

Alumnae Association of Mills College  
Board of Governors Meeting  
February 29, 2020  
9:30 am  
Reinhardt Alumnae House

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 9:45am. There were 14 members in attendance.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice Presidents: Lynette Castille-Hall, Marina Simenstad

Board Members: Dawn Cunningham, Debra Connick, Deborah Campbell Dittman, Gwen Foster, Kristen Oliver, Myla Granberry, Miki Hong, Courtney Long, Alexa Pagonas, Cherlene Wright.

Alumna Trustee: Deborah M. Wood.

Absent: Treasurer Lucy Seereiter

**II. College Guest speaker:** Dr. Wendi S. Williams, Dean of the School of Education.

Dr Williams gave a talk on how members in organizations can be “givers” or “takers” and are “agreeables” or “disagreeables” and leads the Board in a workshop of how the AAMC and College work together.

**III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES**

A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and carried.

The following motion is proposed by Alexa Pagonas, was seconded and carried: “the Loan Ad Hoc committee will continue to exist so that it can be called upon by the Board of Governors for the purpose to review future proposals and requests from the College regarding financial interactions between the College and the AAMC. The Loan Ad Hoc Committee, known henceforth as the College Financial Review Ad Hoc Committee, will continue to serve with regards to finances between the two organizations at the pleasure of the Board Of Governors”

A new subcommittee is created to discuss the AAR program. Courtney Long is to chair, joined by Cherlene Wright and Alexa Pagonas.

**IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORTS**

President Nakka-Cammauf reports that WASC reaffirmed our accreditation for 8 years.

**V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES**

AoCC: Report submitted. There were over \$3,000 in ticket sales from the AOCC event the night before for the Annual Scholarship Concert.

AD HOC LOAN COMMITTEE (henceforth known as the College Financial Review Ad Hoc Committee): Alexa Pagonas reads a letter written by committee member Judge Jacki Brown to the Board of Governors, which announced that the College rescinds its request for forgiveness on the loan. The College plans to continue paying interest. President Viji Nakka – Cammauf reports the College will instead borrow from the endowment instead and that there are plans for partnerships with other colleges.

ALUMNAE AWARDS COMMITTEE: Report submitted.

ALUMNAE STUDENT RELATIONS: Report submitted.

BRANCH CLUBS: Report submitted.

BYLAWS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Report is submitted. Alexa Pagonas requested that all committee chairs look at bylaws and provide specific recommendations.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING/FUNDRAISING: Report submitted; Chair Cunningham leads discussion on MillsConnect and reports that we are now on the last year of a 3-year cycle.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Alexa Pagonas reports on the search for an alumna trustee. There were 4 candidates and 3 interviewees; none were approved. All were encouraged to apply to join the Board of Governors. Adrienne Foster is proposed as a possible candidate for Alumna Trustee. Alexa would like feedback on how many governors there should be.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Debra Connick gives Strategic Planning overview. Ideas for changes of the key roles and responsibilities:

- Bylaws should be governance in committees
- Hospitality should be added to committees
- BOG responsibilities should list legal responsibility

There is discussion about whether we have enough governors, and if we should consider enhancing our technology to allow for governors from outside the Bay Area to easily attend meetings.

SUMMER RETREAT: This will be held in Sonoma, CA in July / August at Casa Bella. Lynette requested dates. Alexa Pagonas, Deb Dittman, Gwen Foster, Courtney Long, Debra Woods are on the committee.

TRAVEL: Report submitted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and carried at 4:41pm

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Submitted by Courtney Long

May 11, 2020