

## **Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

### **Trustees Present:**

Christopher Bell, chair  
Mignon Clyburn, vice-chair  
Jerome Shelton, treasurer  
Esther Barazzone, secretary  
Charlene Drew Jarvis, trustee  
Ken Grossinger, trustee  
Mildred Musgrove, trustee  
Carolyn Rudd, trustee  
Errol Schwartz, Trustee  
Barrington Scott, Trustee  
Anthony Tardd, Trustee  
Anntoinette White-Richardson, Trustee  
Ronald Mason, President, *ex-officio*

### **Trustees Absent:**

### **Executive Cabinet Present:**

David Franklin, chief operating officer  
Monique Guillory, chief of staff and senior vice president  
William Latham, chief student development and success officer  
Lawrence T. Potter Jr., Ph.D., chief academic officer  
Avis Russell, general counsel

### **Staff Participants:**

Frenika Rivers, executive secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees  
Rodney Trapp, vice-president for advancement, UDC Foundation

### **Other Participants:**

Mr. Douglas Firstenberg, president, UDC Foundation

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Bell welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Ms. Rivers called the roll, and a quorum was found to be present.

### **Foundation Report**

Mr. Douglas Firstenberg presented the Foundation update and highlight that 4.7 million dollars was raised in 2022. He shared information about notable donors and the DC Council's funding match. He updated the Board on staffing within the Office of Advancement. There was continued conversation about growing the donor base.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was presented to move the Board into Executive Session and it was seconded. The Board's executive session began at 6:36 p.m. Chairman Bell read the following statement into the record, "In accordance with D.C. Code Section 2-575 (b), (10), the Board of Trustees gave notice that we were going to conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussing appointment employment assignment, and promotion, and performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials, or of public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees at a public charter school."

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Chairman Bell stated for the record that, "that all matters discussed therein were legal, and proper in accordance with the D.C. Code Section 2-575. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting was presented and approved by a vote.

### **Action Items**

Resolution 2022- 21, Approval of proposed FY2023 Operating Budget Amendment #1 was presented by Mr. Franklin. After questions and concerns were address, Chairman Bell read the following into the record, "*Whereas, the proposed FY2023 Budget Amendment #1 is reflective of the projected revenues, consistent with the prudent fiscal and accounting practices, and is in line with the President's and the Board's vision for the University. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Proposed Budget Request, as amended to incorporate the Budget Amendment Request #1 attached hereto as Exhibit A.*"

Resolutions 2022-22 and 2022-23 were presented by Trustee Grossinger. He said that the D.C. Council approved a final fiscal year '23 through '28 CIP allocation to the university of 219.5 million dollars, which represents 56 million dollar increase. He said the Council unanimously supported this. He gave background to resolution 2022-23, a salary adjustment for Dr. Nitsche from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Chairman Bell read 2022-22 into the record. "*Whereas, the proposed FY2023-FY2028 Capital Budget Spending Plan is consistent with prudent fiscal and accounting practices and is in line with the President's and the Board's vision for the University. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed FY2023-FY2028 Capital Spending Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A.*"

Chairman Bell read 2022-23 into the record. "*Whereas, after a review of his credentials, performance and assigned responsibilities, it has been determined that Dr. Nitsche is well qualified for such position and the recommended salary adjustment adequately reflects the job duties and his experience. Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the salary adjustment for Dr. Ludwig Nitsche, Associate Dean of Academic Programs for the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences , effective October 1, 2021, consistent with the terms and conditions of his appointment letter.*"

Chairman Bell made a motion to vote on resolutions 2022-22 and 2022-23 en bloc and it was seconded. The resolutions were approved through a vote.

### **Report of the Chairperson**

Chairman Bell gave an update on the UDC Presidential Search committee. He thanked President Mason for his service to the University.

### **President's Report**

President Mason gave an overview of his written report which was based on information collected from the University's units. This included the University's work on the strategic plan, and his continued focus on the remainder of his term. He asked Maria Byrd to give a brief update on the Equity Imperative.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Executive*

No report

#### *Committee of the Whole*

No report

#### *Academic and Student Affairs*

No report

#### *Alumni Affairs Task Force*

No report. There was conversation about alumni affairs regarding homecoming, a flag presented from the alumni, and building relationships in DCPS.

#### *Student Communication Task Force*

Dr. Harris gave a report of recent student feedback. This included students being more involved in University decision-making and provision of transportation funds to supplement the student shuttle absence.

#### *Audit Budget Finance*

No report

#### *Operations*

No report.

#### *Student Outcomes*

No report

### **Closing Remarks**

Chairman Bell thanked all for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved through a vote and the meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.

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