

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:

Christopher Bell, Chair
Elaine Crider, Vice-Chair
Jerome Shelton, Treasurer
Esther Barazzone, Secretary
Ronald Mason, President, *ex-officio*
Ken Grossinger, Trustee
Charlene Drew Jarvis, Trustee
Chavar Henry, Trustee
Anthony Tardd, Trustee
Errol Schwartz, Trustee
Carolyn Rudd, Trustee

Trustees Absent:

Executive Cabinet Present:

Lawrence T. Potter, Jr., Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
William Latham, Chief Student Development and Success Officer
Troy Lemaile-Stovall, Chief Operating Officer
Avis Russell, General Counsel

Staff Participants:

Patrick Gusman, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives
Frenika Rivers, Executive Secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees

Faculty Participants

Pier Broadnax, Ph.D., Director, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
Elgloria Harrison, Special Assistant to the Dean
Dwane Jones, Acting Dean of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, & Environmental Sciences
Renee Hutchins, Dean, David A. Clarke School of Law and Professor of Law

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Ms. Rivers called the roll, and a quorum was found to be present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting was presented. Trustee Shelton made the motion, and Trustee Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Opening Remarks

Chair Bell welcomed all to the Board of Trustees meeting. He asked for agenda items to be voted on en bloc as the agenda was full. He added an item to the agenda seeking approval of the interim position of Vice President for Capital Asset & Real Estate Services (CARES). Trustee Schwartz made the motion, and Trustee Grossinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the addition to the minutes was approved.

Action Items:

Notice of Final Rulemaking, Amendment to Chapter 1, Title 8-B, Meetings of the Board of Trustees, Remote Presence

Chair Bell read the modifications, and no discussion followed. Trustee Jarvis made a motion to approve the modification, and Trustee Crider seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Notice of Final Rulemaking was approved unanimously.

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-20 Notice of Final Rulemaking, Modification to the University Rules Regarding Non-Bargaining Unit Grievances, Chapter 16

Notice of Final Rulemaking, Amendments to Chapter 6, Implementation of Reserved/Premium Parking Fee

Chair Bell read the ratification of reductions to the FY 2021 Budget. There was no further discussion of the ratification. Trustee Shelton made a motion to approve the ratification. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried, and the ratification was approved unanimously. Chair Bell extended thanks to both President Mason and Mr. LeMaile-Stovall for their diligence in working on this in response to the Mayor.

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-21 Approval of Reductions to the FY2021 Budget

Resolution: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing/RN to BSN Online

There was discussion among the members on the structure of the program and the condensed areas in comparison to a traditional program.

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-23 Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing/RN to BSN Online

The resolution was approved with 10 votes in favor and 1 against.

Resolution: Approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Natural Sciences

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-22 Approval of an Associate of Science in Natural Sciences

Resolution: Approval of an Accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-Master of Science in Computer Engineering

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-24 Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Resolution: Approval of an Accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-25 Approval of an Accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Resolution: Approval of an Accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-26 Approval of an Accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Trustee Tardd made a motion to vote for these en bloc. Trustee Shelton seconded the motion. The resolutions were approved en bloc through a roll call vote.

Resolution: Tenure approval for Michelle Chatman, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-27 Tenure approval for Michelle Chatman, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences

Resolution: Tenure approval for Pamela Hampton-Garland, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-28 Tenure approval for Pamela Hampton-Garland, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences

Chair Bell made a motion to vote for these en bloc. Trustee Rudd seconded the motion. The resolutions were approved en bloc through a roll call vote.

Resolution: Tenure approval for Vanita Snow, J.D., David A. Clarke School of Law

Dean Hutchins and Trustee Tardd gave background of Vanita Snow and her work.

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-29 Tenure approval for Vanita Snow, J.D., David A. Clarke School of Law

Chair Bell made a motion to approve. Trustee Grossinger seconded the motion. The resolution was approved through a roll call vote.

Resolution: Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement SEIU 2020 Contract

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-30 Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement SEIU 2020 Contract

Trustee Shelton made a motion to approve. Trustee Jarvis seconded the motion. The resolution was approved through a roll call vote.

Resolution: Establishment of Retirement Executive Committee

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-31 Establishment of Retirement Executive Committee

Resolution: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Vacancy in the Office of the President

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-32 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Vacancy in the Office of the President

Trustee Jarvis made a motion to vote for these en bloc. Chair Bell seconded the motion. The resolutions were approved en bloc through a roll call vote.

Resolution: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Changes to Student Health Fee

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-33 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Changes to Student Health Fee

Resolution: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Consolidated Student Fee

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-34 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Consolidated Student Fee

Resolution: Student Apartment Lease

There was brief discussion about capacity and student selection to receive housing.

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-35 Approval of Student Apartment Lease

Resolution: Budget Amendment – Higher Education Incentive Program

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-36 Budget Amendment – Higher Education Incentive Program

Trustee Shelton made a motion to vote the four resolutions en bloc. Trustee Bell seconded the motion. The resolutions were approved en bloc through a roll call vote.

Report of the Chairperson

Chair Bell thanked the Board for their work and recognized President Mason and the University for being actively engaged in issues of police brutality and racial unrest. He thanked Trustee Grossinger for taking the lead for the Operations Committee, and thanked Trustee Shelton for leading both Audit, Budget, & Finance, and Operations. He shared that Dr. Crider is taking over the Student Outcomes Committee. He asked that board members let him know if they wish to change committees, and then thanked Barrington Scott for his time and contributions to the Board during his term.

Report of the President

President Mason thanked Chair Bell for his words. He then thanked Dr. Potter for his leadership of the negotiating team on the SEIU process. He pointed out key points in his report - staying within the *Equity Imperative*, repositioning facilities, recruiting in the Fall, and the Institute for the Study and Elimination of White Supremacy. President Mason said he would like to continue a conversation about its name and purpose. He said there are some thoughts about rebranding the University, and said he would like to discuss those during a retreat.

He talked about student activists participating in protests and giving the University a list of demands. One of the demands is a call to “defund the police,” about which he would like to engage conversation with the UDC police force. In commemorating Mr. Floyd and the George Floyds of history, UDC will dim its lights for nine days beginning on Juneteenth.

There was discussion of online learning and its impact on the University calendar. Dr. Potter said that classes will start the Tuesday after Labor Day, and said that timing will allow all courses to have

appropriate credit hours. Online courses for graduate students will begin as planned at the end of August.

There is a week's extension of the Fall semester. The spring semester will be planned around available information on reopening.

There was discussion of forecast enrollment numbers, and the DCPS MOU signed with the Partnership for Anacostia.

Chair Bell thanked President Mason for his reports.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

No committee report.

Committee of the Whole

No committee report.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Tardd highlighted the work of the School of Engineering and Applied Science's work with first responders by creating a face shield using a 3D printer. He also recognized CAUSES and its ability to continue stocking the food truck and delivering produce to Martha's Table and various other locations in Wards 7 and 8. His report included summer camps offered by UDC, accreditation news of Nursing and Mortuary Science programs, and the student team in the NASA Rover Competition. He shared the success of Student Services adapting to offering virtual services.

Alumni Taskforce

Trustee Shelton said that the Alumni Trustee nomination process was completed the day before. A slate of candidates will be announced soon, and there will be town hall sessions for the candidates. He shared the completion of the 4250 Connecticut deal, and future discussions on tuition models within the committee.

Audit, Budget, and Finance Committee

Trustee Shelton stated that CFO Musara delivered the second quarter financials and that the operating budget is within parameters.

Communications Task Force

No committee report.

Community College Committee

No committee report.

Operations

No committee report.

Student Outcomes Committee

No committee report.

New Business

As Mr. Erik Thompson is leaving the University, an agenda item was added to appoint an Acting Capital Assets and Real Estate Services Vice President. The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his work at the University and welcomed Mr. Alex Garrett.

Resolution: Acting Vice President of Capital Assets and Real Estate Services

Approval:

- Resolution No. 2020-37 Acting Vice President of Capital Assets and Real Estate Services.

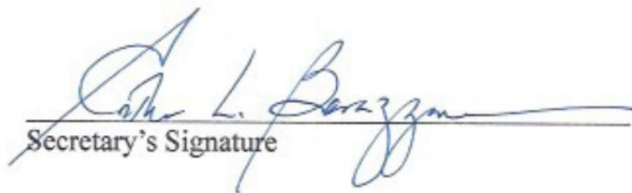
Trustee Grossinger made a motion to approve. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. The resolution was approved through a roll call vote.

Closing Remarks

Chair Bell let the Board know that a retreat date would be confirmed soon. There was discussion about the necessity of roll call voting for each action item and motion. Ms. Russell said she would investigate that.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rivers called roll on the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Secretary's Signature

September 22, 2020

Date