

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
December 16, 2020
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Teleconference

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 5:42pm. There were 18 members in attendance via Zoom, with 3 absent.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice Presidents: Dawn Cunningham, Alexa Pagonas

Treasurer: Lucy Seereiter

Board Members: Debra Connick, Debby Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Myila Granberry, Christina Hannan, Miki Hong, Catherine Ladnier, Courtney Long, Kristen Oliver, Pam Roper, Ari Wolf, Cherlene Wright

Alumna Trustees: Deborah M. Wood, Tara Singh

Absent: Ferhiz Dinshaw, Adrienne Foster, Ellen Hines

II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. President Hillman presented on 3 items: 1) Covid, 2) UC Berkeley / Mills Partnership, 3) Enrollment, and 4) Reinhardt Alumnae House (“RAH”):

1. COVID – Nearly \$700,000 will be distributed to students in the next round of federal relief for Covid. Mills will be included in the next round of federal relief since private colleges will be included, but it is unclear how the money can be used. The campus hasn’t had any new positive tests. The Children’s School is currently open for in person school for the younger / preschool kids (elementary is remote). A vaccination policy is being worked on for the Fall semester. Mills has been contacted about possibly being a vaccination site.
2. UC Berkeley / Mills Partnership – Beth acknowledges the rumors on social media but notes that there aren’t any decisions yet. Weekly townhalls with staff / faculty which are recorded and posted. Faculty is involved in program design. conversation is ongoing in how it will benefit Mills and Berkeley. We expect to communicate more in March.
3. Fall Enrollment. Enrollment for Fall 2021 looks stable from Fall 2020 but that isn’t good since Fall 2020 represented approx. 15% drop from Fall 2019 in undergrad. The good thing is diversity of class looks good. Transfer process is worrisome because of the steep downturn in Community College enrollment (dropped nearly 20% nationwide). We have higher graduate enrollment almost across the board.
4. AAMC Future. President Hillman says discussions with Berkeley about RAH is “To Be Determined” and that Mills is interested in securing the best

opportunities on and off campus for alumnae. When asked her own position on the future of RAH, President Hillman says, “it should be a place for Mills and Mills alumnae.” She would like AAMC to have a strong relationship with the campus and “the Mills entity that emerges as the holder of the Mills legacy.” She believes AAMC can have a role in academic programs at Berkeley “that are consistent with Mills’ educational breadth pedagogical tools community engagement, commitment for social justice” and can also participate in shaping the agenda for a Mills institute.

III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of December minutes Board of Governors meeting was seconded and carried.

A motion is made by Governor Connick to approve and adopt the Antiracism Statement as written. The motion is seconded by Governor Wood and passes with all in favor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made, seconded, and carries.

IV. President’s Report. There will be no commencement. We are looking at ways to make it special.

V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES

AOCC. Report submitted. Gov. Granberry reports that scholarship awardees were announced, and the endowed scholarship has increased to approximately \$171,000.

ALUMNAE STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE. Report submitted. President Nakka-Cammauf reports that hospitality bags were provided as a gift from the AAMC to students for finals.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Gov. Pagonas reports that one application came in from Judge Jacki Brown for Alumna Trustee. Board of Governors applications are due April 5th.

COMMUNICATIONS and MARKETING: Report submitted. Gov. Cunningham notes that the AAMC store was temporarily shut down for the holidays because the campus is shut down until January 5th.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Gov. Connick introduces the Antiracism Statement. The plan is to publish in the Quarterly and put on the website.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE: Report submitted. Gov. Wood reports that trip cancellations for 2021 continue to be monitored. Gov. Foster will present results of the survey at the next meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report "on Balances" submitted; Treasurers Report will BE TABLED.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE: Gov. Pagonas reports on the upcoming AAMC Townhall.

Adjourns at 6:47pm

Submitted by Courtney Long
December 15, 2020