

Public Session Minutes

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:39 pm.

Present: Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, Vice Chair; Hon. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Regent; General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent; Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Regent; Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent; Ms. Sarai A. Nwagbaraocha, Student Regent; Ms. Tracey Parker-Warren, Regent; Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent; Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Regent; Dr. David Wilson, University President; Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General

Absent: Dr. Charles Griffin, Regent

The Chairman referenced the agenda and stated that following the Public Session, the Board would convene in Closed Session to address the matters identified as such on the agenda.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the Regents and the public. He began by thanking the Regents for all of their assistance this quarter and for attending the events for the past few months, to include the budget hearings in Annapolis and the Morgan Innovation Day. He offered a special thank you to Regent Wilkinson, as he has attended most all events. He reminded the Regents of the 2016 Commencement ceremony that will be held in the next few weeks. He reminded the Board that Nancy Pelosi, former Speaker of the House will bring the commencement address. He also encouraged the Regents to attend the 76th Alumni luncheon on the Friday prior to commencement. He added that it really is an interesting "homecoming" for many of the alumni here at MSU and to the extent that you can attend, it would be great. Ms. Hart will send out the necessary information regarding the commencement logistics.

The Chairman stated that between this morning's committee meetings, he, Regent Draper, Regent Gilliam and Dr. Wilson met with Middle States representative, Ellie Fogarty, as a part of the beginning of the university's decennial reaccreditation process. They stated that the meeting went very well.

The Chairman informed the Board that Morgan was named a National Treasure and that he and Dr. Wilson just participated in an event acknowledging the recognition just prior to the full board meeting. He thanked Regent Wilkinson for attending the

ceremony as well. He also stated that he would like to have the faculty member who outlined the importance of this designation, attend a Board meeting to share the information with the full Board.

Lastly, the Chairman again reminded the Board that they are all members of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) as a part of Morgan's institutional membership. He stated that the Board would likely have a speaker from AGB participate in the Board retreat in June to present on one of the topics related to Board development and trusteeship.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Board meeting. It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Wilkinson to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016. THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously

Report of the President

Dr. Wilson began by stating that he wanted to recognize the members of the university team for whom this will be their last formal Board meeting here.

Dr. Wilson stated that Pamela Scott-Johnson would be leaving the university to accept a position at California State University. He reminded the Board that she was instrumental in aiding Morgan in securing possibly the largest grant in our history. He thanked her for her exceptional service and told her that we wished her well in her exciting future endeavors.

Dr. Wilson also recognized Dean DeLoatch as he will be retiring. He stated that he wanted to officially recognize him for his exceptional leadership and invaluable service as a world class educator during his tenure at Morgan.. Regent Resnick commented, remembering when Dean DeLoatch first arrived and what a significant impact he has had on the institution and what an asset he has been. Regent Stokes gave a personal testimony to being the beneficiary of Dean DeLoatch teaching, mentorship, knowledge, wisdom and exceptional leadership. She stated that when she graduated from Morgan she had at least ten prominent job offers. She directly attributes those opportunities to Dean DeLoatch and MSU. He is credited with producing more black engineers than any academician nationally. He will be stepping down as of June 30, 2016 and an appropriate recognition will be announced in the future.

Dr. Wilson again thanked Regents Draper, Gilliam and the Chairman who joined him to a meeting with Ellie Fogarty as the university prepares for Middle States decennial accreditation review.

Dr. Wilson reiterated the Chairman's comments regarding Morgan being designated a National Treasure. He added that the entire campus was designated, as only the library received the designation at another HBCU. This designation is a significant recognition for our institution. Dr. Wilson concurred with the Chairman and agreed to have the faculty attend a Board meeting to highlight our being named a National Treasure.

The President stated that an outcome from the legislative session was that there would be an increase for the FY-17 operating budget. He also stated that he was pleased to announce that included in the budget is an opportunity to provide a merit increase for staff this year. Regent Cummings stated that when giving the merit to employees, he wanted to be sure the institution was cognizant of the fact that we should be sensitive to the compensation of women to ensure that there is equity and fairness during the process.

Dr. Wilson announced that the business school has been approved for and extension of the AACSB reaccreditation of our business and accounting degree programs. Congratulations go to Dean Boghossian and the team on this affirmation of the quality of our programs.

Dr. Wilson stated that he was pleased to announce the largest personal gift in our history from Calvin and Tina Tyler. They have made a combined gift of \$5 million. This gift will create the Calvin and Tina Tyler Endowed Fellows Program targeting students from Baltimore City who are interested in continuing their education at Morgan. He offered a very special thank you to the Tyler's for their generosity.

Dr. Wilson said he was pleased to report that the university had received an A+ rating from Standard and Poor's.

He reminded the Regents that on April 7, 2016, Governor Hogan addressed the university at our annual honors convocation. This was the Governor's first time on campus and his message was very well received.

Dr. Wilson also alerted the board that we had several students on campus who have been selected as National University Innovation Fellows, that we have another student selected a Fulbright Scholar, and that our students continue to be successful in the national competitions related to civil engineering.

Dr. Wilson also reminded the Regents about the upcoming commencement activities and stated that he looks forward to their attendance.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the President's Report. It was MOVED by Regent Resnick and SECONDED by Regent Ellis. The President's Report was APPROVED as presented.

Report of the Standing Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Regent Gilliam stated that the committee meeting minutes of February 2, 2016 were approved.

Regent Gilliam added that the review of the student Regent Candidates would be discussed in Closed Session.

She stated that the items for Action included the Liberal Studies degree that was approved in committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The Dean's List Policy was tabled such that more data could be provided to the committee at the August meeting.

The review and revisions related to the Graduation Policy were discussed. The changes were accepted and the motion passed unanimously in committee.

The items for information included an update on the Middle States Accreditation. Dr. Taylor offered the committee an update on the planning and scheduling as we move forward with the process. Dr. Gilliam stated that she was a part of the meeting with the Middle States representative earlier this morning.

The committee received an update on online programs and the marketing of the programs. Dr. Gilliam stated that there would be an expanded discussion at the August meeting.

Dr. Hollis provided an update on the upcoming sesquicentennial celebration. He provided a preview of the regalia as well as an overview of the planning and activities for the coming year.

Dr. Gilliam stated this concluded her Public Session report.

Finance and Facilities Committee

The Chairman then called for the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee. Regent Malcom stated that the committee meeting minutes of February 2, 2016 were approved.

Approval was requested for increases in tuition rates and fees in support of instruction, instructional support, and other University services for FY 2017 operations. Recommended was a 2% increase for full-time and part-time undergraduate, in-state and out-of-state students. A 3% increase was recommended per credit for graduate in-state and out-of-state students.

Regent Resnick commented, for the record, that he wanted us remain mindful of our mission and the population we serve and the reason it is important to keep tuition down for in-state students. Regent Malcom added that Mr. Evans has been charged with doing analytics for the University, to include differential tuition and faculty/student ratio. Regent Draper asked that online studies be included in the analytics.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the resolution to increase tuition and fees. Regent Draper moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Regent Ellis. The recommendation was opposed by Regent Resnick. The motion carried.

Regent Malcom stated that University will submit its FY 2018 five-year Capital Budget Request to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on July 1, 2016. The five-year request totals \$366.9M of which \$27.4M is requested for FY 2018. The FY 2018 projects include the following: New Behavioral & Social Sciences Center, New Student Services Building, New Health & Human Services /Demolition of Turner's Armory, Campus-wide Site Improvements – West Campus, Montebello Surge, and Montebello Demolition.

Regent Malcom, along with Mr. Evans noted that there may be some adjustments to the dollar amounts and they would be shared with the Board at the next meeting. Regent Malcom made a motion to approve the submission and allow the university to make the changes needed based on their discretion since the amount should not differ significantly. The Chair acknowledged the motion I was seconded by Regent Draper. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Regent Malcom said that this concluded her report.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

The Chairman then referred to Regent Cummings for the report from the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee. Regent Cummings stated that that he had no items to report at this time.

Nominating of the 2016-2017 Board Officers

The Chairman called on Regent Taylor to preside over the meeting during the report from the Nominations and Elections Committee He relinquished the Chair to Regent Taylor.

Regent Taylor called upon Committee Chairman Resnick to provide an overview and the proposed slate of officers resulting from the meeting. Regent Resnick stated that the committee, comprised of Regents Malcom and Cummings and himself, unanimously recommended Regent Mfume continue as the Chairman of the Board of Regents for 2016-2017. He stated that the Committee also recommended that Regent Draper continue as the Vice Chair of the Board and that Regent Taborn continue as the Secretary of the Board. Regents Resnick, Malcom and Cummings commented that they were all on one accord and the deliberations were brief with regard to the nomination of the proposed 2016-2017 slate of officers.

Regent Taylor asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none. Each proposed officer accepted the nomination and stated that they were honored to serve in their respective leadership roles. Regent Taylor accepted the committee report and the nomination of officers. She called for a motion to accept the slate of officers for 2016-2017 academic year. The MOTION was made by Regent Parker-Warren and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board members thanked Chairman Mfume, Vice Chairman Draper and Secretary Taborn for their hard work, dedication, commitment and ongoing leadership for the Board and to Morgan State University.

Regent Mfume resumed the Chairmanship

Update from the Policy Committee

The Chairman called upon Regent Draper for an update from the Policy Committee. Regent Draper stated that the Committee had met two times and has begun to identify the existing university-wide Board policies. A listing of policies was developed and the committee segmented the policies into initial departmental and stake-holder categories. The committee has been examining best practices in this arena and is looking into memberships/alignment with organizations that focus on policies and governance at colleges and universities.

New Business

There was no new business.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION to move into CLOSED SESSION. It was moved by Regents Walker and Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Taylor to Adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNED at 2:17 pm.