

**BOG Special Meeting**  
**December 5, 6:00 PM**

President Dittman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Karilee Wirthlin, Debby Dittman, Ellen Hines, Ari Wolf, Linda Goodrich, Christina Hannan, Kieran Turan, Judy Jones, Rachel Cefalu, Alice Hewitt, Angela DeMoss, Catherine Ladnier, Kathy Roskos, Pam Roper, Interim Executive Director Pam Herman, AAMC Operations Manager Lila Goehring  
Absent: Cherlene Wright, Mitra Lohrasb, Melissa Berkay, Debra Connick

Governor Wirthlin gave a presentation that detailed the outcome of the comment period, including the poll numbers, big themes, and questions that arose. She proposed three options suggested by the Communications team: to create an 18-month agreement with MC@NU based on feedback and major themes, to begin discussions with MC@NU and vote in the spring when there is more information, or to refine option 1 to include current Mills students/a campus presence for the next 18 months.

6:20 Move into Executive Session

At 6:31, the BOG moved out of Executive Session, and Governor Wirthlin opened the meeting up to comments. Comments made by all Governors were as follows:

- It is prudent to wait to have an effective vote, and we should wait.
- Concerned about how much the 18 month agreement gives away. Important to remember a critical part of the mission: to maintain a spirit of fellowship and service. How can we incorporate that into the options? Pam commented that we must remain charitable, and Kieran answered that service could be charitable, and that fellowship is not charitable. Kieran said that we should be charitable regardless of NU.
- In support of delaying vote. We need as much time as possible to learn how well the AAMC and NU work together. 18 months will give us that time. Stay independent until trust is established.
- The bridge (18 month agreement) makes sense. Makes sense to support legacy students.
- 18 months is necessary. Service is not exclusive to scholarship, we need clarification from attorney. RAH could be argued as a historical site the way that Mills Hall is. Could bring in speakers, etc, to give a service. Would serve Mills at Northeastern and greater Oakland community. Need clarification about language of service. In support of 18 months. Also need to clarify difference between AAMC, Alumnae Relations, and Mills Institute
- We are setting precedent with agreement that we will have to be okay with. Not sure if okay with that or not, need to make sure we don't have any questions before choosing this.
- Need to wait. Need to be clear about our direction externally to our members.
- Concur with 18 month path.
- Important to include legacy Mills students in any vote. (Consider them alumnae)

President Dittman mentioned that she is meeting with Mary Ludden next week. Would like to tell her what we want: start with those 5 elements that arose during the comment period, and importance of RAH. Ask: What is it that NU wants?

Pam H: Board needs to commit to charitable work to support students on campus. Urgency to start taking action to support students now - including to fight for Mills students who are struggling under NU.

Consensus is to wait. Not necessarily for 18 months - but enough to not vote right now. In the meantime, give a high level update to all alums in the Quarterly, etc. Keep options open for either 18 month agreement or voting in spring. Most important thing is to preserve RAH.

President Dittman adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.