

Minutes

**Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, May 5, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Absent:

Alejandra Castillo
Christopher Bell

**via telephone*

Executive Cabinet Present:

Troy LeMaile Stovall, Chief Operating Officer
Rachel Petty, Acting Chief Academic Officer
William Latham, Acting Provost of the Community College
Karen Hardwick, General Counsel
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

Staff Participants:

Erik Thompson, Vice President for Facilities and Real Estate
Thomas Redmond, Director of State and Local Affairs
Dwight Sanchez, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management
Stacie Mills, Assistant General Counsel
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees Office

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Crider called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Ms. Franklin called the roll and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2016

The minutes of the February 9, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting were approved.

Action Items:

Executive Committee Resolutions

- Extension of the Appointment of Dr. Marilyn Hamilton as Acting Dean for Academic Affairs at the Community College of the University of the District of Columbia (UDCCC) – Ratified.

The honorary degree resolutions were considered en bloc:

- Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Raymond Huger, Chief Executive Officer and President, Paradigm Solutions International
- Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Earl Stafford, Jr., Chief Executive Officer and President, The Wentworth Group, LLC
- Conferral of Honorary Degree upon David Adjaye, Principal, Adjaye Associates
- Conferral of Honorary Degree upon David Levering Lewis, Ph.D., Julius Silver University Professor and Professor of History, New York University
- Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Sheila C. Johnson, Vice Chairman, Monumental Sports and Entertainment, and President and Managing Partner of the Washington (DC) Mystics of the Women's National Basketball Association

The honorary degree resolutions were ratified. President Mason noted the 2016 Honorary Degree recipients will be Raymond Huger and Earl Stafford, Jr.

- Appointment of Patricia Cornwell Johnson as Vice President of Human Resources - Ratified.
- Approval of Murch Elementary School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Lease of University Athletic Field. President Mason presented an amendment (Article XIV. Resolution of Disputes):

XIV. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

The Parties to this MOU shall use their best efforts to resolve any disputes arising from this MOU. The Parties agree that in the event that a dispute between the Parties cannot be resolved, the matter shall be referred to JAMS, an alternative dispute resolution service, for non-binding mediation. Within ten days of notification of a dispute, the Parties will contact JAMS and request that it submit to the Parties a panel of ten mediators. The Parties will select a mediator from this list by mutual agreement. If within five (5) days after receipt of the list, a mediator has not been agreed upon, the Parties will alternately strike names from the list and the last remaining name shall be selected as the mediator. The mediator shall facilitate negotiated resolution of disputes between the Parties and may evaluate the relative merits of the claims and defenses, but will not have power to impose a solution or decision. The University of the District of Columbia agrees to bear all mediation costs and fees, exclusive of DCPS/DGS attorney's fees, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

The resolution was ratified and the amendment approved.

Operations Committee Resolutions

- Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking – Revision to the University Alcohol Policy – Approved
- Approval of Leasing Agreements for 3003 Van Ness Property – Approved

Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Community College Committee and Audit, Budget and Finance Committee Resolution

- Approval of Institutional Aid/Leveraging Plan - Approved

Election of Officers (May 5, 2016 – May 15, 2017)

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers:

Elaine A. Crider, Chair
Christopher Bell, Vice-Chair
Gabriela Lemus, Secretary
Reginald Felton, Treasurer

Report of the Chair

No Report.

Report of the President

President Mason asked Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Redmond to present reports regarding the A-133 audit and the Committee of the Whole (COW) budget markup.

Mr. Sanchez discussed the progress made with the A-133 audit. Five programs are being audited. Three programs have been done and returned no audit findings for the first time in four years. Two more audits are in effect: reconciliation and eligibility. Once those audits are finalized, the university will submit an application to be removed from provisional status for Title IV funding.

Mr. Redmond reported the City Council Committee of the Whole held its budget markup. The university's budget subsidy is \$76.2 million which is an increase of \$5.2 million. There was a modification to the subsidy of \$480,000 for the David A. Clarke School of Law's nine clinics. The capital budget for next fiscal year is \$20 million, representing an increase of \$10 million. The million dollar match will require the university to raise \$2 million in order to receive \$1 million. The Council applauded the university for its accreditation efforts. They noted certain areas of concern related to the mortuary science and nursing programs. The COW office requested quarterly updates on the capital program needs. And, the COW commented on the future location of the community college.

President Mason introduced the new Director of External Affairs, Michelle Purciau; acknowledged Trustee Wilhite for his service on the Board; certified Mr. Gary Mills is the newly elected Student Representative, Board of Trustees; and introduced Ms. Shaina Cooper as Controller and Interim Chief Financial Officer.

Report of the Executive Committee

No Committee Report.

Committee of the Whole

No Committee Report.

Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Trustee Wyner presented a brief summary regarding the committee meeting which included a discussion concerning accreditation.

Alumni Task Force. Trustee Shelton reported the UDC National Alumni Society met in April.

Student Communications Task Force. Trustee Wilhite did not have a formal report. He expressed appreciation for serving on the Board.

Report of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee

Trustee Felton noted the committee discussed the DC-UP program, A-133 reports, OCFO Search, and second quarter financial statements.

Report of the Community College Committee.

Trustee Tardd reported that at the joint meeting with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, there were updates regarding the Nursing and Mortuary Science programs and the CARE (College Access and Readiness for Everyone) Dual Enrollment program.

Report of the Operations Committee

Trustee Schwartz presented the committee report. There were discussions regarding housing, the alcohol policy, 4250 Connecticut Avenue acquisition and the president's residence.

Chief Academic Officer Search

Trustee Tardd reported the Search Committee has been established. They are working with a search firm affiliated with Thurgood Marshall. Professor Arlene King-Berry is the Chair of the Search Committee which is diverse and representative of all the institution's constituencies. He provided a timeline starting with the publication of the job description and ending with the start date for the candidate who is selected for the position.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

New Business

No New Business.

Closing Remarks

The Board was provided with an update regarding filling the two vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Chair Crider recognized Trustee Wilhite for his work on the Board and thanked him for his service.

Chair Crider announced the committee would enter executive session. The roll was called. Chair Crider stated the following:

“In accordance with Section 2-575 (2), (4 A & B) and (10) of the D. C. Code, the Board of Trustees hereby gives notice that it may conduct an executive session, for the purpose of discussing, establishing, or instructing the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract, including an employment contract, if an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; consulting with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements; provided, that, upon request, the public body may decide to waive the privilege; nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that would otherwise be open merely because the attorney for the public body is a participant; and discussing the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials.”

The Board entered the executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Secretary's Signature

Date

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