

Public Session Minutes

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:29 pm.

Present: Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, Vice Chair; Mr. Tyrone Taborn, Secretary (via teleconference); Hon. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Regent; General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent; Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Regent; Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent; Hon. Tracey Parker-Warren, Regent (via teleconference); Mr. Matthew Reeds, Student Regent; Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent; Dr. Marquis Walker, 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; Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Regent;

The Chairman made note of the meeting 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.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2016 Board meeting. Regent Gilliam stated that Regent Marquis Walker's name should be added to the list of attendees. It was noted. It was **MOVED** by Regent Gilliam and **SECONDED** by Regent Cummings to approve the minutes of August 2, 2016 with the noted modification. **THE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously

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 work on the various committees, for attending the commencement and associated events, as well as for attending the Board Retreat.

The Chairman formally presented Matthew Reeds, the new Student Regent. The Chairman read Mr. Reeds brief biographical sketch. He officially welcomed Regent Reeds and asked him to provide brief comments. Regent Reeds thanked the Chairman, President Wilson and the other members of the Board. He stated that he looked forward to serving as the Student Regent. He said that he is fortunate to be a member and is proud to serve the university and the Board. The Chairman thanked Regent Reeds.

The Chairman provided a point of information noting that Regent Griffin remains hospitalized at the Levindale Nursing Center. His condition has varied. The Chair asked that members visit where possible. He asked that we keep him and his wife in prayer as she has had a lengthy illness as well.

The Chairman provided an update from the retreat. He stated that the retreat was divided into two sections: Board accountability, roles and responsibilities in the morning and university updates in the afternoon. He highlighted the presentation and discussion related to Board Development conducted by Ms. Trudi Blair, a consultant at Association of Governing Boards (AGB). She spoke of the fiduciary responsibilities of boards, answered questions regarding effective board governance, as well as board roles and responsibilities. He stated that the formal presentation from Ms. Blair was well received and that the exchanges that occurred in smaller groups were beneficial to the goal of enhanced Board development. The Chairman reminded the Board members that, as promised, we will continue to conduct these AGB briefings with the Board.

During the afternoon of the retreat, the Board was joined by President Wilson, Mr. Faulk and Ms. Goodwin. The discussion surrounded updates on the strategic plan and how the university was tracking toward those goals as well as few updates on other ongoing items.

The Chairman reminded the Regents that the BoardMax portal was functioning and reminded the Regents to contact the Board Office should they require any training or technical assistance.

The Chairman disseminated the current bylaws and the Annotated Code of Maryland with the article that outlined the duties and responsibilities the Boards. He stated that the annotated code supersedes the bylaws.

The Chair formally appointed the membership of the standing committees. The Chairman also appointed two Special Committees. He reminded the body that Special Committees are established with a finite duration/time period. He stated that a Special Committee on Athletics would be established. Regent Winston Wilkinson would serve as the Chairman and Regents Ellis and Walker would serve as committee members. He also established a Special Committee on Structure, Compensation and Equity. This committee would be chaired by Regent Taylor and Regents Cummings and Parker-Warren would serve on this committee to look at our structure, compensation within the State and gender equity in terms of fairness and opportunities for all. The Chairman also referenced the committee on policy chaired by Vice Chair Draper.

The Chairman yielded the floor to President Wilson to receive his report.

Report of the President

Dr. Wilson welcomed Regent Reeds to the Board and expressed his gratitude to the new SGA President. Dr. Wilson provided an update on the online programs and thanked the Board for their support of this effort.

He provided an overview of some changes that were under consideration for Commencement. With the inclement weather at the May commencement, the ceremony was moved to Hill Field house. That facility posed challenges with the individual attempting to gain access. With that, the commencement committee will discuss potential options and contingency plans for the future. Several options are being discussed and are being explored to ensure that the commencement ceremony continues to be an outstanding day for our students, their families, our faculty and staff.

Dr. Wilson shared highlights on the sixty plus Morgan students who studied abroad during the summer. The university is pleased that so many students are taking advantage of this outstanding opportunity. Dr. Wilson thanked Dr. Joan Robinson, Mr. Johnson Niba, and other staff in the International Affairs Office for their leadership in this area.

Dr. Wilson mentioned that he was invited to speak to the Democratic National Platform Committee, chaired by Congressman Cummings. He thanked Regent Cummings for recognizing the importance of supporting HBCU's and minority-serving institutions in his work on this platform.

MSU has been accepted into the Google "In Residence" program in which Google sends top level executives to HBCU's to teach an introduction to computer sciences course. A Google "In Residence" scholar will come to Morgan this fall to teach. We are delighted to form this relationship with Google and other technology giants.

Dr. Wilson reported that alumni giving continues to grow at Morgan. Last year's rate was 17% and projections are on track such that we will exceed those numbers this year.

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that the signage project was nearing completion and that Morgan State University would be identified at all of the entry points of the campus, as well as having identification signage placed on the buildings and directional signage throughout the campus. He thanked Ms. Kim McCalla and her team for their hard work on this project.

Dr. Wilson thanked the Board for the approval the IT upgrade plan last year. The implementation is progressing well and several building on campus have been equipped with the most powerful Wi-Fi that exists on campuses throughout the state. He thanked Dr. Oladipupo and his staff for his leadership and guidance in the process.

Dr. Wilson reported that Morgan underwent an NCAA data review approximately a year ago. The process resulted in the identification of a number of players participating in their sports, who were not eligible to do so during that period. After internal review and auditing of our processes and procedures, Morgan has received notification that the NCAA is satisfied with the corrective actions and the eligibility processes that have been implemented. However, the institution awaits potential action from the NCAA Enforcement Division related to the infractions.

Dr. Wilson was called out of the meeting briefly. The Chairman asked Dr. Gibson if she had anything to brief the Board on related to Academic Affairs since the retreat.

Dr. Gibson shared that the university is very proud that we are hiring twenty-three new faculty members. She added that we are attracting faculty from major institutions nationally to Morgan.

Dr. Wilson returned to the meeting and continued with his report.

Dr. Wilson stated that he was pleased to announce two new appointments at Morgan. Dr. Michael Spencer will be the new Dean of the School of Engineering. He comes to Morgan from Cornell University. Dr. Hongtao Yu is the incoming Dean for the School of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences. Dr. Yu hails from Jackson State University. Dr. Wilson invited Dr. Yu to make brief remarks to which he stated that he was excited to be a part of the Morgan family. Dr. Wilson also informed the Board that Dr. Kara Turner has been promoted to Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success. He also noted that Reverend Bernard Keels had a change in title to the Dean of the University Chapel.

The President stated the university continues to explore the redevelopment of the Northwood Shopping Plaza, recognizing that there are a number of areas that need to be addressed as identified by the Board. He stated that he looked forward to working with the Finance and Facilities Committee as we continue to explore Morgan's interest in the redevelopment project.

Regent Malcom stated that she was pleased to hear of the faulty institute and the excellent programming. She added that she hoped that the conversations about what we mean by excellence reflects the values in our own community and culture in the definition. She wanted to ensure that we were not using the terminology "qualified minorities", implying that we (minorities) or our description means that we are lesser than the norm. She reiterated by stating that Morgan's programming and faculty are excellent by all standards.

Regent Cummings thanked Dr. Wilson for his excellent testimony. And he also wanted to thank the University for initiating the conversation with a panel regarding what is occurring in our nation. He stated that it is important for our young people to know that Black Lives Matter and for Morgan to provide a platform for discussion is a very good thing at this time.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the President's Report. It was MOVED by Regents Taylor and Ellis and SECONDED by Regent Resnick. 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 May 3, 2016 were approved.

Dr. Gilliam asked Dr. Alao to provide an overview of the Performance Accountability Report. Following the report, it was moved by Regent Taylor and Seconded by Regent Cummings to accept the Performance Accountability Report.

Dr. Gilliam referenced Dr. Taylor's presentation on Online Tuition and Fees. She stated that the committee was in favor of the proposed Online Tuition and Fees. There was a motion to approve the online tuition and fees. The Motion was called for and was made by Regent Cummings and Seconded by Regent Wilkinson. The Motion carried unanimously. The Chairman requested a comprehensive annual update of the online programs.

Dr. Gilliam informed the Board that they hear a report of the SGA as well as an enrolment update.

Dr. Gilliam stated that this concluded her 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 May 3, 2016 were approved.

Regent Malcom said that the University submitted its FY 2018 five-year Capital Budget Request to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on July 1, 2016. There was a decrease in the budget that was submitted as there was a removal of the modules related to the Montebello Surge and Demolition. There was a call for a motion to approve the revised budget by Regent Malcom. The Motion was seconded by Regents Gilliam and Cummings. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent Malcom stated that the committee received updates from the Facilities, Design and Construction Management Department, the Research and Economic Development Division as well as the Institutional Advancement Update which included a notation that \$6.6 million dollars had been raised as of June 30, 2016.

The committee also heard from Enrollment Management, received a Collective Bargaining Update and received an MBE Update. Regent Malcom added that we are doing well with our MBE primarily due to construction projects, but there is a focus to ensure that we have strategic initiatives to improve this in the professional services area. Regent Cummings asked what we were doing to address this matter. Mr. Evans stated that we are looking at several areas such as the P-cards program, placing special emphasis on the service areas for the MBE's.

Regent Malcom stated that this was the conclusion of her committee report.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

The Chairman referred to Regent Cummings for the report/updates from the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee. Regent Cummings stated that there were no items to report from his committee at this time.

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 three times and had identified the existing policies. A listing of policies was developed and the committee segmented the policies into initial departmental and stake-holder categories. The next steps for the committee are to finalize the draft policy on policies for presentation to the full board for approval, as well as outline a schedule and timeline with milestones that align with the schedule of the Middle States decennial evaluation at the university.

Ms. Grant provided an overview regarding the Ratification of HB-401 which occurred at all universities in the State.

New Business

No new business items were brought forward.

There were a few announcements and reminders. There was a brief update on the university's Sesquicentennial celebration. Dr. Wilson stated that Dr. Hollis could be invited to the November meeting to offer a comprehensive update on the planning.

Dr. Wilson mentioned that an event is planned co-sponsored by the Afro Newspaper and Morgan which will be held on November 12, 2016. This event will celebrate 125 years of the AFRO newspaper and highlight the university's Sesquicentennial celebration. More information regarding the event will be sent at a later date. The university will also kick-off the Capital Campaign.

The Chairman referenced the historical overview provided by Dr. Green at the National Treasure Recognition event. He stated that he would like Dr. Green to attend the Board meeting in November to give a portion of that presentation to the full Board.

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

The PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNED at 2:57 pm.