

Alumnae Association of Mills College  
Board of Governors Meeting  
September 18, 2019  
6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Reinhardt Alumnae House

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. There were 11 members in attendance and 4 who participated by phone.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice Presidents: Lynette Castille-Hall, Marina Simenstad (via phone)

Treasurer: Lucy Seereiter

Board Members: Dawn Cunningham, Debra Connick ( Via Phone), Deborah Campbell Dittman , Gwen Foster, Myila Granberry, Miki Hong, Courtney Long, Alexa Pagonas, Cherlene Wright (via phone) .

Alumna Trustee: Deborah M. Wood, Pam Versaw (via phone).

Absent: Kristen Oliver and Ammie Felder Williams.

**II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

President Beth Hillman, Jeff Jackanicz, Wendi Williams , Chinyere Oparah

President Beth Hillman discussed 4 items; 1) WASC accreditation process, 2) Campus optimization, 3) Programs supported by the AAMC loan (M Power and online MA program), 4) request for Board of Governors to turn the \$2 million loan into a gift to the College. Under item 1) WASC has provided external validation to the programs supported by AAMC (see item 3) and encouraged the College to build on the online programs. Under item 2) the College is exploring development of campus land for residential development or education programs on campus. Under item 3) M Power was successful and highly utilized by students while the Online program had fewer students enter the program as expected. Under item 4), College asks for forgiveness of loan because enrollment is down which will make the deficit worse; they are drawing on endowment at 5% and forecast that it will take 4.5 years to get out of the deficit budget.

**III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES**

Dawn Cunningham moved to approve the agenda, it was seconded and carried.

Gwen Foster moved to approve the minutes of the May Board of Governors meeting, the motion was seconded and carried with one correction.

Alexa Pagonas presents 4 motions:

- 1) That AAMC to donate \$100 to be used for food/drinks for the 10/7 reception for Patricia Smith, a Guggenheim fellow to be held on campus. All in favor.
- 2) Following a lengthy discussion on the request for loan forgiveness a temporary read of the room on those in favor of full forgiveness and making the loan into a gift. 0 in favor. 15 oppose.
- 3) A temporary read of the room to see how many would be in favor of staggered forgiveness of the loan. 13 are in favor. 2 oppose.
- 4) An ad hoc committee to be formed to create a proposal for how to respond to the request to forgive the \$2 million loan. All in favor.

#### **IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

President Nakka-Cammauf discussed the upcoming financial literacy workshop.

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

AoCC: Chair Myila Granberry describes a successful lunch with SAW students (55 person turnout), a general meeting with 15 attendees, and reports that AoCC continues to have Saturday brunches and meetings. They are collaborating with black faculty and staff for a Kwanzaa celebration.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING/FUNDRAISING: Chair Cunningham promotes AAMC social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram and discusses AAMC merchandise for sale during reunion. She requests volunteers and encourages training for Square, the app used for accepting credit card payments.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Debra Connick, Deborah Wood, and Alexa Pagonas are elected to the executive board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Seereiter presents report.

Next Meeting : Wednesday November 6, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Courtney Long  
September 18, 2019