

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
November 7, 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 11 members in attendance and four who participated by phone.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice President: Lynette Castille-Hall, Marina Simenstad

Treasurer: Tara Singh (via phone)

Board Members: Dawn Cunningham, Gloria Fangon-Hitz (via phone), Adrienne Foster, Miki Hong (via phone), Alexa Pagonas, Lucy Seereiter, Cherlene Wright, Susan Thomas (via phone)

Alumna Trustee: Yvonne Daniel, Pam Versaw, Ammie Felder-Williams

Absent: Debra Connick, Kristyne Lange, Kristen Oliver

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

At the beginning of the meeting President Viji informed the group of the passing of governor Linda Stingily. Governor Stingily was a valued member of the board, our very own resident poet. She will be missed.

A minute of silence was observed before the start of business.

II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

President Hillman discussed four main items in her report to the board. 1) Reunion and the record gift from the class of '68. 2) Retention issues were discussed as was M-Power. 3) When asked how she view the support she was getting, Beth said that she gets an enormous amount of support from the AAMC; the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees. 4) Lastly she touched on changes and insecurities facing the college.

III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

President Nakka-Cammauf moved to approve the minutes of the September 26th Board of Governors meeting. The motion was seconded and carried after a minor correction.

Governor Singh presented a verbal treasurer's report.

As the board is presented with quarterly written reports from the treasurer there was nothing to approve. Questions were asked of the treasurer by some governors and answered by her.

The election of the next President of the Board of Governors was discussed. The following items and actions took place:

- 1) A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Bylaws regarding election of the President be suspended.
- 2) Concern was expressed that the position of President would demand greater effort in 2019. Pam Versaw made a motion that the board put together a committee to discuss and set the responsibilities of the office of the President and present these to the full board by the May 2019 meeting. This effort will be used for a new operating plan and bylaw changes. A motion was made, seconded and passed.
- 3) Viji was nominated to serve as the President of the Board of Governors for up to another term. The nomination was seconded. It was agreed that notice would be given to the entire Board concerning the nomination process before the next meeting and the President of the Board of Governors will be voted on at the December meeting.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

President Nakka-Cammauf discussed the following items in her report to the board. 1) Reunion; Highlights, participation, the class of '68, awards presented. Special attention was given to Governor Cunningham and her staff for the handling the sale of merchandise at the reunion. 2) AAMC Update: Alumnae enjoyed hearing about MillsConnect and listening to a panel of speakers from AAMC, Lokey School and College Staff. They were also introduced to our newly elected Governors. 3) Staffing: The hiring of our staff is completed. Viji is planning to set up regular meetings for the AAMC staff to get together with the AR staff. 4) The 100th anniversary of the New York alumna branch.

V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES

AoCC: Many events hosted by this committee are listed below under upcoming events. A report is on file.

UPDATE ON RAH RENOVATIONS: Chair Pagonas reported on the RAH kitchen remodel. A quarterly report is on file.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING/FUNDRAISING: Chair Cunningham reported on the success of the sale of merchandise at the reunion and thanked everyone involved. She is planning a meeting for this committee sometime in November.

BRANCH CLUB: Chair Simenstad shared the highlights of her report, which included interest from alums in the Sacramento, Mt Diablo/Contra Costa areas concerning starting/adding to/reviving branches in those areas; the hundredth anniversary of the New York branch and the continued efforts to involve recent grads. Her full report is on file.

FOOD INSECURITIES: The board heard from Chicora Martin, the Vice President of Student Life & Dean of Students, on the alarming matter of food insecurities facing our Mills students. We learned that the Mills Pantry will be a year-round food distribution program at Mills College.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEM: Chair Pagonas discussed the various action items for the executive committee. The board was given the agenda for their latest meeting.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING BOG PARTICIPATION

AoCC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER: Thursday November 8th.

AoCC HOLIDAY DINNER: Saturday November 10 at the Faculty

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DINNER: Friday November 16th

WINTER CELEBRATION: Friday December 14th, 6-8:30pm

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

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.(repeat)

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

Next meeting date December 12th 2018

Submitted by Lucy Seereiter

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