

Alumnae Association of Mills College
Board of Governors Meeting
May 15, 2019
6:15 – 9:00 pm
Reinhardt Alumnae House

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Viji Nakka – Cammauf called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. There were 10 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 (via phone), Marina Simenstad

Treasurer: Susan Thomas

Board Members: Dawn Cunningham, Debra Connick, Gloria Fangon-Hitz, Miki Hong, Kristen Oliver (via phone), Alexa Pagonas (via phone), Lucy Seereiter, Cherlene Wright (via phone)

Alumna Trustee: Yvonne Daniel, Ammie Felder-Williams

Absent: Adrienne Foster, Kristyne Lange, Pam Versaw

II. COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

President Beth Hillman discussed two items; 1) Campus Optimization plan, and 2) Enrollment. Under item 1) and looking at the physical infrastructure of the College and given the successful examples of the Julia Morgan School for Girls and the Spanish Emersion Pre-School, college administration is looking for other income producing ventures from unused areas of the College. Under item 2) Enrollment; it was reported that freshman enrollment has not met targets, the same goes for transfer and grad student enrollment. Mills is facing a cash and credit crunch.

III. KEY MOTIONS AND VOTES

President Nakka-Cammauf moved to approve the agenda, it was seconded and carried.

President Nakka-Cammauf then moved to approve the minutes of the February Board of Governors meeting, the motion was seconded and carried with one correction.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

President Nakka-Cammauf discussed many items in her report to the board; among them are the following: 1) The celebration of Dexter Gordon's 92nd birthday fundraiser which netted \$6,000 toward the Oakland Promise Scholarship. 2) The evening of Chinese traditional music and selection for Chopin performed by Eileen Huang MFA'82 that was such a treat and very well received by all attendees. 3) Viji participation in the Climate Strike discussion on environmental issues at Mills. 4) Viji is organizing a financial assessment workshop with Mark Curtis. He will talk about our BOG investments. Viji discussed many more items, and the entire report which is on file includes in addition to the above, lectures, alumnae participation in college events, board collaborations with college sponsored events, Audit Committee meetings and Graduation ceremonies.

V. COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP/PROJECTS-UPDATES

AoCC: Report is on file.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING/FUNDRAISING: Chair Cunningham displayed new logo, presented T-shirts and window decals with new logo to members.

Chair Cunningham suggested the formation of a joint AAMC-Mills College Quarterly Advisory Committee. A motion to approve the formation of a joint AAMC-Mills College Quarterly Advisory Committee was made seconded and passed. The committee will be comprised of two BOG members, two Staff members and a number of alumnae (8) at large.

BRANCH CLUB: Chair Simenstad's report is on file.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEM: Report on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The BOG financials including the 2019-2020 budget was presented by Treasurer Susan Thomas. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the budget.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee, with chair Simenstad had three deliverables to complete this Spring and met three times to fulfill its duties;

- 1) The first was to review applications for the position of Alumna Trustee. There were two applicants for the position; Deborah Wood and Jennifer Sheridan. Both were accepted and their statements were forwarded to the Quarterly for review and voting.

- 2) The second was to review the six applicants for the Board of Governors. Two were for re-election to the Board and four were new applicants. All six applicants were accepted and will be presented for approval at this board meeting. The applicants are: Lucy Seereiter, Alexa Pagones, (re-election) and new: Gwen Jackson, Debrah Dittman, Myila Granberry and Courtney Long.
- 3) The third was to count the votes for the position of Alumna Trustee. The outcome was that Deborah Wood's name will be presented to the Board of Trustee's for acceptance.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Nominating committee's slate.

RAH Committee Chairs Pagones and Loving report is on file

Alexa Pagones presented two motions to the board:

- 1) It was moved that the selection of Committee Members for any committee be decided upon by the Chair of that Committee and the President of the Board of Governors.
- 2) It was moved that the term of a Committee Member shall be one year coinciding with the Academic Year of the college. The Term automatically expires at Commencement.

The first motion passed with two board members opposing and one abstaining. The second passed with an amendment, the last sentence was omitted.

Board Officer Descriptions

Chair Seereiter presented a working copy of the Board Officer Descriptions. The group included President Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Alumnae trustee Yvonne Daniels, and board members Cherlene Wright and Alexa Pagones. The entire Board was encouraged to read and think about the descriptions since they will be an agenda item at the upcoming BOG retreat and they or a form of them will eventually become bylaw changes.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING BOG PARTICIPATION

Annual Meeting 5/18/19

Retreat Date: August 16th, 17th and 18th

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and carried at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting date September 18, 2019

Submitted by Lucy Seereiter
May 15, 2019

