

Morgan State University Council
REGULAR MEETING
September 12th, 2019
Richardson Library 4th Floor Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:00 A.M. By Dr. Uttam Gaulee.

24 Voting Members Present: Shimi Ahmad, Maija Anderson, Sharon Barrett, Jessye Bemley-Tally, Keisha Campbell, Tessa Collins, Russell Davis, Maryam Ganjavi. Shonda Gray-Cain, Vanessa Grey, Whitney Johnson, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Joonwoo Moon, Kamalesh Panthi, Reggie Phoenix, Joseph Queen, Tonya Sanders, Michael Sinclair, Viji Sittther, Dawn Thurman, Sarah Trautvetter, James Wachira, Ziping Wang, Kimberly Warren. Geron Mackall

12 Administrative Members and Visitors Present: President David Wilson, Alliyah Moore, Simone Lonas, AVP Patricia Williams-Lessane, Chief of Staff Don-Jerry Veal, Keyshawn Moncrieffe, Kia Harper, VP Kevin Banks, Dean Mark Garrison, AVP Yacob Astatke, Director Wayne Swann, VP Kim McCalla, Armada Gaul

II. Blessings- Blessings Deferred Reverend Keels was unable to make it to the meeting.

III. Welcome and Introduction:

- Dr. Gaulee wished to start on a positive note. So welcome and introductions was facilitated by Secretary Anderson. All members of the University Council introduced themselves and shared what they liked most about Morgan, as well as what they thought would make Morgan State University more special.

IV. Attendance/ Quorum

- Attendance was verified by Dr. Sinclair; Quorum was established

V. Review and approval of minutes from April 11th, 2019 Meeting

- Meeting minutes were presented for review motion made by G. McCall second by S. Barrett. Approved unanimously by UC members.
- bylaws, Dr. Michael Sinclair was appointed as

VI. Remarks by UC Chair-Dr. Uttam Gaulee

Dr. Gaulee presented introduction remarks that included a review of Morgan's values per parliamentarian, also per bylaws provision. Dr. Gaulee announced the formation of the Research and Creative Activities committee. He presented this as a testament of Morgan's growth as a university with "high research activity"

VII. Remarks from the President- Dr. David Wilson

- Dr. Wilson welcomed New and Continuing members of the University Council.
- He also spoke on the importance of moving forward as a university.

- He spoke to the fact that other institutions are struggling with diversity MSU is not.
- He discussed the recent memo was sent on September 2019.
- Discussed budgetary shortfall and the need to exercise great discretion to ensure that the university does not end year in debt.
- Budgetary focus this year is on safety MSU made significant investments 4-5 years ago in safety/ security measures.
- Presented additional safety/ security measures executed over the summer.

Marble Hall Apartments:

- Security fencing installed – ensuring safety without compromising the beauty of the National Treasure
- Video camera monitoring

Morgan View

- Added asphalt walkway behind Morgan View.
- Security Guard to monitor Morgan View 24/7.
- Considering adding lights.
- Requested that Morgan View owners increase the number of parking spaces.

Campus Housing

- Expedited request for more important on Campus Housing.

Security/ Policing

- Improved efficiency of escort services with additional support provided by MSDPD
- Increasing by five, the number of sworn security guard shuttle services in place.

Security/ Fencing

- Proposing installation of security fencing around the campus.
- Proposal is to install a Morgan wall around to decrease access and install clearly defined routes of ingress and egress.
- President has IDs

Three priorities for legislative funding

1. Center for violence reduction, education and training.
2. Amendment of state legislation to allow police to patrol prep outside of MSU.
3. 2 million dollars to add 20 new police officers
4. New school of Engineering Bldg.

Dr. Wachira raised question about whether people should be required to wear to ID badges.

Response: The university is evaluating this matter but will require culture change.

VIII. Remarks by Dr. Patricia Williams-Lessane , Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (on behalf of Provost Dr. Lesia Crumpton-Young, who was out of town).

- She discussed several new initiatives
- Coffee with the Provost: Lots of engagement with faculty.
- \$200,000 for innovation solidifying requirements for awards MTF.
- Grateful to UC for reviewing policies over the summer in support of rolling them out.
- Preliminary talks with Interfolio (one of the largest online tools utilized for managing portfolios for promotion and tenure.
- Alex Cohen and Associates conversation about reimagining space so that it is more “user friendly” and in line with requirements for R1 designation.
- In conversation with Rocketbook to get product into all student’s hands
- Stressed commitment of the Provost and herself in working closely with faculty and staff to make improvements as necessary.

IX. Items for information

Policy Update-Academic Dishonesty in Research - Dr. Willie May (VP D-RED)

- He provided updates with content to the policy.
- Issue with NSF that required a policy update or would have jeopardized funding efforts.
- Policy has been reviewed and approved by OGC; now to be reviewed / approved by at their next board meeting
- Invited questions/concerns re: flow
- President Wilson requested clarity on process
- Policy was sent for review and electronic vote over the summer.

There was a motion put forth to approve

Motion: G. Mackall

Seconded: T. Collins

Discussion: None

Abstained: J. Queen

Policy Approved

Gender/ Sexual Harassment revisions reviewed by Dr. K. Banks. SB607 Compliance

- Policy sent forward electronically over the summer and approved via electronic vote
- Sexual Coercion – New Definition (page 11)
- Reporting options (page 15) highlighted available options for reports.
- Rights, Disciplinary proceedings for allegations of prohibited conduct. (page 27)
- Page 28 Section 13
- MHEC will pay to ensure students have access to legal counsel (page 28) (Section 15)
- (page 29 and 30)

Question: Clarity requested Re: Jurisdiction to include online.

Response: Policy covers online behavior per President Wilson. President Wilson also requested clarity regarding whether the UC would be seeing another version of this policy.

Response: The UC may see another revised version based on any changes sent down from the Department of Education (DOE).

There was no vote held as there is anticipation that UC will be reviewing another version.

Dept Chair Policy Update: Discussion Tabled

Motion: G. Mackall

X. Item for Action – Policy on Intellectual Property, Mr. Wayne Swann (Director, Office of Technology Transfer)

- Policy was approved by OGC and union and is now being put forward to UC for a vote for approval before going to BOR

Motion: G. Mackall

Second : S Barrett

Discussion: Mr. T. Queen questioned how the policy has been vetted against other institutions Intellectual Property Policies.

Response: Mr. Swann - policy is in line with policy presently utilized at University of Maryland College Park.

Question: M. Sinclair: How often will policy be reviewed?

Response: Recommendation that policy be reviewed annually.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. UC Process- Electronic sharing and voting

- Chair provided updates regarding need to move issues /decisions forward expeditiously.

Question: Timeframe in place by which to vote?

Response: Proposed timeframe 4-5 business days.

Discussion: Electronic voting clarification during summer.

Question: Whether this is a bylaw change.

Response: Not Presently

Recommendation: That it be added to the constitution

Motion: Dr. Sinclair proposed that it be referred to the Bylaws committee explore adding amendment the address summer.

Second: Professor Reggie Phoenix

Discussion: P. McCarthy requested clarification on qualifications of UC members.

Response: Bylaws committee will review.

XII. Research and Creative Activities Committee (Ad hoc)- Dr. Viji Sittther

- Dr. Sittther discussed rationale for R & CA Committee
- Rationale need for startup/ bridge funds
- Core Research support staff needs.
- Need for mandatory research training.

XIII. Formation of Standing Committees

- Dr. Sanders reviewed need for members to sign up for committees.

XIV. New Business

- Birthday
- Resolution approved to send condolences to UC member.

XV. Meeting Adjournment- 12:59 pm

Motion: M. Sinclair

Second: Dr. Sanders

Adjourned: Dr. Gaulee