

APPROVED, February 19, 2007

**Board of Trustees Minutes
Montgomery Community College
January 16, 2007**

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College met in public session on January 16, 2007, in the Trustee Board Room, Central Administration. The Chair of the Board called the **Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2008 Operating Budget** to order on motion by Trustee Hahm and seconded by Trustee Counihan. There were no speakers to give testimony on the **Proposed FY2008 Operating Budget**. On motion by Trustee Nichols seconded by Trustee Hahm, the Public Hearing was adjourned. The regular public meeting was called to order. The following Board members were present:

Dr. Sylvia W. Crowder, Chair
Mr. Stephen Z. Kaufman
Dr. Jong-on Hahm
Mr. Gene W. Counihan

Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
Ms. Vanessa Coleman
Dr. Owen D. Nichols

Dr. Charlene R. Nunley, secretary-treasurer of the Board of Trustees and president of the College was present. Trustees Michael Lin, Roberta Shulman, and Gigi Godwin were absent.

**Subject: Approval of Revised Agenda and
Minutes of December 12, 2006**

On motion by Trustee Shoenberg, seconded by Trustee Nichols, the revised agenda and minutes were approved as read.

Resolution No. 07-01-001 Subject: Tribute to Mr. Jeffrey Finlay
**Resolution No. 07-01-002 Subject: Retirement Recognition and Award of Bronze
Medallion to Ms. Elaine Hart**

On motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Kaufman, the Board approved and adopted the above subject resolutions. (Copies of the resolutions, as adopted by the Board, are attached in the Record of Resolutions, pages 2-5.)

Ms. Nancy Nuell, director of business development and grants, provided comments on the life and service of Mr. Jeffrey Finlay at the College and spoke about his efforts to acquire grants in the last year. Mrs. Ai-Hui Finlay accepted the tribute and thanked the Board for the recognition.

Ms. Elaine Hart was not present.

Subject: Comments Period

There were no speakers to come before the Board.

Subject: President's Report to the Board

Dr. Nunley stated that she has had a wonderful good time in being president of Montgomery College and one of the wonderful aspects of that has been getting to know every single person who serves on the Board. The Trustees give so much to the College and they serve on the Board because they care about the College. This is rare because across the country a lot of people serve on boards like this for what the board can do for them. Every Trustee here serves on this Board for what they can do for the College. The Trustees give so much more than would

be necessary in a volunteer role and they have helped to secure resources for this College that are the envy of every community college in the country. She thanked all of the Trustees for the wonderful support that they have given her during her seven and one-half years as president of Montgomery College. She thanked them for all of their time and effort that they put into selecting a new president for the College. That is a very intense activity for a board of trustees. She stated that she was very excited about Dr. Johnson and she looks forward to doing whatever she can to be helpful and can't wait for his arrival in early February.

Dr. Crowder thanked Dr. Nunley for her remarks and stated that on behalf of the Board they should be thanking her for the spectacular leadership that she has given the institution as president and the service that she has given the entire time that she has been at Montgomery College.

Dr. Crowder congratulated Dr. Nunley for being named one of the Washingtonians of the Year. She was one of sixteen people in the Washington metropolitan area selected for that honor. Dr. Crowder stated that she was one of Dr. Nunley's guests today when she received the reward.

In response to Trustee Coleman's question, Dr. Brad Stewart, vice president and provost, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, explained that the CME units are continuing medical education units. They are for continuing education activities that one gets when working in certain health care professions and must typically obtain a certain numbers of CME units throughout their career to maintain their licensure.

Subject: Trustee Information Report

Dr. Robert Lynch, director of the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis, provided comments on the Selected Student Characteristics Report for Fall 2000-Fall 2006. He commented on the decline in growth at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus this fall. Additionally, there was a decline in the number of students in the age group of 30-39.

Ms. Melissa Gregory, college director of Financial Aid, provided an update on student financial aid and reported that the percentage of money coming from the Federal government was declining and that it was nationwide. The Board of Trustees grants help to compensate for this loss.

Trustee Coleman asked about the growth in the 15-17 year-old age group in the Student Characteristics Report. Dr. Lynch stated that it was a result of the College Institute and the Gateway to College programs.

Subject: Legislative Briefing

Ms. Susan Madden, director of Government Relations, provided a legislative briefing to the Board. She indicated that the name of the game this year is change. She reviewed the new positions at the County and State levels. The outlook for 2007 is murky at the moment. The changes bring uncertainty. The good news is that the political environment seems to be very positive and collegial at the moment. Both environments are somewhat fiscally conservative. The Governor will be sworn in tomorrow. There are lots of discussion about slots and taxes. The fiscal health of the County and State seems to be relatively good for now. Ms. Madden addressed the operating and capital budgets of the State.

Ms. Madden noted that the County Executive approved the College's capital budget as requested with the exception of one project which he has delayed one year. This is a good start with the new County Executive. On the operating side, there will be gaps and Mr. Leggett is not likely to want to exceed property tax caps.

specifically, improvements to the academic programs that the Trustees felt that it was really essential to maintain the budget intact as it was presented to them. It is going to take a lot of advocacy at the County level to get this budget approved as it stands, but thinks that it is worth the effort. It is something that the College has got to do to really move ahead academically and move the College program forward into picking up some 21st century ways of doing things. He indicated that he was pleased that the Board was ready to approve the budget and was certain that everyone will get behind it and push.

Trustee Nichols stated that he totally agreed with everything that Trustee Shoenberg said about the budget request.

Dr. Crowder stated that she would like to go on record as fully agreeing with what Dr. Shoenberg has said also.

Subject: New Business, Announcements, and Adjournment

Dr. Crowder reviewed the function of the Transition Committee that has been established which will be chaired by Trustee Counihan. Activities have been planned to celebrate the College's outgoing leader and indicated that tonight would be just a brief time for the Trustees to express their gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Nunley for all that she has done for the College and what she will continue to do in the future even though she may not be sitting in the chair that she occupied tonight.

Dr. Crowder asked that everyone stand and give Dr. Nunley a round of applause for her many years of service to Montgomery College.

Trustee Nichols stated that the College could not have had a better president than what it has had. The only thing wrong is that the Board could not clone Dr. Nunley. If it could have, it would have been able to continue with the same person as president. He is certain that her successor will do a great job, but the job that she did was absolutely sensational.

Trustee Coleman indicated that Dr. Nunley did a great job of balancing all of the things that a great president has to do in that role. She managed to do a lot with the internal College and put the College at the forefront, externally. Trustee Coleman indicated that Dr. Nunley is an amazing woman and has helped her and answered every question that she has asked of her.

Trustee Kaufman indicated that Dr. Nunley is one of the people in his life that he has met with the biggest heart, terrific judgment, and fair play. He is glad that the Board can't clone Dr. Nunley because she is unique and simply the best. He indicated that he has not met a more talented person and a more generous person than Dr. Nunley.

Trustee Counihan commented that since Montgomery College's mission is about changing lives, Dr. Nunley provided the model for doing that for all of us and she has changed our lives by her model and the example that she has set everyday in so many different ways. Dr. Nunley has incredible ability, instincts, values, and work ethic, and it all comes together in such a wonderful package and so many have benefited from that. Dr. Nunley makes us all proud to be associated with Montgomery College and thanked her for everything.

Trustee Shoenberg commented that Dr. Parilla was on professional leave when he came on the Board and Dr. Nunley was the acting president and just as Dr. Parilla was about to come back, he said to him that as far as he was concerned Dr. Nunley was the president of the College and he had to prove himself. He indicated that he has always continued to feel that way. Trustee Shoenberg indicated that the last time the Board was going through the presidential selection

process and he was making a strong of an argument as he could for selecting Dr. Nunley, one of the things that struck him was that in comparison with some of the other people that the Trustees talked to, they knew Dr. Nunley. Dr. Nunley had incredible potential and they hadn't begun to see it and even at that moment he underestimated her potential. He underestimated the kind of president that Dr. Nunley would become. He indicated that he has traveled around the country and has seen a lot of presidents in action and there is no better president than Dr. Nunley. He indicated that he would like to comfort the Trustees at this moment because they were all feeling bereft. He indicated that there was a wonderful and true line in a poem by Alfred Tennyson who wrote a long poem about the death of King Arthur and the last section of it is about the death of King Arthur. Arthur is with his very last supporter who was unwilling to leave him as he was about to get on the boat that would take him to the paradisiacal land of Avalon and Arthur is comforting this last supporter and is saying to him -- "The old world changes yielding place to new and God reveals himself in many ways less one good custom should corrupt the world." He indicated that Dr. Nunley had been the College's good custom. She had not stayed long enough to corrupt us, but she will move on and we will move on and that's the way things should be.

Trustee Hahm commented that with Dr. Nunley being the kind of person that she is, she is probably mortified by all of this attention and praise. She recalled a dinner with the Foundation Board as it was a big event where everyone was introducing themselves and Dr. Nunley stood up and said, I'm Charlene Nunley and Montgomery College is my life. She thanked Dr. Nunley for giving so much of her life to the College and now she has it back. Dr. Hahm quoted another line from Tennyson that was more uplifting -- "Arise, go forth, and conquer", which she thinks Dr. Nunley will continue to do.

Trustee Nichols provided a quote also -- "The secret to success is not to do what you like to do, but to like what you have to do." He thinks that this is Dr. Nunley's philosophy as well.

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 January 8, when one personnel matter (subsection 1) -- Presidential Transition and a medallion recommendation were discussed; one collective bargaining matter (subsection 9); and three site matters (subsection 3) -- Campus Updates for Rockville, Germantown, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring were discussed. Additionally, the Board voted to hold an Executive Session (closed session) on January 16, when one personnel matter (subsection 1) -- presidential contract; one site matter (subsection 3) -- Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus update; and one collective bargaining matter (subsection 9) 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 8:35pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham