



Office of the Board of Regents

**Morgan State University
Board of Regents Minutes
Public Session
November 5, 2013**

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:20 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
Dr. Charles W. Griffin, Regent
Senator Laurence Levitan, Regent
Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent
Mr. Tyrone D. Taborn, Regent
Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent
Mr. Glenn A. George, II, Student Regent

Dr. David Wilson, University President
Ms. Elena Langrill, Assistant Attorney General

Opening Remarks

Chairman Mfume expressed his thanks for all in attendance, including members of the Office of the Legislative Auditors. He extended thanks, also, to Mr. Alvin Hill, President of Student Government.

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Chairman Mfume stated that one of the items listed on the agenda, Board of Regents By-Laws, would be discussed and acted on in Closed Session. However, the vote on the By-Laws would be announced in Public Session when it reconvenes.

The Chairman stated he was happy to see General Counsel Julie Goodwin present and looked forward to her input, and was pleased to see Regents Resnick and Edmonds present as well.

Recognitions

The Chairman thanked Regent Roberts for his service and dedication to the Board and University. Regent Roberts has officially stepped down as a member of the Board of Regents, and has been appointed Chairman of MedStar Health System's Board of Directors. To fill the vacancy created by Regent Roberts' departure on the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee, the Chairman appointed Regent Cummings as Interim Chair. Also, Regent Taborn was appointed as the Board's representative to the Morgan State University Foundation Board.

Regent Taylor was commended for her stewardship and leadership in her role as Chair of the By-Laws Committee.

The President and staff were recognized for all they did to ensure the success of this year's Matriculation Convocation.

President Wilson and Mr. DeWayne Wickham received accolades for the impressive grand opening of the School of Global Journalism and Communications, which was very well attended.

The Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Director of Alumni Affairs were applauded for the role they played in guaranteeing a successful Gala, and a sensational homecoming parade.

Regent Edmonds commended the staff for their reports and presentations at the Finance and Facilities Committee. Mention was made of the report presented by Dr. Victor McCrary on the Research and Economic Development Division.

Approval of Minutes

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Cummings to accept the minutes of August 6, 2013. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Report of the President

Dr. David Wilson, University President, offered his report to the Board and reported on the following topics (report attached):

- Coalition Case
- Matriculation Convocation
- Professor Kadir Aslan As Innovator
- Homecoming Week
- International Students and Activities
- HBCU Delegation to China
- Higher Education in America – The Time Summit
- Business School Construction/Northwood Plaza Development
- Engineering Accreditation Visit
- Town Hall Meeting
- UNCF Innovation Summit at Stanford University
- Enrollment
- Maryland Legislative Black Caucus Roundtable
- Student Support of Military

Following the report of the President, Regent Griffin suggested that questions pertaining to the Coalition Case be discussed in open session. However, the Chairman and other members of the Board declined to have the open discussion of the case, stating that legal advice would be better served in closed session. Regent Cummings expressed concern about the Board's role with regards to any final decision? The Chairman replied that the Board has to play a prominent role when working with the President. It is Regent Malcom's opinion that the discussion be kept close to the Board as possible while an active process of our mediation is underway. She continued by stating that the Board and administration should make sure that nothing is done to compromise the mediation process.

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It was MOVED by Regent Draper and SECONDED by Regent Taylor to approve the report of the President. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Reports of Standing Committees

Academic and Student Affairs

Regent Gilliam presented the following items for approval by the Board:

Performance Accountability Report (see attached)

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Griffin to approve the Performance Accountability Report. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Policy for Student Social Media Privacy (see attached)

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Taylor to approve the Policy for Student Social Media Privacy. THE MOTIN CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Mfume indicated to Dr. Kevin Banks, Vice President for Student Affairs, that he would like a report on the Athletic Department. Dr. Banks indicated that such a report has already been put together and will be on the President's desk on November 15, 2013.

Finance and Facilities

Regent Edmonds offered the following items for approval by the Board:

Amendment to the Policy on Tuition Waiver (see attached)

It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam to approve the Amendment to the Policy on Tuition Waiver. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

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FY 2015 Over-the-Target Budget Request (see attached)

It was MOVED by Regent Draper and SECONDED by Regent Malcom to approve the FY 2015 Over-the-Target Budget Request. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Commencement

The Board received a report on the details surrounding the December 20, 2013 Commencement (report attached). Mr. Byron Pitts, ABC News Chief National Correspondent, will be the Commencement speaker.

Audit and Institutional Assessment

General Ellis chaired the committee meeting, and no action items were reported.

It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam to accept the minutes of the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Board of Regents By-Laws

Regent Taylor presented the By-Laws with the recommended changes for review, discussion, and approval. She thanked the members of the committee for their work on the assignment. The committee met in the months of February and March, and the Chair of the Committee had an extended meeting with Ms. Langrill, Assistant Attorney General. They also researched the by-laws of several other institutions. The language/revisions were presented to the Board at its June retreat. Regent Griffin suggested that the Board be given more time to review the revisions to the By-Laws, because, he said, most members of the Board did not attend the 2012 Retreat. A discussion ensued on whether or not to table the By-Laws for additional review by the Board. However, members of the Board who were not in attendance for the 2012 Retreat indicated that they received the document and reviewed it thoroughly and were ready to vote on it today.

Regent Taylor continued with the review of the red-lined version of the By-Laws and opened the floor to questions. Due to the nature of the questions relating to the By-Laws by the Board and the response by counsel,

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the Board entered into closed session at 2:15 p.m. Chairman Mfume offered the following statement: The Board will be going into closed session and "pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code, the Morgan State University Board of Regents hereby adjourns into closed session on the following: 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; to protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business; to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The reasons for closing and topics to be discussed are: to review the credentials of an individual for purpose of consideration of the award of an honorary degree; to hear an update on the University's pending EEO claims; to seek and receive legal advice concerning the above matters, as well as proposed changes to the Board of Regents By-Laws; and to seek and receive legal advice regarding Judge Catherine C. Blake's ruling on the Coalition for Excellence and Equity in Higher Education.

The Board may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session if necessary to take any final and binding action.

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Edmonds to go into Closed Session. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session Two

Present: Mr. Kweisi Mfume, Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Mr. Frank L. Edmonds, General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Senator Laurence Levitan, Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Mr. Tyrone D. Taborn, Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, and Mr. Glenn A. George

The Board of Regents met in open session at 5:20 p.m. It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent George to approve the By-Laws as revised by the committee. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

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It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Taylor to award Mr. Byron Pitts an honorary degree at Commencement on December 20, 2013. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

The Board of Regents closed the meeting at 5:27 p.m. to discuss the Coalition Case. Ms. Langrill stated that she could not provide any type of advice/counsel because of her role with the Office of the Attorney General, and departed at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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