

**University of the District of Columbia
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present:

Elaine Crider, Chair
Joseph Askew
Christopher Bell
Alejandra Castillo
James Dyke
Reginald Felton
Kenneth Isaacs
Gabriela Lemus
James Lyons, ex-officio
Jerome Shelton
Errol Schwartz
Mary Thompson
George Vradenburg

Trustees Absent:

Kendrick Curry

Staff Present:

Kenneth Campbell, Office of the General Counsel
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Crider called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Chair Crider reported the Executive Committee approved a resolution extending the appointment of Dr. Calvin Woodland as Acting Chief Executive Officer, University of the District of Columbia Community College. The Board approved adding this item to the agenda for ratification.

Approval of the Minutes

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 10 (regular), September 30 (emergency), October 2 (emergency) and October 9 (emergency), 2013 meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Board approved the minutes in block.

Report of the Executive Committee

The Board reviewed the resolution extending the appointment of Dr. Calvin Woodland as Acting Chief Executive Officer, University of the District of Columbia Community College.

Motion:

UDC Resolution No. 2013-38: Extension of the Appointment of Dr. Calvin Woodland as Acting Chief Executive Officer, University of the District of Columbia Community College

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §210.2 each person selected by the President for an executive appointment shall be qualified based on a description of their position or their roles and responsibilities and shall be approved by the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §210.4 and 212.3 a person serving in an “acting” status for an executive appointment shall be limited to one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Board may approve an extension or renewal of an acting appointment for no more than one (1) additional year due to extenuating circumstances as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, based on his extensive experience serving in numerous senior administrative roles in community colleges and universities across the country and after review of his credentials it has been determined that he is well-qualified for such position and that the recommended salary adequately reflects the job duties and experience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodland is currently serving as the acting CEO of the University of the District of Columbia Community College and the Board has determined that the acting appointment should be extended based on extenuating circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the extension of the appointment of Dr. Calvin Woodland as the acting CEO of the University of the District of Columbia Community College, for a time not to exceed one (1) year from the date of appointment, consistent with the terms and conditions in his appointment letter.

The resolution was unanimously ratified.

A motion was made and the roll was called to enter executive session. Chair Crider read the following statement:

“The Board of Trustees has voted to enter executive session in accordance with Section 405 (b) (10) of the Open Meetings Act of 2010 for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials.”

Before entering the executive session, Dr. Lyons reported he had been provided with letters from Councilmember Orange which he distributed to the Trustees.

The Board entered executive session at 4:21 p.m.

Executive Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened the public session at 6:05 p.m.

Report of the President

No Report.

Report of the Executive Committee

No Committee Report.

Report of the Committee of the Whole

No Committee Report.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

No Committee Report.

Report of the Audit, Administration and Governance Committee

No Committee Report.

Report of the Student Affairs Committee

No Committee Report.

Report of the Community College Committee

No Committee Report.

Report of the Facilities Committee

No Committee Report.

Report of the Chairperson

Chair Crider spoke about “Vision 2020: A Roadmap for Renewal, Innovation, Success and Sustainability.” She discussed the process used to develop the document. In addition, three public hearings were held (Van Ness, 801 North Capitol Street, and P.R. Harris). Approximately sixty to eighty people attended each of the hearings. Copies of the testimony from the hearings were distributed to the Board members. They also received a number of emails and letters regarding the plan.

Chair Crider indicated no requests were received to present testimony at the November 19th regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She indicated the official record would remain open until the close of business, Friday, November 22, 2013 for anyone who wanted to submit testimony.

The Board discussed each of the recommendations contained in the plan. The following recommendations were approved:

- Annual tuition increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus one percent (The Board reserved the right to a yearly review of the proposed increase.);
- Online Learning and e-School;
- Continuing Education;
- Career and Professional Development;
- Financial Management Autonomy;
- Enrollment Management; and
- Institutional Aid Funding (The Board removed any references to funding sources.)

On-Campus Housing. There was a discussion regarding campus housing and its inclusion in the strategic plan. It was noted that the Board previously approved the master plan which included housing. Dr. Lyons discussed the importance of including housing language in the strategic plan. It was agreed that the current language should be reduced and that a reference be made to campus housing.

Academic Programs. The Board considered the discontinuation of twenty academic programs. They approved the recommendation to eliminate the following seventeen majors:

- Graphic Communication Technology (AAS)
- Sociology (BA)
- Mass Media (BA)
- Graphic Design (BA)
- Physics (BS)
- Math Statistics (MS)
- History (BA)
- Special Education (MA)
- Marketing (BBA)
- Finance (BBA)
- Procurement and Public Contracting (BBA)
- Economics (BA)
- Management Information Systems (BBA)
- Nutrition (Food Science) (BS)
- Environmental Science (General) (BS)
- Environmental Science (Water Resources) (BS)
- Environmental Science (Urban Sustainability) (BS).

The Board did not approve the elimination of the Elementary Education (BA) major. They voted to delay action on Special Education (BA), pending more specific information from the Administration. The Trustees were asked to submit their questions regarding the program to Ms. Franklin by Friday, November 22. The Board did not take any action regarding Electrical Engineering (Acc.MS).

Discontinuation of Intercollegiate Athletics Program. The Board of Trustees considered the recommendation to discontinue the intercollegiate athletics program and replace the program with investments in other areas such as institutional aid, faculty development, employee training, health and wellness, and intramural sports. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to delay any action on the athletic program and asked the Administration to identify other options to reduce expenditures.

Community College Transition to Independence. The Trustees discussed the community college language contained in the strategic plan. Chair Crider noted Board members indicated they had not taken a position regarding transition to independence. Instead, the Board considered independent accreditation within the university system. The Board approved changing the language in the plan to be consistent with the Board's position [independent accreditation within the university system].

Board members presented general comments regarding the strategic plan.

Mr. Donnell Jones, USGA President, thanked the Board. He asked that the university community be provided with information regarding the actions taken by the Board of Trustees.

Chair Crider thanked the Board members, Administration, faculty, students, alumni and staff for their involvement in the development of the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Secretary's Signature

Date

**Note: The final minutes will be approved at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting (January 28, 2014).*