

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:

Christopher Bell
Elaine Crider, Chair
James Dyke*
Reginald Felton
Gwendolyn Lewis
Ronald Mason, President, ex-officio
Errol Schwartz*
Barrington Scott
Jerome Shelton
Anthony Tardd
Theodore Wilhite

Trustees Absent:

Alejandra Castillo
Gabriela Lemus
Joshua Wyner

**via telephone*

Staff Participants:

Rachel Petty, Acting Chief Academic Officer
Juanita Gray, Director, Residence Life
Erik Thompson, Vice President, Facilities and Real Estate
Troy Stovall, Chief Operating Officer
Stacie Mills, Assistant General Counsel
Thomas Redmond, Director, State and Local Affairs
Perita Baxter, Staff Assistant, Office of the Board of Trustees
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Crider called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. The roll was called. A quorum was not present. Due to the lack of a quorum, Chair Crider began the meeting with the informational items.

Report of the Chair

No report.

Report of the President

President Mason provided an update regarding the Administration's ten priorities and responded to questions and comments from the Trustees.

Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

No committee report.

Alumni Task Force. Trustee Shelton discussed the importance of providing staff for the Alumni Office.

Report of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee

Trustee Felton presented a summary of the committee meeting (February 3, 2016). Trustee Shelton requested the inclusion of the financial records in the Board of Trustees regular meeting documents.

Report of the Community College Committee

Trustee Tardd reported the committee did not have a meeting. However, he briefly presented an update regarding the Mortuary Science and Nursing programs. Dr. Petty explained that the Mortuary Science program withdrew from accreditation. An initial meeting for reapplication was held approximately one week ago. Dr. Petty reported Dr. Phillips and Dean O'Hara have been asked to prepare a comprehensive plan for nursing from entry point through a master's program. She also provided information regarding the status of the students in the Nursing and Mortuary Science programs.

Report of the Operations Committee

Trustee Bell stated the committee met on February 1. Three action items were reported out of committee: Backus auditorium renovation; proposed rulemaking dealing with the process for change orders, and renaming the Muirkirk Research Farm. Other items discussed were 4250 Connecticut Avenue, the President's Residence, soccer field and student center.

Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee (*continuation*)

Communications Task Force. Trustee Wilhite reported the task force did not have a formal meeting. However, President Mason held meetings with students regarding student housing and student concerns about not being paid on time.

Roll Call Vote

At the conclusion of the committee reports, Chair Crider asked for a roll call to determine if a quorum was physically present. The roll was called and a quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 8, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting were unanimously approved.

Action Items

Final Rulemaking Resolution

- Notice of Final Rulemaking – Chapter 2 – Administration and Management Administration and Management – Approved. Ms. Mills clarified that the Vice President for Student Affairs title should be Chief Student Development and Success Officer.

Executive Committee Resolutions

- Executive Appointment of Mr. Erik Thompson as Vice President of Facilities and Real Estate at the University of the District of Columbia
- Appointment of Dr. Valerie Epps as Special Assistant to the President of the University of the District of Columbia
- Appointment of Karen M. Hardwick as General Counsel of the University of the District of Columbia
- Executive Appointment of Dr. Tony E. Summers as Acting Provost for the University of the District of Columbia Community College

- Executive Appointment of Dr. William Ulysses Latham as Chief Student Development and Success Officer

The resolutions were unanimously approved en bloc.

Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Audit, Budget and Finance Committees Resolution

- Notice of Final Rulemaking, Fee Reform and Increase in Mandatory and Special Fees Effective AY2016-2017 – Approved

Operations Committee Resolutions

- Approval of Proposed Contract Number GF-2015-C-0034 for Construction Work for Bertie Backus Auditorium Renovation Phase III – Approved with a revisions concerning the contract number.
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – 8B DCMR, Chapter 2 – Administration and Management – Approved with a recommendation that the Administration develop a policy for the Operations Committee to review capital construction projects that are \$1 million or more.
- Muirkirk Research Farm Name Change to University of the District of Columbia Firebird Farm - Approved

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

There was a brief discussion regarding the David A. Clarke School of Law site visit. President Mason reported he would provide the Board of Trustees with the closeout report. Mr. Redmond gave an update concerning legislative activities, including the Universal Pay and Leave Act.

Closing Remarks

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary's Signature

Date