

APPROVED, November 20, 2006

**Board of Trustees Minutes
Montgomery Community College
October 16, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College met in public session in the Bliss Room, Commons Building, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, on October 16, 2006. The regular public meeting was called to order by the Chair. The following Board members were present:

Dr. Sylvia W. Crowder, Chair
Ms. Roberta F. Shulman, First Vice Chair
Dr. Michael C. Lin, Second Vice Chair
Dr. Jong-on Hahm
Ms. Gigi Godwin

Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
Dr. Owen D. Nichols
Mr. Steve Kaufman
Ms. Vanessa Coleman

Dr. Charlene R. Nunley, secretary-treasurer of the Board of Trustees and president of the College was present. Trustee Gene Counihan was absent.

Subject: Approval of the Revised Agenda and Minutes of September 18, 2006

On motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Lin, the revised agenda and minutes of September 18, 2006 were approved.

Resolution No. 06-10-112

Subject: Retirement Recognition and Emerita Status for Dr. So-Fei Fang

On motion by Trustee Shoenberg, seconded by Trustee Nichols, the Board approved and adopted the above subject resolution. (A copy of the resolution, as adopted by the Board, is attached in the Record of Resolutions, pages 2-3).

Dr. Fang was not present and her recognition items will be sent to her.

Subject: Comments Period

There were no speakers to come before the Board.

Subject: President's Report to the Board

From the report, Dr. Nunley briefly commented on her involvement with the Spellings Commission and how elated she was to receive the \$471,000 grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Subject: Spellings Commission Report

Dr. Nunley reported that it has been a fascinating journey being part of that effort. There were 19 members and she only knew one other person. It was interesting because everyone was different. The chairman was Charles Miller, former chair of University of Texas Board of Regents.

Dr. Nunley stated that when she went on the Commission she had a couple of goals: to make sure that the community college voice was heard and to be loud and not let conversations about higher education go unattended without the community college focus. She indicated that the first two drafts of the report were not very inclusive about community colleges. She wrote

Charles Miller about this and didn't understand why community colleges were being left out. The third report was much more inclusive of community colleges.

Dr. Nunley highlighted the things in the report that are really good for America's community colleges and for the most part, higher education in general. She discussed her disappointments with the report also. The report discussed accountability, but she was most excited about access. The report is very strong on need-based financial aid; transfer students; restoring the buying power of the Pell Grant to 70% of the average public college tuition; forms are too complex and will try to simplify the process for applying for financial aid; consistently in high school graduation and college entrance requirements; strong high school partnerships to improve student preparation; expanding early college classes for high school students who are already college ready; focus on the needs of low income and diverse students; strong statements about the importance of life-long learning; strong statements about the importance of fairness and efficiency of transfer of credits among institutions; assessment of learning; and a unit record system.

The biggest disappointment of the report was that it didn't take the states to task nearly enough in terms of their responsibility for higher education. The final change that was made in the report is one that she helped orchestrate with Charles Miller. After the final draft was prepared, there were statements in the report of that nature that states have too much on their agendas and have to deal with health care, welfare, and aging populations, and states can't do anything more for higher education. She did not feel comfortable with a report that lets the states off the hook. The last change stated that the states have a lot of issues on their agendas; however, in light of all the information the Commission has looked at, the states need to recommit and expand their historical commitment to higher education.

Dr. Nunley thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and for being patient with her while she was away. She thanked all of the people at the College also. She thanked Ms. Susan Madden for her cooperation.

Trustee Shoenberg commented on his disappointment on access and access to what. Dr. Nunley explained that learning outcomes talked about what goes on inside.

In response to the Chair's question, Dr. Nunley commented on the research component of research universities and the use of technology in higher education.

Subject: Takoma Park/Silver Spring Annual Report

Dr. Brad Stewart, vice president and provost, welcomed the Board to the Campus and the Bliss Room which will begin renovations very soon. Dr. Stewart highlighted the Annual Report. Dean Jennie Wells commented on the Student Service Center and its use. Dean Angie Pickwick commented some of the successes in the Health Sciences field to include the graduates of the various programs and the first-time pass rate for the students. Dean Dehly Porras reported on the Math and Science programs. Dean Paula Matuskey reported on the classroom and design responsibilities for some of her academic disciplines.

Trustee Hahm asked about occupational therapy programs. Dean Pickwick noted that there are no programs right now at the College. Trustee Coleman encouraged Dr. Stewart to engage the community in Takoma Park.

Trustee Kaufman commented that the resources at the Campus are in very good hands and the Board is very proud of the staff.

Trustee Shoenberg stated that the report was splendid and he liked the vision statement. He

Dr. Nunley thanked Vice President David Sears and Ms. Kayran Moore who worked very hard to orchestrate the wonderful gift from the Silberman family.

Resolution No. 06-10-118

Subject: Proposed FY2008 Capital Budget

Mr. David Capp, chief facilities officer, along with Ms. Donna Pina, capital budget manager, presented the FY08 Capital Budget Request to the Board. She reviewed the changes to the budget, collegewide projects, information technology projects, Rockville Campus projects, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus projects, and Germantown Campus projects.

Mr. Capp provided brief comments on the capital budget. Dr. Nunley provided comments on the capital budget. Dr. Nichols asked about any significant changes in the budget. Ms. Pina stated that there may be a couple of minor changes, but nothing significant. There will be nothing to change the overall numbers. In hearing that, Trustee Nichols asked the Chair if he could make a motion to approve the FY08 Capital Budget tonight. The Chair was willing to accept a motion.

On motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Kaufman, the Board approved and adopted the FY2008 Capital Budget Request. (A copy of the resolution, as adopted by the Board, is attached in the Record of Resolutions, pages 18-19).

Subject: New Business, Announcements, and Adjournment

In compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 10-508, subject to Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1991, the Chair announced that the Board voted to hold an Executive Session (closed session) on October 16, when three site matters (subsection 3) – Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, Germantown Campus, and Rockville Campus Updates were discussed; one legal matter (subsection 7) – IT security; one collective bargaining matter (subsection 9); and one personnel matter (subsection 1) – the presidential search were discussed.

The business on the agenda having been completed and with the consent of all Board members present, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham