

March 15, 2022

Report on results of poll voting regarding whether or not AAMC should withdraw from further lawsuits and cease funding for any lawsuits.

Poll Questions:

A/ Do you agree that the AAMC should withdraw from any lawsuits against Mills College immediately?

B/ Do you agree that all AAMC funding for any lawsuit against Mills College should cease immediately?

369 alums voted:

Yes: 217 for both questions

No: 54 for both questions

Contested Votes: No Mills ID, no name on ballot, no ability to verify voter. These votes were not counted.

Yes: 73 for both questions

No: 19 for both questions

Split votes: Question A: Yes: 3

Question B: No: 3

Full report forthcoming that will include comments written on or attached to vote.

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Report on Poll results and comments

Poll votes were counted on Sunday, March 13. As previously reported, 369 alums voted on the poll survey. The results of which indicated that the AAMC should withdraw from any lawsuits against Mills College and cease funding any lawsuits against Mills College. (Refer to previous report providing actual vote count).

However, there were a number of comments attached or included with their votes. Most are included below.

- Why hasn't the results of the fiscal audit of Mills College financial records been reported?
- I am not pleased about the merger/acquisition, but as of yet I have seen no legal grounds to prevent it or viable alternatives from the AAMC. Instead, I've become so appalled with the quality of "discussion" amongst alums; it has become personal attacks and unfounded conspiracy theories. I do not feel comfortable participating in AAMC activities or contributing financially as long as this state of affairs is allowed to continue, and I'm sure I am not the only one that feels this way.
- Please stop suing the College! I won't donate for this purpose.
- I you ever want support from me – learn to work together with Mills. Stop recalls and petty squabbling. And don't refile anything!
- If lawsuit needed a special fund should be raised and secured. But only if necessary.
- Don't file anything. If you even want support from me learn to work together with Mills and NU merger. Stop recalls and petty squabbling
- Please stop wasting AAMC money on this lost cause
- Strongly disagree with lawsuits against our college. Let it change, as we all have
- This whole charade has been shameful, unbelievable. The waste, performative and divisive outright, and misleading claims are a stain on the AAMC and Mills College. Stop Now!

- And I think those responsible for spending the money should reimburse the AAMC!
 - And the AAMC should not file any more lawsuits against Mills College
 - I interpret this to mean a permanent stop, nothing temporary
 - Stop spending on this lawsuit. Being part of the Northeastern “network” will increase Mills’ national international brand.
 - Stop this insanity. Amen
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- I do not agree with tying the AAMC’s hands. We should use all means possible to hold Mills accountable.
 - Never willingly give up your legal rights
 - We should spend every dime we have to stop the Steal!
 - But I do think it might be best for Save Mills to pursue legal actions so agendas can be clean and people know where to donate. I want to support AAMC → AAMC. I want to Save Mills → Save Mills. I want to buy Mills back → Don’t mess with Mills → Make this a thing
 - I have mixed feelings, complex answers
 - The alumnae records must be returned to AAMC. The college must be honest, not a merger question. There were no computers or bar codes at Mills College in the 1960’s
 - I would have spent every last dollar fighting this merger/acquisition. It is _____ that the Board of Trustees made these decisions without transparency and without basic fundamentals _____. Rather than roll up their sleeves and do hard work, they are just throwing in the towel – probably in hopes that more will notice that Hillman has grossly mismanaged and bloated admin costs. Conveniently she’s guaranteed her own golden parachute. What a travesty.

- No more do I consent to the completely unnecessary sale of Mills to Northeastern an entity that needs us for more than we need them per our most recent financial audit
- I support the lawsuit
- Definitely no. We should spend every last dime and raise money to fight for Mills transparency and the future.
- I support any action including legal to protect Mills students and AAMC
- I don't believe it's prudent to vote to never be involved in "any lawsuits" since we cannot predict the future.
- Alma mater deserves shame on the Millsies and alums who joined them in selling alma mater

Additional concerns were mentioned regarding the confusion about obtaining their Mills ID, which was not clearly spelled out in the letter and voting procedures. It was suggested that the letter should have disclosed that the ID was mandatory, and also should have included instructions about how to access one's ID.

It was noted that some people may have failed to vote due to the lawsuit being dismissed, but not understanding what dismissed without prejudice means. Concerns were also expressed regarding the odd wording of the letter.