Minutes
Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Teleconference and in Person
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:
Elaine Crider, Chair
Joseph Askew
James Dyke
Reginald Felton
Kenneth Isaac
Gabriela Lemus
Jerome Shelton
Errol Schwartz
Mary Thompson
James Lyons, ex-officio, Acting President

Trustees Absent:
Christopher Bell
Alejandra Castillo
Kendrick Curry
Stephen Porter
George Vradenburg

Other Participants
Matt Dylan, student

Staff Present:
Thomas Redmond, Director, State and Local Affairs
Kenneth Campbell, Office of the General Counsel
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees

Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Crider called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present. She reported the meeting was the third emergency meeting in approximately two weeks concerning the government shutdown.

Dr. Lyons thanked the trustees for their flexibility in the scheduling of the meetings and the faculty, staff and students for their patience. According to previous information, the city had enough funds to last through [October 10]. In a discussion with the Mayor, Dr. Lyons was informed there were enough funds for another nine days.

Mr. Thomas Redmond was asked to discuss the morning’s rally [press conference] regarding the city’s finances. He reported that the mayor indicated the city had approximately five to ten days funding available. The U.S. Senate was urged to pass the DC appropriations bill which had been separated from the overall total budget.

Dr. Lyons discussed the potential impact of the shutdown on upcoming midterms, financial aid, and the undergraduate, graduate and law school internships on Capitol Hill.

Chair Crider asked about the extension of the school year and other options to makeup classes [due to the shutdown]. There was some discussion regarding this matter. Dr. Lyons reported the faculty contract ends May 15. Dr. Crider indicated the Trustees may meet next week to determine actions that need to be taken if the shutdown continues.
A student, Mr. Dylan, recommended the website include a statement informing the students that the university is open. Trustee Schwartz agreed and suggested that daily updates be provided on the site.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Secretary's Signature

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Date