

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
May 13, 2020
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Teleconference

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 5:43pm. There were 17 members in attendance via phone, with 0 absent.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

President: Viji Nakka – Cammauf

Vice Presidents: Lynette Castille-Hall, Marina Simenstad

Treasurer: Lucy Seereiter

Board Members: Dawn Cunningham, Debra Connick, Gwen Foster, Kristen Oliver, Myila Granberry, Miki Hong, Courtney Long, Alexa Pagonas, Cherlene Wright, Deborah Campbell Dittman, Ammie Felder-Williams

Alumna Trustees: Deborah M. Wood, Tara Singh

II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

President Beth Hillman discussed 4 items 1) College response to COVID-19, 2) Fall Semester, 3) Commencement, and 4) Potential partnerships. Under item 1), President Hillman begins by thanking AAMC for its partnership; the money the College borrowed from the AAMC allowed the College to pivot to an online platform when in-class learning was suspended, and 250 classes were moved from in-person instruction. The campus is closed except to personnel and residents who had nowhere else to go. The College is committed to helping these students by providing free summer housing throughout the shelter in place orders and food stipend. Under Item 2), a recovery planning team was created to build different scenarios for the coming Fall semester. The College has been tracking what colleges and universities are doing nationally, particularly in California and the Bay Area. More to come. Under Item 3), Commencement. There will not be a Commencement this year. This is unprecedented; President Hillman does not know of a time where Mills has not held one. Students have reported that they do not wish to have a virtual Commencement; they wish to celebrate in person with the faculty and staff who supported their college journey. The College hopes to hold a celebration later. Under Item 4), President Hillman reports that Mills is continuing to look at partnership opportunities with institutions such as UC Berkeley.

III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December Board of Governors meeting was seconded and carried with the following corrections: Deborah Dittman and Aimee Felder were incorrectly

listed as absent; both attended. Spelling correction on page 1 “sell IP assets” rather than “cell”. AoCC report was incorrectly described.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 29 Board of Governors meeting was seconded and carried with corrections: Aimee Felder was incorrectly listed as absent. The description of the talk by Dr Williams is summarized.

Cherlene motions to approve the current slate of nominations to the board of governors. Lucy seconds. Motion carries.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

President Nakka – Cammauf reports 5 items: 1) taking care of AAMC business while staff are sheltering in place, 2) she has continued attending weekly meetings with College staff via Zoom, 3) she has met with international students, 4) ongoing calls and emails with alumnae, and 5) meetings with the Executive Committee, Ad Hoc Committee, Trustees, and monthly meetings with President Hillman.

V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES

TREASURERS REPORT: Report is submitted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Report submitted. Adrienne Foster and Tara Singh are submitted as alumna trustees. 7 names were submitted for membership in the board of governors as well as 3 regionals.

GOVERNANCE REPORT: Report submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS: Report submitted. Online store should launch.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Report submitted.

RETREAT: retreat date is TBD; July was canceled.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: was activated to discuss the partnership; what is happening.

Submitted by Courtney Long
June 22, 2020