

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2022
9:30 – 12:00 pm
Teleconference

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. There were 13 in attendance, with 5 absent.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice President: Open

Board Members: Debra Connick, Debby Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Linda Goodrich, Myila Granberry, Christina Hannan, Alice Hewitt, Catherine Ladnier, Courtney Long, Claudia Mercado, Mitra Lohrasb Michnik, Pam Roper, Cherlene Wright.

Absent: Adrienne Foster (alumna trustee), Alice Hewitt, Ellen Hines, Ariadne Wolf, Deb Wood (alumna trustee).

A. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

- A motion to approve an amended agenda with reports from the President and Treasurer moved to the bottom is made, seconded, and passes in a roll call vote with 9 yeses (Debra Connick, Debby Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Linda Goodrich, Myila Granberry, Christina Hannan, Catherine Ladnier, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, and Pam Roper) and 4 against (Courtney Long, Mitra Lohrasb, Claudia Mercado, and Cherlene Wright).
- A motion to pass the minutes with corrections is made, seconded, and passes in a roll call vote with 12 yeses (Debra Connick, Debby Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Linda Goodrich, Myila Granberry, Christina Hannan, Catherine Ladnier, Courtney Long, Claudia Mercado, Mitra Lohrasb Michnik, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Pam Roper, and Cherlene Wright) and 1 against (Claudia Mercado).
- A motion to approve Courtney Long as Nominating Chair passes with all in favor.
- A motion to extend the meeting to 1pm is made, seconded, and passes with all in favor.
- A motion to appoint Cherlene Wright to the Nominating Committee as recommended by the Governance Committee is made, seconded, and passes with all in favor.
- A motion to extend the meeting to 1:20, is made, seconded, and passes with all in favor.
- A motion is made by Cherlene Wright and seconded by Christina Hannan and Pam Roper to make the annual meeting 100% virtual because hybrid meetings in the past have not worked well for us, and because 100% virtual allows the most alums to participate. Space should be set aside on campus for people on campus to participate virtually, and that internet capacity on campus should be verified. Participation software is to be considered at a later date. The motion passes in a roll call vote with 12 yeses (Debra Connick, Gwen Foster, Linda Goodrich, Myila Granberry, Christina Hannan, Catherine

Ladnier, Courtney Long, Mitra Lohrasb, Claudia Mercado, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Pam Roper, Cherlene Wright) and 1 against (Debby Campbell Dittman).

- B. CHICORA MARTIN PRESENTATION.** Chicora Martin (they/them) reports they are speaking on behalf of students who wish to convey concern that Commencement will be disrupted. They assert that governors do not represent alums but they represent all students. Dean Martin is unable to provide a single name of a student professing this sentiment, however, and acknowledges that for all alums know they could be representing ghosts rather than real people. When pressed, they say they personally spoke to 8 students, “approximately.”
- C. FUTURE OF AAMC DISCUSSION.** Alice Hewitt, by way of Debby Dittman in her absence, asks the Board to take two minutes to consider the following questions: 1) what is our purpose at this moment? 2) What does it mean to sit on this board right now? Each governor in attendance, excepting one governor, answers the question in turn with Mitra Lohrasb Michnik reading Alice Hewitt’s previously provided answer.
- D. COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS.** Debra Connick reports that the Communications and Marketing Committee will be working on communications protocol for social media because of concern that the roll call vote from the Sunday, April 10th special meeting was posted to Facebook by a governor before she was able to confirm verbiage / vote results and post to the AAMC website.
- E. PEARL M DINNER COSTS.** President Viji Nakka-Cammauf reports that the cost will be approximately \$6,000; total cost is split in half with the College.
- F. REPORT ON COLLEGE NEGOTIATIONS BY VIJI NAKKA-CAMMAUF**—President Nakka-Cammauf has been meeting with President Hillman regularly but says they are not negotiating meetings. She says the meetings are so that she may earn back President Hillman’s trust as their relationship was damaged when President Nakka-Cammauf made truthful statements that offended President Hillman. Negotiations with the College will begin tomorrow, with ad hoc legal committee member Rachael Meny in attendance. Discussion ensues about whether AAMC is being well represented at meetings without Rachael Meny. A governor requests Executive Committee minutes. Parliamentarian Debby Dittman agrees that minutes should be provided and volunteers to take minutes going forward.
- G. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**— Discussion who should chair the Nominating Committee. The Governance Committee recommends the Committee be co-chaired by Myila Granberry and Courtney Long because they are already on the committee, and for another governor with Nominating Committee experience to be added as a member. It is noted that bylaws state that an alternate should take over. However, the last alternate was elected on the 2019 ballot. The most recent ballot in 2021 did not name any alternates.

Adjourns at 1:47 pm

Submitted by Courtney Long