

Alumnae Association of Mills College  
Board of Governors Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2021  
10:00 – 12:00 pm  
Teleconference

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were 17 members in attendance via Zoom, with 3 absent.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice President: Alexa Pagonas

Interim Treasurer: Annick Ma

Board Members: Debra Connick, Ferhiz Dinshaw, Debby Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Linda Goodrich, Myla Granberry, Christina Hannan, Alice Hewitt, Catherine Ladnier, Courtney Long, Pam Roper, Cherlene Wright

Alumna Trustees: Adrienne Foster, Deborah M. Wood

Parliamentarian: Deborah Dittman

Absent: Ari Wolf, Ellen Hines (excused absence), Lucy Seereiter (Treasurer, excused absence).

Guests: Lucy Do (alumna), Melissa Stevenson Diaz (alumna), Rachael Meny (alumna, member of the Legal Committee)

**A. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES**

A motion to approve the agenda is made, seconded, and passes.

A motion to approve the minutes from October 20<sup>th</sup> is made, seconded, and passes.

A motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes is made, seconded, and passes.

A motion to extend the meeting until 1pm is made, seconded, and passes.

A motion for all votes regarding lawsuit funding to be conducted via roll call is made, seconded, and passes.

A motion for \$55,956 to be spent towards legal fees due Monday is made seconded, and passes with 9 yeases (Debra Connick, Deborah Dittman, Christina Hannan, Alice Hewitt, Annick Ma, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Alexa Pagonas, Pam Roper, Cherlene Wright), 2 nays (Catherine Ladnier, Courtney Long), and 3 abstentions (Gwen Foster, Linda Goodrich, Myla Granberry).

A motion to end the meeting until 12:58pm is made, seconded, and passes.

**B. GUEST SPEAKERS:** Lucy Do and Melissa Stevenson Diaz address the Board with concerns regarding the lawsuit and request a non-binding vote about the lawsuit at a meeting of members.

**C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Nakka-Cammauf reports that she and Rachael Meny (of the Legal Committee) met with previous presidents of AAMC to discuss the lawsuit.

President Nakka-Cammauf also met with Save Mills Coalition members. She reports that the College has not given a positive response to AAMC's offer to settle the lawsuit. Nikole Adams in OIA has stated that a request for the database must be made in a formal letter. A winter celebration is being planned for graduates from the Fall semester. There were 3 applicants for the Communications Coordinator role, and 2 for the Business / Development Coordinator. President Nakka-Cammauf ends her report stating that she has spent more time in prayer for Mills than she ever had before.

- D. PETITION UPDATE:** The meeting will be held in January.
- E. STAFFING UPDATE:** Debra Connick says she is reviewing applications for the Communications and Business / Development Coordinator roles.
- F. DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATION TO END THE LAWSUIT:** Discussion of AAMC needs in order to consider ending the lawsuit.
- G. DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF BOARD COMMITTEES:** Brief verbal reports are made by chairs of the following committees: AoCC, Communications, Branch, Awards, Finance, Nominating, Reinhardt Alumnae House, Legal, Governance, Travel, LGBTQIA, Volunteer, Ad Hoc Infrastructure, and Hospitality.
- H. LEGAL UPDATE** Rachael Meny provides an update on legal matters after alumna trustees leave. She notes that discussions normally occur prior to the dismissal of lawsuits. She describes pros / cons of proceeding with dismissing the lawsuit before an agreement is in place.
- I. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Interim Treasurer Annick Ma reports on latest financials for July 1-Sept 30. Total revenues are almost \$125,000. Operating expenses excluding legal fees are over \$76,000. Legal fees and forensic accounting fees were almost \$483,000. Net income is negative over \$406,000.
- J. TOWNHALL MEETING:** Discussion about whether a townhall meeting would be worthwhile; this would be in addition to the meeting requested via petition. The Executive Committee will be working on it.

Adjourns at 12:58pm

Submitted by Courtney Long  
December 13, 2021