

Public Session Minutes

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:19 pm.

Present: Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman; Hon. Tracey-Parker Warren, Secretary; General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent; Dr. Linda Gilliam, Regent; Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent; Ms. Hamidah Famuditimi, Student Regent; Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Regent; Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Dr. Tyrone Taborn, Regent (via teleconference); Dr. Marquis Walker, Regent; Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Regent; Dr. David Wilson, University President (via teleconference); Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General

Absent: Rev. Frances Draper, Vice Chairman, Regent; Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Regent; Dr. Charles Griffin, Regent

The Chairman offered an overview of 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.

The Chairman formally introduced the MSU Student Regent for 2017-2018, Ms. Hamidah Famuditimi. He asked that Regent Famuditimi offer a few words about herself. Regent Famuditimi provided a bit about her background and stated that she was excited and honored to serve as the student regent.

The Chairman called on Mr. Evans who introduced the new Assistant Vice President for Accounting Operations and Compliance, Ms. Deborah Flavin. Dr. Oladipupo introduced the Deputy CIO for Technology Operations, Dr. Cynthia Mendoza-Robinson, as well as Mr. Robert King, Chief Information Security Officer.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the Regents in attendance and the members of the public. He began by thanking the Regents for all of their work on the various committees and for attending the May commencement, the June Board retreat, the Sesquicentennial events and the other spring university activities.

The Chairman informed the Board that Regent Draper was attending a funeral and would join the meeting later in the afternoon. He added the Regent Griffin remained in

the rehabilitation center. He again stated that Regent Griffin's wife had passed away and asked that members of the Board continue to keep him in their prayers.

Regent Resnick asked for a point of personal privilege and thanked the Board and the university staff for their many calls and ongoing communication while he was "under the weather" in recent months.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2017 Board meeting. It was MOVED by Regent Ellis and SECONDED by Regents Parker-Warren and Resnick to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017. **THE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Middle States Report

Chairman Mfume asked Dr. Taylor to provide an update on Morgan's Middle States decennial review process, as well as the status of the development of the report. Dr. Taylor offered an update and added that a draft report would be ready for review in the coming weeks. He asked that the appropriate stakeholder groups be prepared to review and comment on the draft report.

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

Report of the President

Dr. Wilson stated that May Commencement featuring Vice President Joe Biden was a resounding success. In addition to Vice President Biden, the persons receiving Honorary Degrees were C. Sylvia Brown, Sheldon Goldseker and April Ryan.

The President offered an overview of the naming of the College of Liberal Arts on May 11th in honor of the late James H. Gilliam, distinguished Morgan alumnus. He stated that the ceremony was well-attended and was a resounding success.

He informed the Board that he was a panelist on the Governor's first ever business summit entitled "Transforming Higher Education". He added that on May 25, 2017 that the Governor signed SB 1085 designating Morgan as the States Preeminent Public Urban Research Institution.

Dr. Wilson reminded the Board of the many events and activities associated with the institution's sesquicentennial celebration that had been held in the past months. He thanked the Regents for their participation and continued support of the outstanding events celebrating the institutions history.

He added that the institution had been awarded a multi-year grant through the NCAA. He also stated that he was invited to deliver the commencement address at the Adeleke University in the West African nation of Nigeria and that for the third year, he was invited by Harvard to present to a group of aspiring university presidents.

Dr. Wilson thanked the Regents who participated in the Freshman/Access Orientation program throughout the summer and reminded them of the upcoming program/session of the orientation scheduled for August 13, 2017.

Dr. Wilson updated the Board stating that the graduation rates were increasing again this year and that the institution anticipated retention numbers being above 70% again for the 7th year in a row.

He also informed the Board that in an effort to insure a proactive strategy for security, he along with members of the university cabinet met with Baltimore City Police Commissioner Davis and his team, on the west campus. This meeting was focused on addressing that area of campus, as it is becoming an increasingly high-risk area. The strategy is to look at what can be proactively done to address the associated safety matters.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the President's Report. It was **MOVED** by Regent Malcom and **SECONDED** by Regents Walker and Gilliam. 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 1, 2017 were approved.

Dr. Gilliam added that the Sabbatical Leave Policy came before her committee. The committee approved the policy and recommended that the policy move forward for Board approval. Regent Gilliam moved that the Sabbatical Leave Policy be approved. The motion was seconded by Regent Ellis and carried unanimously. The Sabbatical Leave Policy was approved by the Board.

Dr. Gilliam stated that her committee received an update on the Performance Accountability Report (PAR). It was stated that additional information and input was required. Dr. Gilliam stated that she would hold a committee meeting and this would be an agenda item such that the areas under consideration that would be addressed. Additionally, Regent Gilliam requested the Standards of Accreditation & Requirements. The Regents adopted the PAR with consideration of the recommended changes and the discussion at the upcoming committee meeting.

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 1, 2017 were approved.

Regent Malcom said that the University received an FY 2019 Capital Budget Update and an overview of the Final Rating Report from Standard and Poor's. The committee also heard routine departmental updates to include an Enrollment Management status for fall. Dr. Malcom stated that enrollment is looking favorable.

Regent Malcom indicated that there were no action items from her committee and that this concluded her report.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

The Chairman referred to Audit Committee Vice-Chairman Ellis for the report/updates from the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee. Regent Eliis stated that the committee received an update on Follow-up Audits and an Update on the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) review of Morgan. The Follow-up on Audits is moving along well. He added that the meeting was very productive and progress is being made as no items on the tracking matrix are showing in red. All items are on track. He stated that there were no additional items to report at this time.

Update from the Special Committee on Athletics

Regent Wilkinson informed the Board that he met with Dr. Wilson and Mr. Scott regarding the athletic program. Regent Wilkinson asked that Mr. Scott offer an update from the discussions. Mr. Scott informed the Board that a new academic advisor had been hired to focus on student athletes. He added that a new scoreboard had been procured for the football field just in time for the fall season. Mr. Scott stated that Morgan State and Towson University had renewed the scheduling of the annual game and Baltimore rivalry. Mr. Scott also added that several members of the athletic administration team attended the program administrator training in New Orleans related to the university's award of an NCAA grant for the athletic department. Mr. Scott also offered an update with regard to the status of the NCAA matter, and how the non-compliance areas are being addressed. Regent Wilkinson added that the university is on the right track with regard to athletics.

Update from the Special Committee on Policies

The Chairman called upon General Ellis, in committee Chairman Draper's absence, for an update from the Special Committee on Policies. He stated that the policy development process is moving along well. He added that the committee met and offered recommendations and next steps with regard to prioritizing polices that should be moved to the top of the list for stakeholder review and update.

Update from the Executive Committee

The Chairman provided an update from the July 27, 2017 Executive Committee. He stated that updates on the agenda items would be offered in the Closed Session of the meeting today.

New Business

No new business items were brought forward for the Board's consideration.

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

The PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNED at 2:37 pm.