



Office of the Board of Regents

**Morgan State University
Board of Regents
May 6, 2014
Public Session**

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:35 p.m.

Present

Mr. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman
Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Vice Chairman
Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, Secretary
The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Regent
Mr. Frank L. Edmonds, Regent
General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent
Mr. Dallas R. Evans, Regent
Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Regent
Senator Laurence Levitan, Regent (Tele-conference)
Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent
Dr. Tyrone Taborn, Regent
Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent
Mr. Glenn A. George, II, Student Regent

Dr. David Wilson, University President
Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General

Absent

Dr. Charles W. Griffin, Regent

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mfume stated that there will be an effort to contact the Board over the next several days to get the minutes approved. We are going to delay, at the request of a couple of Board members, the adoption of the minutes of February 4, 2014. There were some issues of accuracy and completeness and the Board wants to make sure that all members of the Board are comfortable about the minutes. We have the power of the By-Laws to take this process. We will be contacting all of you over the next 72 hours to be able to move adoption of the minutes.

The Chairman stated that Attorneys Faulk and Goodwin mentioned to the Chair that there was some staff unreadiness in terms of the preparation to post notices of several committee meetings of the last four meetings. He stated he mentioned at the November meeting that our goal and certainly the Chair's goal is to give more not less notice to all such meetings and to go beyond compliance. We want to exceed requirements of the law. Chairman Mfume stated that he spoke extensively with the President and counsels regarding this issue and a process is now in place. It should be completed shortly to correct the issue once and for all and will be reported out to members of this Board as an informational item at the Retreat next month. You will be completely aware of how we have made sure of giving more time and not less.

Chairman Mfume acknowledged the out-going Student Government (SGA) President, Mr. Alvin Hill. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hill for his service to the student body over the last year. He introduced the newly elected SGA President, Ms. Dania Smith. He acknowledged Ms. Sara Baker from the Department of Legislative Services and Ms. Jaclin Warner Wiggins, with the Office of Budget and Management.

Chairman Mfume announced the Nominating Committee and stated that the Committee will report back to the Board at the Retreat. Any nominations for officers of the Board will be provided to the Committee. Regent Malcom has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee, along with committee members Regents Levitan, Ellis and Taylor. They will be reporting back to the full Board at our next Board meeting, the Board Retreat. All members interested in either being nominated or nominating yourself should direct inquiries to Regent Malcom. The Chairman thanked Regent Malcom and Regents Taylor, Ellis, and Levitan for agreeing to serve on the Committee.

The Chairman noted a couple of procedural changes on the agenda and stated that following the adoption of the President's Report, the Chair will entertain a motion Pursuant to the State Government Article 10-508 (a)(1) to adjourn into executive session for approximately

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45 minutes or less, to receive and to act on the report of the Special Evaluation Committee headed by General Ellis. It is also the intention of the Chair to reconvene back into open session to report on any actions taken under that sub-section and if necessary, based on the action taken in closed session, to read into the record a joint Board administration statement that is yet to have a consensus on. The Chair will then entertain a brief response from the President to the Board before returning back to regular order. Under regular order, we will commence with items five on the agenda, which are, reports of the standing committees, to be followed by any and all new business. At that point, the Chair will entertain a second motion to adjourn into closed session under the statutory authority given under State Government Article 10-508 (a) (1) and once we have concluded those discussions, we will reconvene again in open session for the purpose of concluding any business, including for the purpose of adjournment. Please note that there is one action item as part of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agenda and it has been moved to the closed session.

Chairman Mfume stated that the Board received a request from the Morgan State University Foundation Board Chair, Willie Lanier, for the Executive Committees of both Boards to participate in an informal meeting sometime this year for the purpose of building on our separate missions through congenial interaction and dialogue. The Chair asked Regent Taborn, who is our representative to the Foundation, to work with Ms. Cheryl Hitchcock in an effort to make that meeting happen and preferably have it coincide with the upcoming retreat.

The Board wishes to express thanks to Regent Cummings and Speaker of the House of Delegates for both serving as Co-Chair of the golf breakfast to raise revenues for the University's Athletic Department and all of its programs. Also, Delegate Nathaniel Oaks and Mr. Ivory Tucker, who are members of the Foundation Board, are to be commended for putting all the pieces together and in place to make that happen and for it to be successful.

Chairman Mfume reminded that Board that the 74th Annual National Alumni Awards Day and Class Reunion Luncheon will take place the day prior to graduation on Friday, May 16, 2014. Board participation in the Annual National Alumni Awards Day is always welcome and appreciated. Also, our thanks to Joyce Brown and those persons who worked hard to make the luncheon a success.

The Chairman thanked every member of the Board for displaying extra efforts in being a part of so many activities that have transpired over the quarter, since we formally met in February. Some of those were on campus, some were off campus, and some were requiring members to travel. A lot of those activities you participated in with the President, or with the cabinet or other members of the University family and we really do appreciate all the efforts

that the Board provided above and beyond just attending the Board meetings which are very important.

Chairman Mfume recognized Student Regent Glenn George and stated that this is Mr. George's last regular Board meeting. Mr. George has served this body with distinction. He has been an excellent representative of the student population here at the University. He has participated, offered recommendations, offered amends, voted and reminded us often times of the larger student perspective. He served with real distinction. The Chairman continued and stated that it has been a pleasure to observe the way Mr. George conducts himself, the way you (Mr. George) present yourself and the serious nature that you bring to being a member of this Board, as you do being a member of the student body of Morgan State University. The Chairman presented Mr. George with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Regents, followed by a photo with Mr. George and other members of the Board.

The Chairman, Board, and President presented Mr. Raymond Vollmer with a plaque for his 40 years of dedicated work, which was followed by a photo with Mr. Vollmer, members of the Board and President Wilson.

Mr. Vollmer stated that it was a very difficult time when he decided to retire. He stated that the difference he made during his 40 years makes him feel good. It is always the individuals that you work with every day, the ones that actually do the work that make the difference and enables you to feel like you are making a difference. He thanked the Board and President and stated that he appreciates the plaque and being acknowledged by the Board and President.

Chairman Mfume mentioned that Ms. Julie Goodwin is being recognized by the National Association of College and University Attorneys for her distinguished service to the Association. She will receive the Distinguished Service Award in June.

Report of the President

President Wilson opened his report with a presentation of the **Morgan/Johns Hopkins Partnership** (aired earlier on a local television station). This information and the following topics are included in the full report (attached).

- **President Addresses AAAS Forum**
- **Morgan Professor Watching Iceberg**
- **Visit from AIG CEO**
- **Legislative Update**

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- **Operating Budget**
- **Legislative Reporting Requirements**
 - **Honors and Recognitions**
 - **Reception for BGE CEO**
 - **HBCU China Update**
 - **CBEIS Building in the National Spotlight**
 - **Reception in New York**
 - **Choir's Performance in the Middle East**
 - **Staff Recognitions**
 - **Search Update**
 - **Federal Update**
 - **Morgan Hosts Young African Leaders (YALI)**
 - **Commencement**

Regent Evans asked for clarification relating to the 3/2 programs with Towson University that were included in an earlier Board book, five programs that we are looking at partnering with Towson. In the book today those programs are not there. Regent Evans asked why the programs were removed from the book and why we ever considered or the thought behind considering these programs with Towson, given the experience of Towson duplicating our programs. It is something we need to talk about. The Chairman stated that he agrees wholeheartedly with Regent Evans and the President is prepared to have that discussion and was advised that the issue of partnering with Towson falls under the Closed Session's statutory list of items that we have before us. He asked Regent Evans to suspend his discussion and allow it to be a part of the second Closed Session. The first is to receive a report from the General Counsel committee. But there are a number of items, the Collective Bargaining Agreement, commencement speaker, and the honorary degree recipients, to name a few. Regent Evans asked if the counsel could share with the Board what category this falls under as it relates to doing this in Closed Session? Mr. Faulk replied that it was some legal advice given with respect to the agenda. Regent Evans asked why were the items not included on the Closed Session agenda. Mr. Faulk stated that we did not know it was going to be asked to discuss this in the Closed Session. The agenda was revised to reflect that those items are not a part of the agenda. But you are asking that the item be discussed and I am indicating that because it involves advice from the General Counsel and the Attorney General's offices, it is more appropriate that the discussion be done in Closed Session. So we are now adding it to the agenda and it will be a part of the Closed Session statement when we vote. The Chairman stated that the legal advice is on partial or pending litigation. The Chairman stated that the President's Office prepares the agenda and your points are very well taken.

Regent Resnick stated that he is always impressed with Morgan, and very impressed with the President's presentation. He stated that some of the things presented today he is hearing for the first time. He mentioned the positive things about Morgan graduates, whether it is the Hopkins program, the honors program, the tributes and accomplishments. Some of these accomplishments, the Board only hears about at the Board meetings. The Morgan graduates around the country, how many of our graduates are leaders in different professions, such as physicists and other leadership roles. He stated that we need to get these things out to the general public to use as a recruitment tool and bring more students to the University. President Wilson responded that he tries to keep the Board informed and mentioned the emails that he sends out to let the Board know when things happen. The President stated that he will meet with Regent Resnick one on one to find out how we can inform Regent Resnick directly, regarding the things occurring on the campus.

It was **MOVED** by Regent Draper and **SECONDED** by Regent Taylor to accept the adoption of the President's report. **THE MOTION CARRIED.** The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Mfume thanked Dean Wickham for helping with the Eric Holder's 60th Anniversary event. The Chairman stated that he wants the record to reflect that Senator Levitan is on the phone. We have made several references to him and that he is in attendance.

Ms. Tanya Wilkerson briefed the Board on reducing the student loan default rate. She stated that the current default rate for 2010 was at 24.3 percent and 468 students defaulted. At the time of default the outstanding principle was 1.5 million and the outstanding balance at the time was 1.5 million. The students were making no attempt to pay on those loans. The current default draft rate was made available in February and we can now challenge the rate that recently came out. The draft rate did go down and we are now at 23.1 percent. Programs have been put in place to keep the University's CDR from rising. The students are now receiving information on loan repayments as well as looking at students' budgeting and crediting. The Department of Education suggested that we establish a task force which will assist us with combating the increases to the University's default rate.

Chairman Mfume acknowledged Ms. Jacqueline Lawson, President of the MSU National Alumni Association and asked if she would make a presentation to the Board of Regents at the Retreat and brief the Board on what some of the challenges facing the Alumni Association, the accomplishments nationwide and how the Board may be able to be supportive. The Chair asked if the Board of Regents could receive a report at the Retreat from the National Alumni Association. Ms. Lawson replied it would be her pleasure.

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Chairman Mfume stated that he would like to entertain a motion to go out of open session and to reconvene in Closed Session to consider an item specifically exempted from public consideration under State Government Article 10-508(a)(1) of the Open Meeting Act. In the Closed Session the Board will discuss the Presidential Assessment. In the second Closed Session there will be a discussion of the referral of the 3/2 Towson programs from the Public Session, a discussion of Collective Bargaining Agreement, recommendation for commencement speaker, recommendation for honorary degree recipients and student regent recommendation for next year and the Board will reconvene in Public Session after conclusion of the Closed Session. The Chair will entertain a motion to go out of Public Session under the statutory authority and into Closed Session.

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Malcom to adjourn the Public Session and move into a Closed Session at 2:00 p.m. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session II 3:15 p.m.

Chairman Mfume stated that the Board received from the Special Evaluation Committee, chaired by General Ellis, a favorable report and assessment on the performance of Dr. Wilson as President of Morgan State University, and the recommendation that the Board move ahead with an appointment letter. The vote will remain in place until such time there might be another evaluation scheduled by the By-Laws. The Board is happy that the Committee has done its work and the Board has accepted that favorably. He continued and read into the minutes the public statement for the Morgan community and press (attached).

The President expressed his appreciation to the Board for their confidence in him as President of Morgan State University. He stated he has no greater love than to be where he is at Morgan at this particular time. He will continue to rise every morning as early as possible, all in service to advantage the tradition of Morgan. Dr. Wilson stated that every day he walks the campus, he walks with purpose and renewed sense of why we are all in this work. It is to ensure that the 7,500 plus students on this campus will come through this institution and get the highest level of education possible, to enable them gain successful employment. The President stated that he has enjoyed working with a very committed and dedicated Board and looks forward to working with the Board for years to come.

Chairman Mfume stated that the favorable report of the Special Evaluation Committee received a vote of eleven yes to one no, with two absent, and one vacancy on the Board. There is a minority report that was offered by the one no vote. That report will be a part of the Executive Committee minutes and of the Closed Session of the full Board minutes.

Reports of Standing Committees

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

Regent Malcom stated that the Committee met in a special meeting to consider a number of issues from Internal Audits. This morning we received updates on the status of a number of the issues. Much of this is still on-going and the Committee will be able to address and resolve some of these in the next term.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Regent Gilliam stated that the Committee has one action item to be addressed in Closed Session. The remainder of the report is for information.

Finance and Facilities Committee

Regent Edmonds presented the following three items for action for approval by the Board (see attached).

- Recommendations for the FY 2015 Tuition and Fees Increases
It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Resnick to approve the FY 2015 Tuition and Fees Increases. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.
- FY 2016 Capital Budget Request
It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Resnick to approve the FY 2016 Capital Budget Request. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

Chairman Mfume stated that Lt. Col. Joseph Bozeman, who served as Director for Enrollment Services and Outreach for Veteran Services, passed away on April 26th. He served 23 years in the Army, former Chair of MSU Department of Military Science and former manager of the ROTC Program. The Board will communicate to his widow the Board's condolences.

President Wilson replied to the Chair regarding the Master Plan and stated the Plan will be on the Board's Retreat agenda.

Chairman Mfume stated that the Board will now reconvene in Closed Session to consider items specifically exempted from public consideration under Section 10-508

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(a)(2)(7)(9) of the Open Meeting Acts. In Closed Session the Board will discuss referral of the 3/2 Towson Programs, with the exception of the MSU AFSCME Agreement, which is not ready for consideration. The Committee will reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session.

It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam to go into Closed Session. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Public Session III 5:35 p.m.

Present: Regents Kweisi Mfume, Frank Edmonds, Dallas R. Evans, Linda J. Gilliam, Laurence Levitan, Tyrone Taborn, Penelope Taylor, and Glenn George

Chairman Mfume stated that Ms. Latchia Perine has been accepted as the 2014-2015 Student Regent Member of the Board of Regents, replacing Mr. Glenn George. The Chairman informed Ms. Perine that the Office of the President will establish an orientation meeting with her and the President. Ms. Perine addressed the Board briefly and stated she is ready to work. She continued and stated that she is a Political Science student. Ms. Perine is from the State of New York.

The Board approved the commencement speakers and honor degree recipients during Closed Session.

It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Evans to adjourn. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Newson

**MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
CITATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: May 6, 2014

Time: 2:05 p.m.

Location: Board Room 400
Earl S. Richardson Library
Morgan State University
1700 East Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21251

Motion to close meeting made by: Regent Linda J. Gilliam

Seconded by: Regent Shirley M. Malcom

Members voting in favor: Regents Kweisi Mfume, Martin R. Resnick, Frances M. Draper, Elijah E. Cummings, Frank L. Edmonds, Larry R. Ellis, Dallas R. Evans, Linda J. Gilliam, Laurence Levitan (tele-conference), Shirley M. Malcom, Tyrone Taborn, Penelope J. Taylor, and Glenn A. George

Present: Mr. Thomas Faulk

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Dr. Charles W. Griffin

THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND AT (check all that apply):

State Government Article, §10-508(a):

 X (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

 X (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;

___ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;

___ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remaining the State;

___ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

___ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

X (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;

___ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

X (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

___ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

___ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

___ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

___ (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

___ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

State Government 10-503(a)(1):

___ (1) To carry out an administrative function;

___ (2) To carry out a judicial function;

___ (3) To carry out a quasi-judicial function.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- (1) Discuss the Presidential Assessment;
- (2) Discuss the Referral of the 3/2 Towson Programs;
- (3) Discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- (4) Discuss the Recommendation for Commencement Speaker;
- (5) Discuss the Recommendation for the Honorary Degree Recipients; and
- (6) Discuss the Student Regent Recommendation for Next Year.


The Closed Session adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

THE BOARD MAY RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSED SESSION. 3:15 p.m.

The Board Reconvene in Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

The Board Reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session at 5:35 P.M.

This statement is made by Kweisi Mfume

SIGNATURE: 

******* FOR USE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: *******

TOPICS DISCUSSED AND ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY):