

Minutes (Revised)
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, Student Development and Success Officer
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 6:09 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

Chair Crider presented the extension of the executive appointment of Dr. Marilyn Hamilton as Acting Dean of Academic Affairs for the Community College. She noted the resolution was approved by the Executive Committee. Chair Crider read a portion of the resolution into the record.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016-11: 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)

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §212.1, all Dean of academic colleges positions shall be filled by executive appointment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §210.4 a person serving in an "acting" status for an executive appointment shall be limited to one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamilton has been recommended to continue to serve as the Acting Dean for Academic Affairs at the Community College of the University of the District of Columbia, based on her knowledge, past accomplishments, and extensive experience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamilton is currently serving as the Acting Dean, for Academic Affairs at the Community College of the University of the District of Columbia and the Board has determined that the acting appointment should be extended based on extenuating circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the extension of the appointment of Dr. Marilyn Hamilton as the Acting Dean for Academic Affairs at the Community College of the University of the District of Columbia effective April 1, 2016 for a period not to exceed one (1) year consistent with the terms and conditions in the appointment letter.

The resolution was ratified.

Chair Crider introduced *en bloc* the five resolutions regarding recommendations for honorary degrees (Raymond Huger, Earl Stafford, Jr., David Adjaye, David Levering Lewis, and Sheila C. Johnson). She read a portion of the resolution into the record.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016-12: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Raymond Huger, Chief Executive Officer and President, Paradigm Solutions International

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Raymond Huger be awarded an honorary degree for his outstanding accomplishments as an information technology innovator and for his successful entrepreneurial and business skills that have resulted in the creation of an innovative software program used by many businesses and governmental agencies and a nationally recognized multi-million dollar company that employed hundreds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of Raymond Huger by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

UDC Resolution No. 2016-13: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Earl Stafford, Jr., Chief Executive Officer and President, The Wentworth Group, LLC

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Earl W. Stafford, Sr., be awarded an honorary degree based on his impressive accomplishments as a technology innovator and

successful businessman; for his twenty years of public service in the military's U.S. Air Force; and for his philanthropic endeavors on behalf of the underprivileged; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of Earl W. Stafford, Sr., by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

UDC Resolution No. 2016-14: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon David Adjaye, Principal, Adjaye Associates

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that David Adjaye be awarded an honorary degree for his outstanding achievements as an architect and designer, including the design for the *Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture*, for the global recognition and awards his work has garnered, including the Wall Street Journal Innovator Award and the W.E.B. Du Bois medal from Harvard University and the honor of being named an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), and for the thoughtful social and civic interpretations that he brings to his work;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of David Adjaye by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

UDC Resolution No. 2016-15: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon David Levering Lewis, Ph.D., Julius Silver University Professor and Professor of History, New York University

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that David Levering Lewis be awarded an honorary degree for his outstanding scholarship and significant accomplishments over 50 years as a teacher, historian and author of 11 books and whose research and excellence in writing have earned him innumerable honors and prestige, including two Pulitzer Prizes for the history of noted Black intellectual and social activist W.E. DuBois, as well as the National Humanities Medal awarded by President Obama in 2009; and for his dedication to higher education and teaching, accomplished at various universities across the nation, including the University of the District of Columbia (1970 – 1980); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of David Levering Lewis by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

UDC Resolution No. 2016-16: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Sheila C. Johnson, Vice Chairman, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, and President and Managing Partner of the Washington (DC) Mystics of the Women's National Basketball Association

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Sheila C. Johnson be awarded an honorary degree for her entrepreneurial skills in helping to establish the Black Entertainment Network (BET) and her pioneering role in business as the first African-American woman with a financial stake in three major sports teams; for her impassioned support of the least served in society, particularly women, through a variety of philanthropic endeavors, including serving as Global Ambassador for CARE, a humanitarian organization that combats global poverty by empowering women, and as a member of Accordia Global Health Foundation's International Council, rallying support for the foundation's efforts to overcome the burden of infectious diseases in Africa; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of Sheila C. Johnson by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

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

Chair Crider presented the appointment of Patricia Cornwell Johnson as Vice President of Human Resources. President Mason reported Ms. Johnson currently is the Director of Human Resources for the Baltimore Schools system. She is an attorney with expertise in labor relations. Chair Crider read a portion of the resolution into the record.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016 – 17: Appointment of Patricia Cornwell Johnson as Vice President of Human Resources

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act, D.C. Code §1-608.01a (b)(1), the Board of Trustees has the authority to issue rules and regulations embodying principles of merit and equal employment governing appointment, classification, and salary administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §210.1, the President may make an executive appointment to appoint highly qualified and experienced executive talent to senior administrative positions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §208.1, the Board determines the amount of compensation for each executive appointee at Grade Level 1A or above, through the Executive Committee or appropriate committee as determined by the Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Cornwell Johnson has been recommended to serve as the Vice President of Human Resources at the University of the District of Columbia, based on her knowledge, past accomplishments, and experience in extensive leadership roles in Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, after review of her credentials, it has been determined that she is well-qualified for such position and that the recommended salary adequately reflects the job duties and experience;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the appointment of Ms. Patricia Cornwell Johnson as the Vice President of Human Resources at the University of the District of Columbia effective June 1, 2016.

The resolution was ratified.

The Board considered the Murch Elementary School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the lease of the University athletic field. President Mason reported the University had been working with the DC Public School System and the Department of General Services regarding the use of the fields as swing space during the renovation of the school. The Executive Committee fully vetted the MOU and added conditions, and the document presented to the Board addressed those conditions. One other

issue was raised regarding the arbitration language. They agreed on a binding mediation arrangement which would provide an objective means of resolving any disputes. 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.

Chair Crider read a portion of the resolution into the record including the language that was added at the recent Executive Committee meeting. Article XIV also was added.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016-18: Approval of Murch Elementary School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Lease of University Athletic Field

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 38-1202.01 (a) (2001 ed.), the Board of Trustees possesses all powers necessary or convenient to accomplish its statutorily prescribed objects and duties, including the power to make, deliver, and receive deeds, leases and other instruments and to take title to real and other property in its own name; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §2101.1 the President of the University, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, is authorized and empowered to rent any building or land belonging to the University or under jurisdiction of the President, or any available space therein, whenever such building, land or space is not then required for the purpose for which it was acquired; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to lease one of the University's athletic field as "swing space" for trailers, along with walkways and other necessary facilities during the planned Murch Elementary School renovation project; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been negotiated on a basis most favorable to the University with due consideration to maintenance and operation efficiency, and the MOU terms and conditions are normal and customary for agreements of this type, and are consistent with prevailing scales in the community for comparable fields;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President of the University to enter into a MOU of use of one athletic field located at the University's Van Ness Campus at 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, for a period of twenty-seven (27) months subject to the following conditions:

1. The District will maintain the same level of security that exists at the current Murch Elementary School campus once the school is relocated to the UDCCampus;
2. The cost of removal for any District Facilities will be borne by the District if there is a need to repair the geothermal wells located on the District Premises;

3. The fence height for the fence that will be constructed around the perimeter will be the same fence height that is typically used at elementary schools, specifically Lafayette Elementary; and
4. Reasonable charges for Parking will be established for the twenty-five (25) unreserved parking spaces that are to be used by Murch employees who will have access to the UDC Van Ness Campus garage.

The resolution was ratified and the amendment approved.

Operations Committee

Revision to the University Alcohol Policy

President Mason presented the alcohol policy change which would require approval by the president for any sale of alcohol on campus. He explained that the Administration is in the process of reviewing the alcohol policy to ensure it satisfies the needs of the campus and its constituents. The trustees discussed the requirements for insurance with the rental of University facilities. In response to questions from the trustees, Mr. Thompson explained the standard contract for rental on campus requires that outside groups secure an insurance policy that meets the University's specifications.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016 – 19: Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking- Revision to the University Alcohol Policy

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia law (D.C. Official Code § 1201.01(a)) provides for the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia to adopt, prescribe, amend, repeal, and enforce such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it may deem necessary for the governance and administration of the University; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish or approve policies and procedures governing admissions, curricula, programs, graduation, the awarding of degrees, and general policy for the components of the University; and

WHEREAS, the University is required to maintain an alcohol policy in compliance with the Higher Education Act, Campus Safety Act and other federal and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved 8B DCMR § 616 and the corresponding University Alcohol and Drug Policy Guidelines on April 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the University now seeks to update the regulations and corresponding policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking and University Alcohol and Drug Policy Guidelines, attached and incorporated hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby declares the existence of an emergency to ensure that the University is in full compliance with applicable laws and Department of Education guidelines regarding alcohol on campus and that the failure of such compliance does not jeopardize the health, safety, or general welfare of the University community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the General Counsel is hereby directed to publish this Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking in the District of Columbia Register as soon as is practicable for a comment period of not less than thirty (30) days, in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505 (a).

The resolution was approved.

Leasing Agreements for 3003 Van Ness Property

President Mason spoke about the arrangement with the student athletes for housing on condition that the NCAA agreed with the arrangement that the University lease space in the apartments and provide financial aid to the student athletes. The aid will cover the housing costs and in some cases, only partial housing costs. In addition, some athletes will pay for their own housing costs. The facts were presented

to the NCAA, which concluded that the proposed housing arrangements complied with NCAA rules and regulations. President Mason felt comfortable that the University had done its due diligence.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016 – 20: Approval of Leasing Agreements for 3003 Van Ness Property

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 38-1202.01 (a) (2001 ed.), the Board of Trustees possesses all powers necessary or convenient to accomplish its statutorily prescribed objects and duties, including the power to make, deliver, and receive deeds, leases and other instruments and to take title to real and other property in its own name; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §2100.1, the President of the University, subject to Board approval, is authorized to enter into real estate lease agreements with any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §2100.3, the President shall lease as he deems to be in the interest of the University and necessary for the accommodation of University activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §2100.7 and §2100.8 acquisition of space by lease will be by negotiation, and on the basis most favorable to the University with due consideration to maintenance and operation efficiency and only at charges consistent with prevailing scales in the community for comparable facilities; and

WHEREAS, the University enrolls student athletes from across the country and the world who need access to safe and affordable housing close to the Van Ness Campus; and

WHEREAS, the apartment leases have been negotiated on a basis most favorable to the University with due consideration to maintenance and operation efficiency, the lease terms and conditions are normal and customary for leases of this type, and are consistent with prevailing scales in the community for comparable facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President of the University to enter into twelve (12) lease agreements at the property located at 3003 Van Ness St. NW with each lease not to exceed one (1) year.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

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

Institutional Aid/Leveraging Plan

Trustee Felton presented the resolution pertaining to the institutional aid/leveraging plan. Three committees (Academic and Student Affairs and Community College Committees and the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee) met. Mr. Sanchez briefly summarized the program. President Mason explained the financial aid budget will be used to provide merit scholarships. This plan will apply to the community college and the flagship. Trustee Wyner noted that during the joint meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Community College Committee, the trustees supported receiving a report prior to the second year of scholarships that provides information regarding the financial need of the students who receive the DC-UP scholarships.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2016-21: Approval of Institutional Aid/Leveraging Plan

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Official Code §38-1201.01(a)(7), the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, is charged with the responsibility of governing the University of the District of Columbia and possesses all the powers necessary or convenient to accomplish the objects and perform the duties authorized by this section including the power to adopt, prescribe, amend, repeal, and enforce bylaws, rules, and regulations it considers necessary for the governance and administration of the University; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §725.1 All tuition and fees to be charged to the students at the University, as set forth in Sections 728 through 729, shall be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §725.3 resident, non-resident, full-time, or part-time students shall pay the amount set forth for students within their particular category, unless otherwise deferred or waived by specific authority of the Board; and

WHEREAS, with the anticipated decline of high school graduates in the Northern States/markets, and a cluster of competitive institutions aggressively targeting prospective students within the District and implementing a discounting/leveraging strategy universally, it is only imperative that the University of the District of Columbia considers a dynamic leveraging strategy to influence its recruiting area and geographic spread, which will be the most significant factor in determining its flow of enrollees in the next decade, in particular higher performing prospects; and

WHEREAS, the institutional aid for consideration supports District of Columbia Valedictorians and Salutatorians with full scholarships for 4 years while other eligible high performing prospective students will receive a discount in tuition cost determined according to residency designation consistent with applicable residency policies; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that implementation of this enrollment strategy may result in \$515,575 in net tuition, and potentially 90 new first time in college students per annum, greater diversification of the entering class, and an enhanced on-campus experience to reflect the global populace;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order for the University to establish positional power as well as increase enrollment, diversification and graduation rates, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the University to offer institutional aid to qualifying students through the DCUP Program within the District and to employ a discounting strategy to recruit other prospects outside of the District at an annual cost of \$309,794 during each of FY 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

The resolution was approved.

Election of Officers (May 15, 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 (COW) held its budget markup. The University's budget subsidy is \$76.2 million which is an increase of \$5.2 million (7.4% increase). 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 Executive Director of External Affairs, Michelle Pourciau; 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. He mentioned the Educational Advisory Board (EAB), which is technology that the University has adopted to enable us to have a better sense of where students are in their process of pursuing degrees.

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.

Trustees Scott, Lewis, Felton and Lemus spoke about the recent conference they attended. There were opportunities to network with other trustees and hear discussions regarding issues facing all universities.

Report of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee

Trustee Felton reported the committee met [on April 21] and discussed the DC-UP plan, A-133 reports, CFO search, and second quarter financial statements.

Report of the Community College Committee.

Trustee Tardd spoke about 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. During the Operations Committee meeting, there were discussions regarding housing, the alcohol policy, 4250 Connecticut Avenue acquisition, and the president's residence.

President Mason presented a summary regarding Vision 2020.

Chair Crider requested a report regarding advancement. Trustee Scott recommended bringing a speaker to the Board meeting to discuss fundraising. It was suggested that the recommendation should go to the Foundation Board for consideration. President Mason mentioned that one of the items on the next budget list is a major gifts person.

Chief Academic Officer Search

Trustee Tarrd 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 the two vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Chair Crider thanked Dr. Petty, and her team and Dr. Walton for their efforts in making Middle States a success. 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 8:03 p.m.

Secretary’s Signature

Date