



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Montgomery Community College, Rockville, Maryland
March 17, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College met in public session on March 17, 2008, in the Trustee Board Room, Central Administration. The Chair of the Board called the regular public meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Roberta Shulman, Chair, Michael C. Lin, 1st Vice Chair, Stephen Kaufman, 2nd Vice Chair, Gene Counihan, Sylvia Crowder, Jong-on Hahm, Owen Nichols, Gigi Godwin, Reginald Felton, and Student Trustee Cristian Barrera

Present Ex-Officio: President and Secretary/Treasurer Brian K. Johnson

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Felton seconded. The motion passed and the agenda was approved by the Board.

IV. MINUTES

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 public meeting; Trustee Crowder seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

V. COMMENTS PERIOD - None

VI. RECOGNITIONS

BR# 08-03-19 Retirement Recognition and Award of Bronze Medallion to Ms. Rosemary Gear

BR# 08-03-20 Retirement Recognition of Dr. Kenneth Beem

BR# 08-03-21 Retirement Recognition of Professor Andrew Nelson

BR# 08-03-22 Retirement Recognition of Dr. Leonard Rosenbaum

On motion by Trustee Nichols; seconded by Trustee Crowder, the motion passed. Professor Nelson and Dr. Rosenbaum did not attend the meeting.

Dr. Hercules Pinkney, vice president and provost Germantown Campus, provided remarks on the life and service of Ms. Rosemary Gear at the College. Ms. Rear thanked Dr. Pinkney and the Board for the recognition and indicated that it had been a privilege to work for Montgomery College. Dr. Johnson and Trustee Shulman presented Ms. Gear with the bronze medallion, framed resolution, and retirement gift.

Dean Sanjay Rai, Rockville Campus, provided remarks on the life and service of Dr. Kenneth Beem at the College. Dr. Beem provided comments and thanked the Board for the recognition. Dr. Johnson and Trustee Shulman presented Dr. Beem with the framed resolution and retirement gift.

Trustee Kaufman thanked Dr. Beem for the work that he had done on behalf of the MC Scholars program and indicated that he appreciated everything because the program encourages students to stay in the State to receive their education.

VII. REPORTS

A. President's Report to the Board

Dr. Johnson noted that the *President's Annual Report to the Community* had been mailed out, highlighted Staff Professional Day, and commended everyone and the co-chairs for a successful Middle States Report which had no requirements or recommendations.

Ms. Donna Dimon, chief budget and management studies officer, and Mr. Marshall Moore, vice president for administrative and fiscal services, shared information with the Board on the status of the College's FY2009 Operating Budget. Ms. Dimon indicated that there was no County increase, and Dr. Johnson indicated that the College received spending authority and will be working on an emergency plan.

B. Spotlight Report – Biomedical Scholars

Dr. Barbara Hoberman, coordinator of the Biomedical Scholars program, presented the report. She introduced faculty and students associated with the program, and her husband, Mr. Alan Hoberman, a strong advocate for the program. She discussed the key to student success, undergraduate research, internships, and transferring to other institutions.

Trustee Lin asked about scholarships based on financial need. Dr. Hoberman indicated that the National Institutes of Health provides grants for the program and students get quite a bit of scholarships.

Trustee Felton asked about the number of applicants. Dr. Hoberman indicated that the program receives sometimes 50 or 60 applications at a time. She indicated that she, Dr. Ken Weiner, and Ms. Maria Davidson conduct the recruiting for the program.

Trustee Hahm asked the students to share some information about their research projects.

Trustee Kaufman wanted to know how the Board could benefit the entire College population with this program. Dr. Hoberman talked about internships and indicated that the program could be expanded to a larger population.

Trustee Counihan thanked Dr. Hoberman, the faculty, and students for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to continue their wonderful work and wanted to let them know that the Board supports them. He indicated that if there are specific things that the Board needs to know, please let the Trustees know.

Dr. Johnson recognized members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 500 who was in the audience.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

BR# 08-03-23 Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

BR# 08-03-24 Award of Contract, Custom Made Retail Store Service Center, Rockville C Campus

On motion by Trustee Nichols; seconded by Trustee Crowder, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted the Consent Calendar.

IX. BR# 08-03-25 Award of Contract, Commons Renovation, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

On motion by Trustee Hahm; seconded by Trustee Felton, the motion passed and the Board approved agenda item number IX.

Copies of all Board Resolutions for this meeting are attached in the Record of Resolutions.

X. New Business - None

XI. 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 March 11, 2008, when one site matter (subsection 3) – Germantown and Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus updates were discussed; and one personnel matter (subsection 1) - the president's assessment was discussed.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Roberta F. Shulman
Chair, Board of Trustees

Brian K. Johnson
President and Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Trustees

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham