

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

#### Trustees Present:

Christopher Bell, Chair  
Elaine Crider  
Esther Barazzone  
Charlene Drew Jarvis  
Ken Grossinger\*  
Ronald Mason, *ex-officio*  
Joella Roberts  
Carolyn Rudd  
Errol Schwartz  
Barrington Scott  
Jerome Shelton  
Anthony Tardd  
*\*via teleconference*

#### Trustees Absent:

#### Executive Cabinet:

Lawrence Potter, Chief Academic Officer  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
William Latham, Chief Student Development and Success Officer  
Troy LeMaile-Stovall, Chief Operating Officer  
Avis Russell, Acting General Counsel  
Tony Summers, Chief Community College Officer

#### Staff Participants:

Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees

#### Call to Order and Roll Call

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

#### Approval of the Minutes

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the minutes for the November 19, 2019, and February 13, 2020, meetings.

#### Action Items

The Board of Trustees agreed to add an action item to the agenda regarding the acceptance of the FY19 Audit. The Board of Trustees approved the following action items and accepted the FY19 Audit.

##### Approved:

- Appointment of Professor Laurie Morin as Professor Emeritus
- Appointment of Professor Joseph B. Tulman as Professor Emeritus
- Approval of the UPDATED *Equity Imperative* Strategic Plan
- Approval of the Eighth Master Agreement Between the University of the District of Columbia and the University of the District of Columbia Faculty Association/National Education Association

- FY16-22 Compensation for Non-Union Continuing Full-Time Faculty (Excluding the David A. Clarke School of Law)
- Approval of Proposed Contract for the Replacement of the Roof on Building #38
- Approval of Proposed Contract No. GF-2019-C-0046 for the Design Build of the Renovation of the Van Ness Tennis Courts by and between KADCON Corporation and the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia (“Contract”)
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Amendments to Chapter 6, to Implement a Reserve/Premium Fee for Faculty, Staff, and Contractors with University-Issued Identification and Inapplicability of Parking Rates Provided by Third Party Contractor
- Approval of the Executive Appointment of Avis M. Russell as General Counsel of the University of the District of Columbia
- Appointment of Deborah Sullivan as Vice President, Talent Management, of the University of the District of Columbia
- Appointment of Dr. Scott Krawczyk, as Associate Chief Academic Officer, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, of the University of the District of Columbia
- Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Property Located at 4250 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC, between BDC Van Ness LLC, as Seller, and the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia as Purchaser

*Accepted:*

- FY19 Audit

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He spoke about the Founders’ Day celebration. He discussed the campus master plan, which is under review, and noted that the Board is committed to transparency with respect to the plan.

Chair Bell announced that the Board of Trustees meeting was the last one for Ms. Franklin, who will be leaving the University at the end of March. She was recognized by the Board later in the meeting.

**Report of the President**

President Mason recognized Dr. Potter for his leadership regarding the Founders’ Day program, and Mr. Reba, Mr. Gordon, and the Founders’ Day Committee for their work on the program. He noted that Dr. Summers has submitted his resignation, effective April 2020. President Mason noted that he has done an excellent job at the community college, and his experience and expertise will be missed.

President Mason briefly discussed activity related to the coronavirus. Mayor Bowser held a press conference, and notices have been sent to agencies that are considering contingency plans. A communication will be sent [to the University community]. President Mason reported that hand sanitation stations are located on the campus, and that restrooms are being super-cleaned.

Trustee Rudd asked about the Performance and Oversight Hearing and the Ward 4 UDC Town Hall. President Mason noted that anyone may attend the hearing, which will be held on March 5. The Town Hall in Ward 4 has had to be rescheduled.

Trustee Barazzone reported that she and President Mason attended the Rauh Professorship program. She would like to hear more from the academic side. President Mason said he would include student achievement as part of academic achievement.

President Mason mentioned that IPPH (Institute for Politics Policy and History) will hold an event on Thursday, March 5, 2020, focusing on “A Conversation with Mayor Bower Featuring David Rubenstein.”

Trustee Shelton asked about the student elections. Dr. Latham reported that the election process will take place next month. He will provide dates for the election process. Voting is done electronically. President Mason discussed the alumni elections. There were some issues that had to be addressed. While the DCMR recommends May, new Trustees may be seated by the September meeting. A revised timeline will be provided.

There was some discussion regarding the UDC 2020 Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, and one of the Hall of Famers, Amadou Gallo Fall. Trustee Shelton noted that the dinner was well attended. Additional discussion included the Smithsonian Exhibit located in Heritage Hall, Student Center, and the Great Day Washington segments regarding the University.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee**

Chair Bell reported that Trustee Shelton is Treasurer and Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance (ABF) Committee. He thanked Dr. Jarvis for her excellent work as ABF Chair, and her membership on the Executive Committee.

#### **Committee of the Whole**

No committee reports.

#### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Trustee Tardd shared with the Board of Trustees some of the academic accolades that were distributed by Dr. Potter during the committee meeting. They include receiving compliance approval for initial accreditation of the Associates Nursing Program; receiving accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation; Top 10 for Moon to Mars Challenge; Tops List of HBCUS for Graduate Fellows at Columbia University; NASA Award for Advanced Manufacturing Research Center; Awarded \$4.5 million for Nanotechnology Research by NSF; Awarded \$6.8 Million NIST Cooperative Agreement; and Selected to Lead University Research Consortium by the DOE National Nuclear Security Administration. The University also received #1 Best Value in the Nation’s Capital for Earning an MA in Counseling; #1 Best Affordable Mechanical Engineering Degree Program [2019]; #1 in the 50 Best Affordable Business Schools[2019]; #1 Community College in DMV; Least Expensive University in DMW; UDC Law #2 in the Nation for Public Interest and Government Job Placement Program; #6 Clinical Law Program in the Nation; and #7 Best Affordable Engineering School [2019]. Trustee Barazzone suggested a Banner campaign for this type of information.

*Communications Task Force.* Trustee Roberts reported she had created flyers for BOT meetings. She is working with a journalism team to create the Firebird Spotlight, and suggested the Webmaster live-stream BOT and committee meetings.

Trustee Shelton reported that the Board of Trustees has to accept the FY19 Audit Report. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved, to amend the agenda and add the Audit, Budget, and Finance Committee (ABF) report on the FY19 audit to the agenda. Mr. LeMaile-Stovall explained that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) discussed the FY19 audit with the ABF Committee. Since the audit is part of the District audit, it has to be accepted by the Board of Trustees. The Board of

Trustees agreed to accept the report of the Audit, Budget, and Finance Committee regarding the FY19 audit.

Trustee Tardd also gave a brief report regarding student affairs, which is focusing on the collection of data, including getting student opinions on various items.

#### **Community College Committee**

Trustee Tardd learned that FedEx donated a 5,000-pound airline engine to the Aviation Maintenance program. Dr. Summers expressed thanks to the efforts of the aviation program and Director William Russo, who applied and received the donation from FedEx.

#### **Student Outcomes Committee**

No committee report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

No Report.

#### **New Business**

Trustee Shelton reported that the GED graduation was held and supported by the faculty. He thanked everyone for their support. Trustee Scott reminded the Board about the matching campaign recognizing high academic achievers. He spoke about recognizing the top-10 academic achievers from the Class of 2020 with pavers on the plaza. Information will be provided about the pavers and contributions.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Chair Bell announced that the Board of Trustees would enter executive session. A motion was made, and the roll was called. He read the following statement into the official record:

In accordance with D.C. Code §2-575 (b) (2) (3) (4A) and (5) (2005), 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; discussing, establishing or instructing the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken in negotiating incentives relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses or business activities in the District; 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; and planning, discussing, or conducting specific collective bargaining negotiations.

Chair Bell announced that the Board would not return to the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session.

Trustee Jarvis asked about the book, *Sustainable Innovation*, received from the School of Business and Public Administration (SBPA). Dr. Potter reported that the faculty of SBPA are editors of the collection.

He noted that over the next year or two we will be responsible for leading the series on business and sustainable development.

The Board of Trustees entered executive session at 7:15 p.m.

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