

**Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Executive Committee
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.**

Trustees Present:

Christopher Bell, Chair
Elaine Crider, Executive Committee
Jerome Shelton, Executive Committee
Esther Barazzone, Executive Committee
Ronald Mason, President, ex-officio
Ken Grossinger, Trustee
Charlene Drew Jarvis, Trustee
Joella Roberts, Trustee
Barrington Scott, Trustee

Trustees Absent:

Executive Cabinet Present:

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
Troy LeMaile-Stovall, Chief Operating Officer
Avis Russell, General Counsel

Staff Participants:

Munetsi Musara, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Gusman, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Mr. Gusman called the roll, and a quorum was found to be present.

Approval of Reductions to the FY2021 Budget

Chair Bell reported that Mayor Bowser requested each agency to identify cuts for the FY21 Budget. The University was asked to cut the budget by \$2 million. Chair Bell wanted to ensure that the Board of Trustees had an opportunity to consider the budget cuts in order to comply with the Mayor's request. The decision regarding budget cuts will be ratified at the April 21, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. LeMaile-Stovall reported that the Board voted in November to approve a budget that included an \$85 million appropriation from the District. That budget has been reduced by \$2 million. He noted that \$1.6 million will come from defunded positions, and \$369,000 from NPS funds [Non-Personnel Services].

Mr. LeMaile-Stovall explained that this is one version of the budget. He anticipates there will be multiple versions of the FY21 Budget. He assumed tuition will remain steady for now. He anticipated there will be a need to request changes to the FY21 Budget due to tuition and endowment funds. There is no guarantee the District will not come back to request further budget reductions.

There were several questions regarding the positions that will not be funded for FY21. President Mason noted that the positions are vacant, and not eliminations. Mr. LeMaile-Stovall indicated there will be opportunities to fill positions and defund other positions. Trustee Jarvis asked about the enrollment

management position. Mr. LeMaile Stovall noted that there are two enrollment positions. The position listed represents one position.

There also was discussion regarding the endowment fund. Mr. LeMaile-Stovall said \$2 million would be pulled from the fund (\$1 million on the restricted side and \$1 million on the unrestricted side). Mr. Musara reported that \$3.6 million from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund has been reduced to \$3.3 million. President Mason noted that the budget cuts were mainly from the Operations and President's budgets.

A couple of questions were submitted to the committee regarding the impact the budget cuts will have on faculty, and the correlation between the cost of attending school and increasing attendance. President Mason reported that he met with the Faculty Senate. The focus is on making sure that the core mission of teaching and learning is not impacted.

Trustee Shelton made a motion to approve the recommended budget cuts as presented. Trustee Barazzone seconded the motion. Chair Bell read a portion of the resolution into the official record. There was a roll call vote of the Executive Committee members who unanimously approved the resolution which will be ratified at the full Board of Trustees meeting on April 21.

Closing Remarks

Chair Bell thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting. He noted that the scheduled April 18 meeting [closed retreat] regarding the campus master plan will be rescheduled. Mr. LeMaile-Stovall recognized Mr. David Franklin and Mr. Munetsi Musara and staff for their work on the budget reductions. Trustee Roberts recognized the students who listened to the meeting and submitted questions.

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

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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