



Office of the Board of Regents

**Morgan State University
Board of Regents Meeting
November 3, 2014**

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:20 p.m.

Present

Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman
Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, Vice Chair
Dr. Tyrone D. Taborn, Secretary
Hon. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Regent
Mr. Franklin L. Edmonds, Regent
General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent
Mr. Dallas R. Evans, Regent
Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Regent
Dr. Charles W. Griffin, Regent
Hon. Senator Laurence Levitan, Regent
Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent
Ms. Latichia Perine, Student Regent

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

Absent

Eleanor M. Carey, Esq., Regent
Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent
Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Regent

Approval of Minutes

It was MOVED by Regent Cummings and SECONDED by Student Regent Perine to adopt the minutes of August 5, 2014. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Mfume reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met on August 13, 2014 and October 30, 2014. The meetings were publically posted and informational in nature. The Committee did not act on any items.

The Chairman stated that following the conclusion of any and all new business that he will entertain a motion pursuant to State Government Article 10-508 (a)(1)(2) (7) and (8) to adjourn into executive session to receive advice of counsel and to receive and consider updated information on the following matters: the ULP Litigation Update regarding AFSCME, Mezu vs Morgan State University – Fourth Circuit Appeal, any other litigation matters, Commencement and other Speakers, Honorary Degree Candidates, Resolutions regarding SGA Constitution and the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Tuition Exemption; Updates on Title IX, GESTAR Program, Office of Legislative Audits Findings, and Board Staff. Once we have concluded those discussions we will reconvene if necessary into open session for the purposes of concluding any public business and for the purpose of adjournment.

The Chairman recognized and welcomed Ms. Sara Baker, Legislative Analyst for the Maryland State Legislature.

Chairman Mfume announced several upcoming events as follows:

Founders Day Convocation

Thursday, November 13, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Murphy Fine Arts Center, Gilliam Concert Hall

Bill of Rights Trans Africa Day Convocation

Friday, December 5, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Murphy Fine Arts Center, Gilliam Concert Hall

Winter Commencement Exercises

Friday, December 19, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Murphy Fine Arts Center, Gilliam Concert Hall

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In terms of the annual giving campaign, the Chairman mentioned that the Board of Regents' commitment this year is 100 percent participation, with a gift of \$2,000 personal or corporate. He continued and thanked those members who have contributed, as well as the Regents that will be contributing at a later date.

Chairman Mfume congratulated Regent Malcom for her receipt of the 2014 Torchbearer Award from the Coalition of 100 Black Women on September 27, 2014.

Chairman Mfume continued and thanked every member of the Board of Regents for the extra effort the members continue to display by being a part of so many efforts and activities that go beyond attending Board meetings and demonstrating their commitment to Morgan State University. Also, he extended his thanks to Attorneys Julie Goodwin and Thomas Faulk for their legal advice and guidance that both attorneys provide to the University and to the Board.

The Chairman extended congratulations to the Morgan Foundation on another very successful Gala. Similarly, Chairman Mfume congratulated Dr. Wilson and his team for a great 2014 homecoming weekend as well congratulation for the recent awarding of 23 million dollar from NIH to the University.

Report of the President

President Wilson provided the Board with a summary of major activities that have occurred at the University since the last Board meeting on August 5, 2014 and they are as follows:

New Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

President Wilson announced that he is pleased to welcome to the Morgan State University family, Mr. Sidney Evans, who has assumed the position of Vice President for Finance and Management, effective October 15, 2014.

"Mr. Evans served as the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for Howard University from 2005-2009. Prior to becoming Chief Financial Officer (CFO), he served as the Director of Financial Analysis and Budget for Howard University, which entailed the management of both the University and Hospital budgets. He also served as a Manager and Assistant Controller with the Unisys Corporation, working on the Corporate CFO staff for this \$10 billion company. Sidney began his career as a commercial banking officer with Citibank and Wachovia Bank."

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“Sidney graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business with a Finance specialty. He also has an investment certification from the Harvard Graduate School of Business, and is a member of the Oxford Roundtable of England, and serves on a number of non-profit boards.”

New Chief Information Technology Officer

President Wilson stated that he is delighted to welcome Dr. Adebisi Oladipupo as the new Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Morgan State University, effective September 3, 2014.

“Dr. Oladipupo was the Chief Information Technology Officer at Norfolk State University, where he was responsible for IT infrastructure, security and network services for the University. He also served Norfolk as Vice President for Research and Information Technology. Dr. Oladipupo received his undergraduate degree in Materials Science from the University of Ife, in Nigeria, and a Master’s and Ph.D. in Materials Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Oladipupo has many years of increasing university administrative leadership experience that began as an engineering faculty through Department Head and Associate Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology at Hampton University.”

“He was an inaugural member of the NSF Panel on Cyber Infrastructure and has worked at the Motorola Research Lab in Illinois, and Lucent Technologies Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. He was also a winner of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship for Leadership in Technology and Telecommunications.”

Enrollment

The President reported that: “the enrollment as of Friday, October 31, 2014, was 7,711 students. This represents a 2% increase over last year’s enrollment, and an 8% increase over last year’s graduate enrollment. We also saw a record increase in retention at the University of 76.5% – the second highest retention rate that has been recorded in Morgan’s history. Further, we experienced an 11% increase in Hispanic enrollment, a 10% increase in international student enrollment, and a 2% increase in our transfer enrollment.”

He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Kara Turner, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management, and her team, for the effort that went into producing these enrollment figures for us.

"In terms of the financial impact of the enrollment increase at the University, we had budgeted for a 1% decrease in our enrollment, so the 2% increase means that we are experiencing a \$2 million revenue increase."

New Parent Plus Loan Guidelines Approved

"As you know, the United States Department of Education tightened restrictions placed on the receipt of Parent Plus Loans starting in 2011. As a result of that action, hundreds of thousands of students across the country were unable to secure funding to enable them to continue their college experience. We estimate that Morgan may have lost about 300 students. As a result of the immense pressure brought upon the U.S. Department of Education by numerous leaders within the HBCU community and others, the Department recently announced that it has finalized plans to "loosen the credit requirements needed to obtain federal Parent Plus Loans (PPLs)". Adverse credit is now defined as an applicant being delinquent by up to \$2,085, and the "look-back period" as being reduced from five years to two years. It is anticipated that approximately 370,000 plus loan applicants will now be able to qualify for Parent Plus Loans."

Homecoming

"Homecoming at Morgan was, once again, filled with excitement and energy. We welcomed back to the University thousands of alumni and friends, and the feedback that I received indicated that they are very pleased with the direction that the University is taking."

"Beginning with the Coronation of Mr. and Miss Morgan, and continuing with the student-planned concert on the campus, the annual meeting of the Morgan State University National Alumni Association, the Gala, and culminating with the parade and football game on Saturday, all Homecoming events were well-planned and well-attended."

The President thanked everyone who played such a significant role in the planning and execution of all of the activities during Homecoming Week.

Budget Update

"At the last Board meeting on August 5, 2014, the Board approved the submission of our FY 2016 Operating Budget request of \$21.3 million, and the submission of our Capital Budget request of \$51.9 million. Since that time, I have submitted the over-the-target budget request to Secretary T. Eloise Foster, and we are meeting with her on November 7th, to present the case for our request."

Status of Search for Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

"The search for the position of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs is moving along quite nicely. The search committee identified four candidates, who visited the campus last week and made major presentations to various constituent groups. The next step in this process is for me to obtain the appropriate feedback that is needed, and then to make a decision on the appropriate individual. It is my intent to make a selection by the end of the month."

Development of Northwood Plaza

The President reported that he has now had several meetings with the developer of the Northwood Shopping Plaza to gain a clear sense of the vision for that property. Over the last two months, he has met with three proposed anchor tenants: two supermarkets and one other major vendor. We are very encouraged, here at Morgan, by the plans that are unfolding for the full development of the rest of that complex. Stay tuned for more details.

NIH Grant

"Morgan State University is honored to have such an outstanding group of faculty members who embrace, without question, our noble mission of teaching, research and service. Last week, a group of those faculty members received word that a proposal that they had submitted to NIH was approved, and that they would receive a grant of \$23.3 million over five years. This is the largest (grant) that the University has ever received, and it is designed to diversify the workforce in the area of biosciences."

"A team of faculty came today and will take 10-to-15 minutes and say a word or two about this grant and the expected outcomes that we are striving to achieve."

Presentation from Dr. Farin Kamangar

Dr. Farin Kamangar, the lead investigator of the NIH project, addressed the Board and through a detailed presentation (attached), offered information on the \$23.3 million awarded to Morgan State University on behalf of NIH.

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Following Dr. Kamangar's presentation, the Chairman extended the Board's appreciation for the presentation, the details of the presentation and possibilities that await the University that may come from the NIH Grant. In addition, the Chairman recognized and thanked the other members of the team, Dr. Christine Hohmann, Dr. Ian Lindong, Dr. Gloria Hoffman, Dr. Michael Koban, Dr. Payam Sheikhattari, Dr. Cleo Hughes-Darden and Dr. Jocelyn Turner-Musa.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

The Committee Chair, Regent Linda Gilliam offered three items for approval by the Board and those items are:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes for August 5, 2014

It was MOVED by Regent Ellis and SECONDED by Student Regent Perine to accept the August 5, 2014 Minutes of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Performance Accountability Report

The goals and objectives in the Performance Accountability Report reflect the legislatively mandated mission as well as the five goals of the University's ten year strategic plan entitled, Growing the Future, Leading the World: The Strategic Plan for Morgan State University, 2011-2021. Each year this report must be submitted to MHEC after being approved by the Board of Regents.

It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Evans to accept the Performance Accountability Report. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct

The Committee is proposing the following changes to the Code of Student Conduct:

- Name change of the office from Student Judicial Affairs to Student Rights and Responsibilities;
- Definitions section updated;
- Prohibitive conduct section revised to add broader language to describe acts of sexual misconduct;
- Notification to students to regularly check their e-mail as part of their responsibilities; and Compliance with FERPA regulations.

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Levitan to approve the Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Finance and Facilities Committee

Regent Franklin Edmonds, Committee Chair, presented the following items for approval of the Board:

Nondiscrimination Policy

Revisions were made to the existing Nondiscrimination Policy to add protected bases that were not previously included and include a general provision to cover the inclusion of any future protected bases that may be added under federal, state or local laws, add a statement to note sex discrimination covered under Title IX, to name a few.

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

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Participation

In 2009 the Board of Regents changed its MBE goal to 25 percent from 30 percent minority participation to prevent unnecessary legislative audit exceptions and to be consistent with the State goal. On July 1, 2013, the MBE goal for the state of Maryland changed to 29 percent from 25 percent for specified State procurements.

It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Evans to approve the Minority Business Enterprise Participation. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

FY 2016 Operating Budget General Fund Request Update

At the last Board of Regents meeting, the University presented its proposed FY 2016 Operating Budget General Fund Request to be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). The Board approved submission of the request totaling \$21.3 million with the understanding that the President may authorize adjustments, as necessary, which were to be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting. In that regard, the categories and subcategories within the University's budget request had to be refined. The revisions were made to be more in line with guidance from DBM.

It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam to approve the FY 2016 Operating Budget General Fund Request Update. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

There were no items for actions for the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee.

New Business

The Board did not have any items for discussion under new business. Therefore, it was MOVED by Regent Griffin and SECONDED by Student Regent Perine to adjourned the Public Session meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Newson