

## **AAMC BOARD OF GOVERNORS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**OCTOBER 19, 2016**

### **ALUMNA TRUSTEE REPORT**

Throughout the 2015-2016 academic year, Trustees and College officers grappled with challenges and opportunities facing the College and the higher education sector. The challenges and opportunities included:

- evaluating a variety of business models intended to reverse the college's structural deficit;
- considering ways in which to restructure Academic Affairs and provide more affordable and flexible ways to deliver a Mills education;
- developing a vision for effective shared governance at Mills; and,
- forming partnerships with institutions such as UC Berkeley.

Trustees engaged with faculty at a retreat to discuss trends in higher education, the challenges facing liberal arts colleges across the nation, and changes in higher education business models. College finances, enrollment, and fundraising were at the core of many of the discussions held over the course of the year.

By the end of the academic year, the Board of Trustees successfully completed the presidential transition with the appointment of Beth Hillman as the 14th president of the College.

Alumna Trustees: Susan Ardisson, Judith James