features interdisciplinary seminars led by faculty teams. 3) The tuition reset was touched upon and though freshman enrollment is down transfers students are up. Mills still faces challenges in this department.

III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

President Nakka-Cammauf moved to approve the minutes of the May 9th 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 nominated and unanimously elected two new members to the executive committee. The members are Pam Versaw and Alexa Pagonas.

A request by Dr. Julia Chinyere Oparah, Provost and Dean of Faculty for \$10,000 to support Mills' ability to implement academic initiatives and help faculty serve the increasingly diverse student population more effectively. Specifically, the gift would fund faculty participation in conferences and an online course. It was so moved by the board to fund this request, seconded and carried.

A motion was made to approve \$3,000 additional funds from the Gibney Trust to finish the kitchen for RAH. The motion was seconded and carried.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

President Nakka-Cammauf discussed the following items in her report to the board. 1) Awards presented: Recent Grad Award: Myila Grandberry; Outstanding Alumnae: Melissa Stevenson-Diaz and Distinguished Achievement Award: Claire Bainer. 2) Student positions: Two positions were filled, one more to go. 3) Potential donors: Viji has been scoping out her contacts in the international arena. 4) The retreat: A great time was had by all! Most attendees loved the venue! Viji was pleased that we got together, got to know each other and had Fun!

V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT COMM: Chair Cunningham discussed her progress since the May BOG meeting. Her full report is on file. A meeting is planned for October.

STAFF: Trustee Cunningham says the student office assistant position went to the Pearl M recipient, Melissa Berkay. The graduate assistant position for mentoring program and business coordinator went to Eleanor Strader. She is still searching to fill the third position.

RAH COMMITTEE UPDATES: Chair Pagonas reported that the RAH kitchen remodel starts in October and should be finished by Thanksgiving.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING/FUNDRAISING: Chair Cunningham shared some of the progress of this committee since the May BOG meeting. Her full report is on file. Included in her discussion were the plans for a design of a new AAMC logo. She also discussed the progress of MillsConnect and thanked all those who signed up and participated in the beta test.

LIFELONG LEARNING: Chair Fangon-Hitz reported that they have not had a meeting since the last BOG meeting in May and requested that governors read her report on file. She is happy to receive suggestions and feedback.

VI . UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING BOG PARTICIPATION

CONVOCATION AND REUNION: Request for participation at this event was discussed

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES: Attendance and donation responsibilities were discussed.

WOMEN AND MONEY EVENT: Lokey School of Business sometime in November

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT: Dexter Gordon Book Release (February 27, 2019)

A NIGHT WITH WES STUDI: Governor Pagonas was able to snag this 'Last of the Mohicans' actor for an event on January 30th at Lisser hall.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and carried at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting date November 7th 2018

Submitted by Lucy Seereiter
September 26, 2018.