



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Montgomery Community College, Rockville, Maryland
March 17, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College met in public session on March 17, 2009, in the Trustee Board Room, Central Administration. The regular public meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:35pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Roberta F. Shulman, Michael C. Lin, 1st Vice Chair, Steve Kaufman, 2nd Vice Chair, Gigi Godwin, Gene Counihan, and Reggie Felton
Present Ex-Officio: President and Secretary/Treasurer Brian K. Johnson
Absent: Trustees Owen Nichols and Gabriel Spiro

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Tom Ladd, former chair of the Montgomery College Foundation Board.

V. MINUTES

Trustee Counihan moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 public meeting; Trustee Felton seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

VI. COMMENTS PERIOD

The chair provided a comment on the concern of the Board and that the administration is working to resolve this problem with the community. The Board will work with the 16 minutes allotted for the Comments Period first and then evaluate the remainder time with the other speakers. The chair noted that the Board reads all testimony provided and Mr. Sorrell will be the time keeper for the evening.

There were eleven speakers to come before the Board.

1. Carlos Moya – Mr. Moya spoke as a student and thanked the Board. He stated that he came to Montgomery College to receive an education and will receive an associate's degree in international studies and transfer to a four-year university. His brother also attends the College with him. He is a full-time student and very involved with the College community. He received a BOT Scholar Award for coming to the College. He stated that students need money and the scholarship is very helpful to him.

2. Ms. Elyse Gussow, President, Plymouth Woods – She spoke in opposition to the fence. She is very disappointed with the Board and noted that silence speaks volume. She reviewed the College's evacuation plan.
3. Mr. Michael Phillips, President, College Garden Civic Association – He spoke in opposition to the fence and noted that there was more negative impact than benefits.
4. Ms. Leesa Dehaven – She spoke in opposition to the fence and noted that her son is a student at the College and she wants the fence opened immediately.
5. Ms. Jerry Cashin – She spoke in opposition to the fence.

After 16 minutes of testimony, Trustee Counihan moved to extend the time to two minutes each for the remainder of the speakers; Trustee Felton seconded. The motion passed and the speakers proceeded to provide their testimony.

6. Mr. Demertrius Phails – He spoke in opposition to the fence.
7. Professor Robert Ciapetta – He spoke in opposition to the fence and noted that he was a professor at the College and 40-year faculty member.
8. Ms. Elizabeth Crane – She spoke in opposition to the fence.
9. Ms. Fran Miller – She spoke in opposition to the fence.
10. Ms. Judy Pretra – She thanked the Board for closing the fence and want the fence to remain closed.
11. Mr. Harry Thomas – He spoke in opposition to the fence.

VII. RECOGNITIONS

BR# 09-03-017 Retirement Recognition of Ms. Anita E. Crawley

BR# 09-03-018 Retirement Recognition of Ms. Barbara D. Irish

BR# 09-03-019 Retirement Recognition of Mrs. Mary Kate Surber

**BR# 09-03-020 Retirement Recognition and Award of Bronze Medallion to
Mr. Poul Pedersen**

BR# 09-03-021 Retirement Recognition of Mr. Alan Vincent

Trustee Felton moved to approve agenda item #VII, the Recognitions. Trustee Counihan seconded. The motion passed and the recognitions were approved by the Board.

Mr. John McLean provided comments on the life and service of Mrs. Surber at the College and thanked her for her many years of service. Mrs. Surber thanked the Board for the recognition.

Mr. Randy Hall, Ms. Donna Schena, and Mr. Dick Leurig provided comments on the life and service of Mr. Poul Pedersen at Montgomery College and in the community. Mr. Pedersen provided comments and thanked the Board and Dr. Johnson for the recognition.

Ms. Crawley, Ms. Irish, and Mr. Vincent were not present

VIII. REPORTS

President's Report to the Board

Dr. Johnson highlighted his report and commented on the College's enrollment. He stated that he appreciated the comments of the student tonight, Mr. Moya, and indicated that the Board of Montgomery Community College Board of Trustees

Trustees scholarships go a long-way in assisting students with their educational endeavors. They are well-placed scholarships. Dr. Johnson noted that he was encouraged by the meetings with the faculty governance groups and that everyone worked together to get the operating budget to the County Executive. The County Executive has recommended a 1.3 percent increase to the County Council. At the State level, the funding scenarios change frequently. Dr. Johnson noted that the transition to a smoke-free college has been very challenging. The College installed a fence to alleviate the immediate relief to neighbors most affected by students smoking near their homes. The College will exam options in the coming weeks. Dr. Johnson thanked Dr. Ackerman and the deans for bringing the policy before the Board. Finally, on the Rockville Campus, the construction on the Science Center Building began on Feb 28. He looks forward to the months ahead.

Trustee Godwin spoke about scholarship opportunities, and specifically about Mike Knapps' efforts. Dr. Johnson commented on this and noted that Mr. Knapp crafted a bill for students who take course in high-demand subjects.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

BR# 09-03-022 Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

**BR# 09-03-023 Approval of the Associate of Arts in Teaching in English
(Secondary A.A.T.)**

**BR# 09-03-024 Graduates Receiving the Associate Degree and the One-year Program
Certificate in Fall 2008**

On motion by Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Counihan, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted the Consent Calendar.

Trustee Felton requested additional information on the Teaching Degree regarding how the practicum was involved with getting the degree. He is aware that it is now more intensive and how does it tie into the classroom? To what extent is this part of the degree? How are the program outcomes aligned with the four-year degree?

X. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS

**BR# 09-03-025 Award of Contract, Architectural & Engineering Services, Science East
And Science West Building Renovations, Rockville Campus**

BR# 09-03-026 Award of Contract, Youth Summer Science Enrichment Program

On motion by Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Lin, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda item #X.

XI. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS

**BR# 09-03-027 Approval of Change Order, Structural Column Replacement, Commons
Building Renovation, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus**

**BR# 09-03-028 Approval of Change Order, Unsuitable Foundation Soils, Commons
Building Renovation, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus**

BR# 09-03-029 Approval of Change Order, Communications Ductbank Modification, Rockville Campus Sidewalk Replacement

On motion by Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Lin, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda item #XI.

XII. BR# 09-03-030 Sole Source Award of Contract, Enrollment Management International Student Reporting system Software

On motion by Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Lin, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda item #XII.

XIII. BR# 09-03-031 Modification of Agreement – Collective Bargaining Agreement (AFSCME)

XIV. BR# 09-03-032 Approval of Agreement – Collective Bargaining Agreement (AAUP)

On motion by Trustee Felton, seconded by Trustee Counihan, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda items #XIII and XIV.

Mr. Marshall Moore provided comments on how the agreements were reached. He indicated that the College initially negotiated three years ago and was asked by the County Council to consider reopening the contracts to negotiate a more reasonable salary rate increase due to the current fiscal conditions. Mr. Moore indicated that there would be no cost of living allowances, but merit pay would be provided.

Mr. Moore introduced Ms. Donna Dimon, Dr. Sanjay Rai, and Mr. Tom Sheeran who were on the management team and he thanked them for their service. It was very nice to end the negotiations at a good place. He thanked Professor Harry Zarin also for his work.

Trustee Kaufman noted that the Board was kept abreast of the negotiations throughout the process and he thanked the negotiation teams for reaching favorable agreements. It is a very nice thing to see the cooperation with all of the collective bargaining units.

Mr. Moore noted that he would be bringing the resolution forward for the non-bargaining staff next month.

XV. BR# 09-03-033 Honorary Degrees

On motion by Trustee Felton, seconded by Trustee Counihan, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda item #XV.

Dr. Johnson provided an overview of the honorary degrees and spoke about each of the individuals.

XVI. BR# 09-03-034 Adoption of Increased Appropriation Authority to Expend Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

On motion by Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Trustee Counihan, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda item #XVI.

Mr. Moore noted that this resolution would allow the College to utilize funds from the federal stimulus package. Trustee Kaufman asked would the funds come from the State. Mr. Moore indicated that they would come from the State and the County. He noted that beyond this authorization, the College would need authorization from the County to utilize the funds.

XVII. New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

XVIII. 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 9, 2009, when one site matter (subsection 3) – Germantown Campus, Holy Cross, Rockville Campus, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus updates were discussed; two personnel matter (subsection 1); and one collective bargaining matter (subsection 9) were discussed.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:47p.m.

Roberta F. Shulman
Chair, Board of Trustees

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

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham