



Office of the Board of Regents

**BOARD OF REGENTS MINUTES  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MAY 4, 2010**

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Dallas R. Evans at 11:07 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Dallas R. Evans, Chairman  
Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Vice Chairman  
Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, Secretary  
Ms. Shirley Marcus Allen, Regent  
The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Regent  
Mr. Franklin L. Edmonds, Regent  
Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Regent  
Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent  
Mr. Kweisi Mfume, Regent  
Mr. William R. Roberts, Regent  
Ms. Nahila Bertrand, Student Regent

Dr. Earl S. Richardson, University President  
Mrs. Elena Langrill, Assistant Attorney General

**ABSENT**

General (Ret.) Larry Ellis, Regent  
Mr. Donald E. Frieson, Regent  
Dr. Charles W. Griffin, Regent  
Senator Laurence Levitan, Regent

**Approval of Minutes**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Opening Remarks**

Chairman Evans stated that the transition with Dr. Wilson and University Administrative Staff has been successful. The Presidential Transition Team met on April 7<sup>th</sup> with much success. The team consists of representatives from the Board of Regents, administrative staff, deans, staff, etc., to name a few. The Chairman stated that Dr. Wilson is getting comfortable about taking over the role of President.

Chairman Evans welcomed Ms. Dana Tagalicod, Department of Legislative Services and Ms. Kristy Michel, Office of Policy Analysis, to the meeting.

#### Remarks by Counsel

Ms. Langrill informed the Board that the Office of the Attorney General (AG) is available for guidance whenever issues of a legal nature arise.

#### Report of the President

##### Legislative Affairs

**Operating Budget:** The legislative session ended better than anticipated. State support will increase; it is estimated that an additional \$2 million may become available for distribution. We are identifying the most pressing needs of the University so that we may direct the very limited resources to areas that will yield the maximum benefit. For the third year in a row, a furlough will be instituted to achieve a \$1.7 million savings that will be reverted to the State.

**Capital Budget:** We were able to maintain most of what the Governor recommended to the Legislature. Appropriations include:

- \$26,935,000 for the second construction installment for the CBEIS Building, as well as funding for long lead-time equipment that will have to be ordered and installed during construction
- \$250,000 additional allocation for the design of the Business School
- \$3,265,000 supplemental appropriation for Banneker renovation for added costs and potential delay claim costs

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1084, if passed, would have made decisions of the Maryland Higher Education Commission subject to further administrative appeal or judicial review. While the bill passed the third reader in the Senate, it failed to move beyond the House.

##### BRAC

The President and Morgan's designated representative have attended a number of meetings concerning BRAC. The key issue continues to be the nature of the higher education response to the educational and research needs of the government organization and related defense contractors slated for the Aberdeen area. The Lt. Governor is the designated point of contact and has been mediating the competition among the campuses involved. The three major issues under discussion are: the possibility of a new independent regional center open to all campuses, expansion of the existing HEAT Center to accommodate additional activity, and the building of the Towson facility at Harford Community College through which other institutions might participate. The Lt. Governor is emphasizing the importance of encouraging participation by all campuses. While there will be continued discussion, it is clear that the military wants the issues to be resolved quickly.

### Transition Activity

Morgan staff members have been involved in the Regents' transition effort for the President-Elect since March. The staff held three days of briefings for the new President from March 22<sup>nd</sup> thru March 24<sup>th</sup>. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Transition Committee met with the incoming President. The Committee met on its own on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to consider recommendations in a number of areas. Also, the Board Chair, the President-Elect and when necessary, the current President, have been in continuing conversations about a range of issues and special topics.

### Athletics

The men's basketball team has concluded its third consecutive strong season. For the third year in a row, it won the conference championship. For the second year the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament. The women's basketball team had a winning season this year, but did not advance beyond the first round of the conference tournament.

### Facilities

**The Center for Built Environment and Infrastructure Studies (CBEIS):** Site work on this \$65 million project began in mid-March. Bids were very favorable, enabling some construction funding to be utilized for equipment. Currently, the foundation is being dug with significant rock having to be blasted and removed. The groundbreaking for the building was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Governor in attendance. The project is expected to be substantially completed by August 2012.

**North Chiller Plant (\$7.5 million):** The project will provide for the air conditioning needs of the North campus, including CBEIS. The project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2011 and is on schedule and within budget.

**Northwood Baseball Fields (\$5 million):** Bids were received this month. There is sufficient funding for the refurbishment of three existing fields and construction of a softball field, but not for added parking. New issues with the City have surfaced (amount of land required and cancellation of lease provision) requiring a revision to the property lease. It will take considerable coordination with the City to prevent this project from being delayed another baseball season.

**Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum (\$3.1 million):** Construction bids received - project can be completed within available funds. Project will be awarded soon with anticipated completion of July 2012.

### Other Projects

Northwood Shopping Center Demolition - Out to Bid  
School of Business Design - Out to Bid

### **Naming Events**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the University held a ceremony in the library naming the Center for Civil Rights in Education after Judge Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals and a Morgan alumnus. The Gilliam Foundation has donated \$100,000 to support symposia and other activities of the Center.

Earlier in the year, a wing in the new Banneker Building was named in honor of Dr. Vergial Webb, former graduate dean at Morgan.

In the near future a lecture hall in the new communications building will be named after longtime professor of English, Dr. Ruthe Sheffey.

### **Gifts**

In addition to the \$100,000 donation by the Gilliam Foundation to the new Bell Center, the estate of alumnus Gilbert Ware, Class of 1955, has notified the University that it will be receiving approximately \$310,000. Additional gifts include:

- Xerox Corporation for the School of Engineering - \$50,000
- Annie E. Casey Foundation in honor of Calvin Tyler - \$50,000
- Walmart for engineering students - \$20,000

### **Legislative Auditors**

The auditors carrying out the University's general financial audit have been on campus for a number of weeks. The audit of the University's data network will begin this week. That will be the first of three audits of University technology resources carried out by the Legislative auditors.

### **Commencement 2010**

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. in Hughes Stadium. Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Obama, will deliver the Commencement Address. Regents who plan to attend should meet in Hurt Gymnasium by 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Evans extended a special thanks to Regents Fricson and Gilliam and the other donors for their gifts to the University.

Chairman Evans stated that he and the President are working on the agenda for the Annual Board Retreat which is scheduled for June 3-4, 2010 and asked the Regents to submit their agenda items as soon as possible. The evening of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Board will have dinner with the Black Caucus and President-Elect Dr. David Wilson, allowing them an opportunity to meet and formulate a basis for building a relationship. Also, Chairman Evans announced that Regent Mfume has been appointed Executive Director of the National Medical Association.

## Reports of Standing Committees

### Academic and Student Affairs

Regent Allen presented the report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the following items were presented for approval by the Board:

1. **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) Program in Urban Transportation:** The proposal developed by the School of Engineering and offered out of the Center for Continuing and Professional Studies, is to establish a post-baccalaureate certificate program in Urban Transportation using existing courses in the current master's degree program. Morgan is unique in that it is the only HBCU currently offering a Master in Urban Transportation degree program. This certificate program is designed for individuals with bachelor's degrees or professionals with advanced degrees seeking an additional concentration in one of the following areas: Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning, Transportation Management and Entrepreneurship and Logistics. This certificate in Urban Transportation is developed for professionals seeking to focus in an aspect of transportation or those with advanced degrees wishing additional coursework in a specific area of the profession.

It was **MOVED** by Regent Allen and **SECONDED** by Regent Gilliam to approve the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Urban Transportation. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Student Regent Representative for 2010-2011:** Mr. DaQuan Lawrence is recommended by the Student Government Association Selection Committee to replace Ms. Nahila Bertrand, who will graduate May 2010. Mr. Lawrence is a rising senior majoring in Sociology. Currently, his cumulative grade point average is 3.51. He serves as a Junior Class Senator for the 2009-2010. He is also President of the Dubois-Diggs Sociology Society, and is President and founder of Strong Men Overcoming Obstacles Through Hard-work. Additionally, he has been a mentor for the Center of Academic Success and Achievement and the University's Transfer/Connect programs, and is employed as a work-study student in the Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

It was **MOVED** by Regent Allen and **SECONDED** by Regent Edmonds to approve Mr. DaQuan Lawrence as the Student Regent for the academic year 2010-2011. THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Amendment to the University Council Constitution/By-Laws:** Article 2. Revise the composition of the University Council by identifying the Vice Presidents and Deans as a group, rather than listing them individually, and substituting three faculty representatives for each school to serve as voting members, rather than four.

Article 3. Change the Qualifications and Selection of University Council Members by designating the Deans to coordinate elections, and making membership available to faculty appointed pursuant to the University's appointment, promotion, and tenure policy.

Article 6. Add a new committee entitled the Technology and Communication Infrastructure Committee and designate the Office of the General Counsel as legal counsel.

The amendment also makes several stylistic and grammatical corrections.

It was **MOVED** by Regent Allen and **SECONDED** by Regent Roberts to approve the amendments to the University Council Constitution/By-Laws. THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Revision of the Morgan State University Drug and Alcohol Policy:** The Morgan State University Drug and Alcohol Policy is being revised to make technical corrections and to reflect changes to statutory citations in the Maryland Annotated Code.

Morgan State University (the "University"), is dedicated to providing a campus environment free of the illegal and/or abusive use of alcohol and/or drugs. The illegal and/or abusive use of drugs and/or alcohol by members of the campus community jeopardizes the safety of the individual and the campus community, and is contrary to the academic learning process. The University is therefore committed to having a campus that is free of the illegal and/or abusive use of drugs and alcohol. In keeping with this commitment, it is the policy of the University that the illegal and/or abusive use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited on University property or as part of University activities. Further, the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on University premises, except as expressly permitted in writing by the President or designee. In order to inform all University employees and students of their responsibilities under the policy, the following information is provided:

- Prohibited Conduct.
- Disciplinary Sanctions that the University will impose on Employees and Students.
- Applicable Legal Sanctions under Federal, State and Local Laws.
- Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illegal Drugs and/or Abuse of Alcohol.
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation Programs Available on Campus.
- Responsible Administrative Office.
- Effective Date.

It was **MOVED** by Regent Allen and **SECONDED** by Regent Cummings to approve the revised Morgan State University Drug and Alcohol Policy. THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Finance and Facilities**

Regent Edmonds presented the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee and offered the following item for approval:

- **Amendments to the Professional Administrative Staff Manual:** The draft Professional Administrative Staff Manual provides in one comprehensive document a source of information, policies and procedures relevant to administrative staff. The format is designed to encourage and facilitate the reader's use of non-print, internet-based sources for updated materials. Highlights of the new manual include:

- Introduction - General statement regarding the nature of administrative positions, legal statement related to subordination and precedence of policy statements.
- Chapter 1 - Current abridged version of mission statement, summary of selected policies
- Chapter 2 - Nature of administrative positions
- Chapter 3 - Employment matters, e.g., appointment, probation, evaluation, acting appointments, reinstatement benefits, reassignment
- Chapter 4 - Notice provisions for termination
- Chapter 5 - Annual Leave
- Chapter 6 - Leave without pay
- Chapter 7 - Grievance process
- Chapter 8 - Benefits

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to approve the amendments to the Professional Administrative Staff Manual. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The remainder of the report is for information only.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Newson