

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
June 23, 2021
5:00 – 7:30 pm
Teleconference

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. There were 19 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

Board Members: Debra Connick, Ferhiz Dinshaw, Debby Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Christina Hannan, Ellen Hines, Miki Hong, Courtney Long, Kristen Oliver, Pam Roper, Ari Wolf, Cherlene Wright

Incoming Board Member (effective 7/1/21): Linda Goodrich

Alumna Trustees: Adrienne Foster, Tara Singh and Deborah M. Wood

Absent: Myila Granberry, Catherine Ladnier, Lucy Seereiter (Treasurer)

II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- A. Board of Trustees Chair Katie Sanborn presents on two items: 1) discussions with Northeastern University, and 2) information requests of the College by AAMC. Under Item 1), Chair Sanborn states that Northeastern's offer had more of the things that we though were important, and that it came shortly after the March 17th announcement that Fall 2021 would have the final class of incoming first years. Sanborn says later in the conversation that the offer came in the Spring but not shortly after the March 17th announcement. Chair Sanborn says that this is an opportunity to continue to grant degrees with the Mills name and to preserve faculty/staff. She is unsure on what would happen to Mills' endowment and whether it would be given to Northeastern because this is part of the negotiation process. Under Item 2), Sanborn says that a feasibility study was never conducted because it was never required. She rejects the idea that it would have been helpful for stakeholders to understand decisions made by the College. Chair Sanborn says that alumna trustees cannot give a full report to the Board of Governors and that this rule has not changed. Vice President Pagonas states that in the 1990s they were provided.

B. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

A motion to extend the meeting for one hour is made, seconded, and carries.

A motion to have the attorneys hire a forensic accountant and spend up to \$50k is made, seconded, and carries with three nays, ten yeses, and three abstentions.

A motion is made to have the attorneys hire a consultant at \$5000/month, seconded, and carries with five nays, ten yeses, and two abstentions.

A motion is made to create a survey to learn what our constituency wants. Motion is made, seconded, and carries with one nay, eight yeses, and four abstentions.

A motion to extend the meeting so that departing members of the Board of Governors can make remarks is made, seconded, and carries.

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

Adjourns at 8:10pm

Submitted by Courtney Long
June 22, 2021