



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
May 19, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on May 19, 2015, in the Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 8:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Mr. Reginald M. Felton, Chair
Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, First Vice Chair
Mr. Michael J. Knapp, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Trustee
Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee
Dr. Leslie S. Levine, Trustee
Mr. Carlos Mejia-Ramos, Student Trustee
Mr. Michael Priddy, Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Wu, Trustee

Present Ex-Officio: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President and Secretary-Treasurer

Resource Staff Present: Dr. Stephen D. Cain, Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer
Dr. Gwendolyn Dungy, Interim Senior Vice President for Student Services
Ms. Arlean Graham, Board Relations Coordinator
Mr. David Sears, Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement
Mr. Rocky Sorrell, General Counsel
Ms. Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Janet Wormack, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

First Vice Chair Smith moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Levine seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 27, 2015 Closed Session

B. April 27, 2015 Open Session

First Vice Chair Smith moved to approve the minutes for April closed and open sessions; Trustee Levine seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

5. COMMENTS PERIOD

There were no speakers to come before the Board.

6. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Pollard reported that the county council voted last Thursday on the College's FY16 operating budget. The council voted to support an additional \$7.9 million in new county resources for a total increase in county funds of \$10.9 million, which is a 9.34 percent increase over last year's county contribution. The majority of the new county funds will cover increased employee compensation and benefits costs. Additionally, the council provided resources to help fund strategic efforts to close the achievement gap (achieving the promise), permanently staff the community engagement centers, and provide for a modest expansion of the ACES program.

The council also made decisions about the College's capital budget, the budget that funds construction costs for new buildings, renovations, and other related infrastructure investments. In total for FY16, the council voted to provide \$54 million to support our capital budget, which includes \$12.6 million for information technology support. In addition, construction funds were provided to renovate and expand the Germantown Science and Applied Studies Building.

Dr. Pollard reported that the council made protecting affordability a priority. As a result, the Board stood by its commitment to affordability and adopted only a modest tuition increase of \$3 per credit hour for local residents (2.6 percent), \$6 per credit hour for state residents, and \$9 per credit hour for out-of-state residents last month.

Dr. Pollard thanked the entire College community for their efforts in supporting the budget request, and thanked the county executive and the council for their support and for everything they do for Montgomery College.

Dr. Pollard thanked everyone who attended the Dr. Harry Harden Jr. Student Academic Excellence Awards program yesterday, and noted that commencement will be held on Friday with the largest graduating class ever. This is a very joyous and exciting event for the College.

Dr. Pollard highlighted College Bulletin stories that looked at celebrating faculty, staff, and students on some of their accomplishments this year.

Dr. Pollard commented on the final edition of the President's Focus report for the academic year. She noted that the College has been on a journey for students this year. She noted that she has tried to help the College community understand the so-called achievement gap—the national and local context, best practices in K–12 and higher education, policy issues, challenges at MC, and this month, the promising practices and success stories here at the College.

Dr. Pollard reported that Montgomery College faces the same issues as other colleges across the nation, but there is a spirit of innovation, a spirit of a willingness to try new things, and a spirit of making a difference. She noted that her report highlighted four main topics:

- (1) curricular redesign efforts,

- (2) flexibility that produces positive change and innovation,
- (3) mentoring programs, and
- (4) efforts to increase access

She noted that all of these impact students' success and completion and make a difference in helping students achieve the promise of higher education. She highlighted one of the efforts mentioned in the report—the student campaign. This is part of the College's student involvement in achieving the promise.

Dr. Pollard noted outcomes from key programs, curricular improvement to the general studies program, the continuing efforts to address the challenges of developmental education in terms of students' readiness before they get to Montgomery College, methods used to correctly place students, and the length of time it takes for students to complete a developmental sequence.

Chair Felton thanked Dr. Pollard for her report.

B. Chair's Report

The Chair shared his report with the Board and noted that earlier in the evening the Board held a constituent conversation with the Administrator Council.

Trustee Felton reported that the Audit Subcommittee held a meeting this month with the auditors from CliftonLarsonAllen to kick off the fiscal year 2015 audit process.

First Vice Chair Smith, chair of the audit subcommittee, shared a brief report on the committee's meeting with CliftonLarsonAllen and noted that they are ready to work with the College to begin the audit process for FY15.

Trustee Felton congratulated the students who have received academic honors and awards at the various programs across the campuses, and congratulated the class of 2015. He noted that the Board is looking forward to the commencement ceremony on Friday.

Trustee Felton reported that he appointed a Nominating Committee to prepare for Board officers elections in June. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for FY16 as Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith for chair, Trustee Michael Knapp for first vice chair, and Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell for second vice chair.

B. Student Campaign

Dr. Gwen Dungy, interim senior vice president for student services, introduced a report on the student campaign and provided brief comments. She noted that two words describe the campaign: organic and collaborative. It is a program where student volunteers will work towards achieving the promise. Dr. Dungy introduced speakers who laid out the vision of the campaign in which students will be champions of their own learning, champions of their peers' learning, and help one another make connections with the College through a commitment to academic progress.

The speakers described the collaboration, partnerships, key areas for the campaign, strategies, design challenges, and student involvement and perspective.

Dr. Dungy reviewed next steps for the senior vice presidents for academic affairs and student services and the steering committee.

Mr. Felton thanked everyone for a very impressive report, and thanked Dr. Dungy for her service to the College over the last several months.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

BR# 15-05-039 Personnel Actions Confirmation

On a motion to approve the consent calendar by Second Vice Chair Knapp, and a second by First Vice Chair Smith, the Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous vote.

8. FACILITIES MATTER

BR# 15-05-040 Declaration of Covenants Inspection/Maintenance of Stormwater Management System for the Pavilion 3 Renovation Project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

On a motion to approve the resolution by First Vice Chair Smith, and a second by Trustee Mejia-Ramos, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR# 15-05-041 Construction of the North Garage on the Rockville Campus

On a motion to approve the resolution by First Vice Chair Smith, and a second by Trustee Mejia-Ramos, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

Dr. Dewey Yeatts, vice president of facilities and security, reported that there would be a significant deficit of parking spaces, more than 1,000, during the construction of the garage, and noted that the campus would acquire 400 parking spaces after the construction for a total of 2,300 parking spaces.

10. BOND MATTER

BR# 15-05-042 Approval of Information about the College to be Included in the Official Statement for Bonds to Finance the Rockville Parking Garage and Refinance the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Parking Garage

On a motion to approve the resolution by Trustee Levine, and a second by Trustee Mejia-Ramos, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

11. BANKING AND INVESTMENT MATTER

BR# 15-05-043 Corporate Authorization Resolution Required by Bank for Trust and Safekeeping Services

On a motion to approve the resolution by Trustee Mejia-Ramos, and a second by Trustee Blackwell, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

13. TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Vice Chair Knapp, the Board's liaison to the Montgomery College Life Sciences Park Foundation Board, announced that the Foundation will begin looking at names for the park that will align with the business activities that will be placed in the park, and a couple of groups will be formed to explore the naming opportunities. He asked Trustees for names of anyone they may know who would be interested in joining one of the groups.

14. 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 unanimously to convene a closed session on May 19, 2015, in room 318, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:17 p.m. to discuss five personnel matters (subsection 1) and four legal matters (subsection 7).

On a motion by Trustee Blackwell, and a second by Trustee Hoffman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Reginald M. Felton
Chair, Board of Trustees

DeRionne P. Pollard, PhD
President and Secretary-Treasurer, Board of
Trustees

Recorder: Arlean Graham