

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:

Jerome Shelton
Joseph Askew
Elaine Crider, Chair
James Dyke
Errol Schwartz, *via telephone*
Anthony Tardd
Joshua Wyner
Christopher Bell
Kendrick Curry, *via telephone*
Gabriela Lemus, *via telephone*
Natasha Bennett
Mary Thompson
James Lyons, ex-officio

Trustees Absent.-:

Alejandra Castillo
Reginald Felton

Staff Present:

Rachel Petty, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jackie Xu, Director, Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning
Michael Rogers, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Erik Thompson, Senior Project Manager
Dianna Phillips, CEO, Community College
Valerie Epps, Vice President, Student Affairs
Smruti Radkar, Assistant General Counsel
Stacie Mills, Assistant General Counsel
Perita Baxter, Staff Assistant, Board of Trustees Office
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees Office

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Crider called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda Order Change

Chair Crider proposed a change to the order of the agenda. Following the approval of the minutes, Chair Crider requested the President's Report be presented and the resolutions for four executive appointments added to the agenda. The Trustees approved the change.

Report of the President

Dr. Lyons discussed the 2015 Honda Classic and recognized the students who participated in the Classic. He also discussed the Million Dollar Match Campaign (\$1,070,000 raised), the FY16 budget, and the Tom Joyner Foundation which has identified the University of the District of Columbia as the May School of the Month. Mr. Michael Rogers presented information regarding the election of the alumni trustees.

The newly elected alumni trustees are: Jerome Shelton, Gwendolyn Hubbard Lewis, and Barrington Scott.

Action Items

Resolution: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Amendments to Chapter 7, Updating Tuition Rates for AY2016-2017 – *Approved with one abstention*

Resolution: Recommendation to Implement the Relocation of Community College Programs from 801 North Capital Street, NE to Building #41. Trustee Dyke proposed an amendment to the resolution following the first whereas [*Whereas the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees remains fully committed to the development of a comprehensive Community College with hubs located throughout the District of Columbia that address our academic mission and are fiscally feasible.*] The language was accepted for inclusion in the resolution. – *Approved with two nays and one abstention.*

Testimony

Testimony was presented to the Board of Trustees by the following: David Bardin, Hruaia Vanlal [Community College Student Government Association Secretary], and Daryao Khatri [Professor].

Election of Officers

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers for the period May 15, 2015 – May 15, 2016:

Chair: Elaine Crider
Vice Chair: Christopher Bell
Treasurer: Reginald Felton
Secretary: Gabriela Lemus

The Board of Trustees entered executive session.

Executive Session

At the conclusion of the executive session, the following action items were presented:

Action Items - Continued

Resolution: Extension of the Appointment of Ms. Marilyn Hamilton as Acting Dean for Academic Affairs at the Community College of the University of the District of Columbia (UDCCC) – *Approved*

Resolution: Executive Appointment of Mr. Erik Thompson as Acting Vice President for Facilities and Real Estate of the University of the District of Columbia – *Approved*

Resolution: Appointment of Smruti Radkar as Acting General Counsel of the University of the District of Columbia – *Approved*

Resolution: Appointment of Dr. Mohamad Sepehri as Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration. Language was struck in the appointment letter with alternate language depending on research conducted by the Vice President, Human Resources – *Approved*

Report of the President – Continued

Dr. Lyons briefly discussed hiring staff for the student center. Dr. Epps reported there would be 8.5 full time positions (Director, Associate Director, Meeting and Events Manager, Marketing Coordinator, Half-time Administrative Assistant and Budget Analyst, Information Desk/Scheduler, Day and Evening Managers, and Fitness Center Manager).

Report of the Operations Committee

Trustee Askew noted there were two major items from the Operations Committee that require review: President's Residence and the procurement audit.

Report of the Presidential Search Committee

Trustee Askew reported approximately ninety people expressed an interest in becoming president of the University of the District of Columbia. He provided demographic information regarding the candidates and discussed the search process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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