



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
March 23, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on March 23, 2015, in the Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 8:38 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 H. Hoffman, Trustee
Dr. Leslie S. Levine, Trustee
Mr. Carlos Mejia-Ramos, Student Trustee

Present Ex-Officio:

Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President and Secretary-Treasurer

Absent:

Mr. Michael Priddy, Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Wu, Trustee

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. Carolyn Terry, Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, on behalf of Dr. Sanjay Rai
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 Mejia-Ramos seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 23, 2015 Closed Session**
- B. February 23, 2015 Open Session**

First Vice Chair Smith moved to approve the minutes for February closed and open sessions; Trustee Blackwell 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 provided information on the operating budget that was submitted to the county executive. She noted that advocacy will help to advance the budget, and the advocacy period will be occurring very soon. The College will engage the alumni and students in this effort. Dr. Pollard invited everyone to attend her annual State of the College Address, which will be held on April 2.

Dr. Pollard highlighted College Bulletin stories of recognition for faculty, staff, and students who are leaders and winners in their careers and service to the College.

Dr. Pollard's continued focused on closing the achievement gap in her monthly written Focus report took a look at policy issues that support student services. She noted that the gap is not only a social justice issue, but an economic issue. Dr. Pollard said that there are three ingredients in the formula for student success: money, support, and structure. With reference to the three ingredients, she mentioned the financial support provided to the students from the College, the support systems in place to assist students academically, personally, and socially, and the structure needed speaks to the student experience, especially outside of class.

The report focused on the College structures that can support student success and the policy framework that gives them their foundation.

Trustees' comments focused on student data, which indicated a definite gap and the success of minority students, the College's need to become more robust in supporting the students' achievement, advocacy for employable students, supporting immigrant students, and mentoring students.

Dr. Pollard provided comments and Dr. Dungy noted specific programs that support minority students at the College.

B. Chair's Report

Trustee Felton shared his report with the Board. He reported that the Board held two conference sessions this evening, and the Evaluation and Compensation Committee held several meetings to prepare for the president's annual assessment.

Trustee Felton reported that the Academic, Student Support, and Workforce Development Committee is developing a student success policy.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

BR# 15-03-018 Personnel Actions Confirmation

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

8. RECOGNITIONS

BR# 15-03-019 Honorary Degrees

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

Mr. Sears reported that the recipients would be notified the next morning.

9. ACADEMIC AND REGULATORY MATTER

BR# 15-03-020 Approval of the Online General Studies Associate of Arts Degree

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

Ms. Terry provided background information on the resolution, and noted the integrity, confidentiality, and security for online courses.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT (SOLE SOURCE)

BR# 15-03-021 Taleo Talent Management Services and Support Continuation

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

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR# 15-03-022 External Audit Services for Montgomery College and Montgomery College Foundation

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.

12. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

BR# 15-03-023 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement-Collective Bargaining Agreement between Montgomery College and American Association of University Professors, Montgomery College Chapter

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

Trustees thanked staff for their efforts for keeping negotiations on a positive track, working now to advocate for the budget and to obtain a successful outcome, and placing students first during the entire process.

A photo opportunity was provided for the signing of the bargaining agreement.

13. POLICY MATTER

BR# 15-03-024 Modification of Policy 45003-Determination of Applicable Tuition and Fees

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

14. BUDGET MATTER

BR# 15-03-025 Capital Budget Fund Transfer from the Rockville Campus Science Center Project to the Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement Project

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

15. BOARD MATTER

BR# 15-03-026 Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings for Fiscal Year 2016

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

Trustees thanked Dr. Cain for his efforts in developing the schedule.

16. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

17. TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees noted the need to support the College operating budget by being vocal and active, and as one College, everyone must do their part.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mejia-Ramos, and a second by Trustee Blackwell, 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