



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland**  
**February 25, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on February 25, 2014, in the Trustee Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 8:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Mr. Reginald M. Felton, Chair  
Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, First Vice Chair  
Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Trustee  
Dr. Kenneth H. Hoffman, Trustee  
Dr. Leslie S. Levine, Trustee  
Mr. Michael D. Priddy, Trustee  
Mr. Alexander G. Stone, Student Trustee  
Mr. Benjamin Wu, Trustee

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

Absent: Mr. Michael J. Knapp, Second Vice Chair

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

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**4. COMMENTS PERIOD**

There were no speakers for the comments period.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. January 13, 2014 Closed Session**
- B. January 13, 2014 Open Session**

Trustee Stone moved to approve the minutes for January, closed and open sessions; Trustee Levine seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **A. President's Report**

Dr. Pollard's report focused on the Academic Restructuring efforts of the College. She recognized the individuals who were part of the task forces. Dr. Pollard reviewed Dr. Rai's work with the task forces and thanked Ms. Carolyn Terry for her efforts in her new role to advance the academic restructuring work.

Dr. Rai thanked the 200 people involved in the seven work groups. He noted that their input and work was highly valuable and he explained the new structure for the vice president/provosts and the deans who will now have more authority over disciplines. He noted that the department chairs' roles will be stronger. These positions will be restructured from 10 months to 12 months and will have more authority. The chair positions will not be part of the collective bargaining process, and the chairs will be able to return to faculty roles once their chair role ends.

Dr. Rai reviewed the Academic Restructuring web site. He noted the calendar of events, the FAQs, and thanked the Faculty Council as well as the AAUP leadership for their input.

The Trustees thanked Dr. Rai and the entire Academic Restructuring team for their efforts. They asked that the chair positions reflect College demographics, noted that change is an organizational challenge, promised support from the Board, stressed the importance of leveraging the College for the future and breaking down barriers, noted that restructuring the academic side of the College will be relevant to students entering the process, and that transitioning between disciplines should now be seamless.

Trustees provided a standing ovation to the entire Academic Restructuring team.

### **B. Chair's Report**

Chair Felton shared his report and noted that recent activities of the Board included a constituent conversation with the College Council held earlier in the evening; the MACC Trustee Leadership Conference and Legislative Reception held on February 3 where Vice Chairs Smith and Knapp, and Trustees Levine, Stone, and Wu attended along with College administrators; and Trustee Information Day held on February 6 at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. He thanked Trustees Hoffman, Stone, and Wu and Dr. Stewart, faculty, administrators, staff, and students who prepared for the event to welcome the Trustees.

On financial matters for the College, Chair Felton reported that he testified on February 5 at the County Council's Capital Improvements Program hearing where the College shared its capital needs. Additionally, the second quarter budget report was shared with the Board in mid-January.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **BR# 14-02-015 Personnel Actions Confirmation**

On motion to approve the consent calendar by Trustee Hoffman, and a second by Trustee

Smith, the Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous vote.

## **8. POLICY MATTERS**

### **A. BR# 14-02-016 Modification of Policy 61005–Internal Audit**

### **B. BR# 14-02-017 Modification of Policy 64001–External Audit**

On motion to approve the above resolutions by Trustee Priddy, and a second by Trustee Blackwell, the Board approved the above resolutions by unanimous vote.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business from the Trustees.

## **10. TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Hoffman thanked the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus for hosting Trustee Information Day on February 6. He commented on the condition of the science center and the very impressive Diagnostic Medical Sonography program that is a national model.

Trustee Hoffman reported that he and Trustees Stone and Wu attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit February 10-13, held in Washington, DC. They had the opportunity to meet and network with other college presidents and trustees from around the country.

## **11. 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 February 25, 2014, in room 318, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:20 p.m. to discuss two legal matters (subsection 7) and a collective bargaining matter (subsection 9).

On motion by Trustee Priddy to adjourn, and a second by Trustee Stone, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.



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Reginald M. Felton  
Chair, Board of Trustees



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

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham