

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 Draper, Vice Chairman, Regent; Hon. Tracey-Parker Warren, Secretary; Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, (via teleconference), Regent; Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, Jr., Regent; General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent; Dr. Linda Gilliam, 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; Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General

Absent: Dr. Shirley Malcom, 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 listed those items for the record.

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 during the year and especially thanked everyone for their participation in all of the university's Sesquicentennial activities.

The Chairman wished Dr. Wilson Happy Birthday on behalf of the Board and thanked him for his dedication and commitment to Morgan State University.

The Chairman informed the Board that Regent Griffin's term on the Board had ended. He stated that Regent Griffin was still in the rehabilitation center and asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers. The Chairman introduced Regent Harold Carter, Jr. who was recently appointed to the Board. He asked that Regent Carter offer a few words about himself. Regent Carter offered a bit about his background and stated that he was glad to be a part of the Board and looked forward to serving.

Approval of Minutes

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

Report of the President

Dr. Wilson began by echoing Chairman Mfume's sentiment in welcoming Regent Harold Carter, Jr. to the Board. He added that he looked forward to working with Regent Carter.

The President offered an update of fall enrollments stating that as of the freeze date of October 16, 2017 Morgan had enrolled 7,747 students. He stated that this represents the highest enrollment that we have had at Morgan in the last five years.

He reminded the Board that the institution was nearing the end of the Sesquicentennial activities. He stated that Morgan hosted the HBCU-9 joint celebration and that Presidents and senior representatives from the institution were on campus. He thanked Dr. Hollis for his superb leadership in planning these events throughout the entire year.

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.

Dr. Wilson set the scene for the opening of the Martin D. Jenkins Hall. He stated that the marching band played and the cheerleaders rallied as everyone gathered for the celebratory activities surrounding the opening of the Behavioral and Social Sciences building on September 14, 2017. He also added that the groundbreaking of the Calvin and Tina Tyler Hall was held on September 28, 2017 and was another impressive gathering of students, faculty, staff and state and local representatives. The university also dedicated Legends Plaza, the home of the statues of Coach Edward P. Hurt and Coach Earl "Papa Bear" Banks which were sculpted by Morgan football legend and world famous artist George Nock.

President Wilson stated that the Homecoming was a huge success, Thousands of alumni made their way back to their alma mater. He said that he gave his annual State of the University update to a standing room only crowd. The annual black-tie gala was a sold out event on Friday night. The parade and the homecoming game were on Saturday afternoon with over 11,000 individuals in attendance and where the Morgan Bears were victorious over Savannah State University.

Dr. Wilson reminded the Regents of the December Commencement Ceremony scheduled for 10:00 am on Friday, December 15, 2017. He stated that Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford of the state of Maryland would serve as the commencement speaker.

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

Dr. Gilliam stated that her committee received an update on the Performance Accountability Report (PAR). She stated that the additional information requested at the August meeting had been provided and all requested changes were satisfied. With that, Regent Gilliam recommended that the PAR be adopted. The **MOTION** was made by Regent Taylor and **SECONDED** by Regent Walker. All regents in attendance were in favor of adopting the Performance Accountability Report. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Dr. Gilliam stated that the Policy for Online and Hybrid Courses changed since additional online course offerings were added since 2009. The revised Policy for Online and Hybrid Courses came before the committee at the October 12, 2017 meeting. The committee approved the policy and recommend that the policy move forward for full Board approval. Regent Gilliam recommended that the Policy for Online and Hybrid Courses be approved. The **MOTION** to approve the policy was made by Regent Walker and was **SECONDED** by Regents Taylor and Wilkinson. The vote carried **UNANIMOUSLY**. The Policy for Online and Hybrid Courses was approved by the Board.

Dr. Gilliam moved to the Summer School Revised Policy. The revised Summer School Policy came before the committee at the October 12, 2017 meeting. The committee approved the policy and recommend that it move forward for full Board approval. Regent Gilliam recommended that the revised Summer School Policy be approved. The **MOTION** to approve the policy was made by Regent Taylor and was **SECONDED** by Regents Famuditimi. The vote carried **UNANIMOUSLY**. The Revised Summer School Policy was approved by the Board.

The next policy Dr. Gilliam brought forward was the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure (APT) Policy. The revised APT Policy came before the committee at the October 12, 2017 meeting. The committee approved the policy and recommended that it move forward for Board approval. Regent Gilliam recommended that the APT Policy be approved. The **MOTION** to approve the policy was made by Regent Famuditimi and was **SECONDED** by Regent Taylor. The vote carried **UNANIMOUSLY**. The revised Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Policy was approved by the Board.

The next policy addressed was the Extension of Time for Tenure Review. Dr. Gilliam asked that Dr. Gibson offer a bit of background on this policy and outline how faculty

can “stop the clock” along the path to tenure. The Extension of Time for Tenure came before the committee at the October 12, 2017 meeting. The committee approved the policy and recommended that it move forward for full Board approval. Regent Gilliam recommended that the Extension of Time to Tenure Policy be approved. The MOTION to approve the policy was made by Regent Walker and was SECONDED by Regent Resnick. The vote carried UNANIMOUSLY. The Extension of Time to Tenure Policy was approved by the Board.

Dr. Gilliam informed the Board that the next items she was bringing forward were two new degree programs. Dr. Gibson offered brief background on both of the proposed new programs. Dr. Gilliam brought forward the recommendations from the committee that the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design be approved as a new undergraduate degree program offering. It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Resnick that the degree program be approved. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Dr. Gilliam informed the Board that the second degree program was being brought forward by Dr. Spencer who offered background on the proposed new program. Dr. Gilliam brought forward the recommendation from the committee that the Bachelor of Science in Transportation Systems be approved as a new undergraduate degree program offering. It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Resnick that the degree program be approved. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Regent Gilliam also stated that Dean Wickham offered an update on the revamping of WEAA and the programming. Regent Gilliam asked if the revamping of the radio station should have come before the Board. The Chairman stated that that is an operational matter for the institution not the Board.

Finance and Facilities Committee

The Chairman then called for the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee. Regent Resnick chaired the committee meeting on behalf of Chairman Malcom. He said that the committee meeting minutes of August 1, 2017 were approved.

Regent Resnick brought forward the recommendation to increase the tuition rate for the fully online the Master of Public Health (MPH) program. Based on projected enrollment and proposed rate of \$30,000 per student, this program will result in increasing positive cash flow every year for the next five years. Regent Taylor stated that when the program was approved by the Academic and Student Affairs committee last year, they were given another rate. It was recommended that this be tabled and discussed at the February meeting with the financial data and the program information.

There was a no vote of the full board, and the item was tabled.

Regent Resnick stated that there were no additional items to bring forward.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

The Chairman turned attention 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, an Update on the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), and a review of Morgan and the Financial Statement Audit Results from SB & Company, LLC. The Follow-up on audits is moving along well. He added that the meeting was focused and that significant progress is being made as again, no items on the tracking matrix are showing in red. He stated that there were no additional items to report at this time. Chairman Mfume added that it was a good committee meeting.

Update from the Special Committee on Athletics

Regent Wilkinson informed the Board that he continued to be kept apprised of the status of the NCAA Enforcement Matter. Regent Wilkinson called on Mr. Scott to offer a brief status of the athletic program, as well. Following Mr. Scott's overview, Regent Wilkinson added that a detailed reporting would occur in the Closed Session as outlined on the meeting's agenda.

Update from the Special Committee on Policies

The Chairman called upon Regent Draper for an update from the Special Committee on Policies. Regent Draper stated that progress had been made and asked that Ms. Andrea Hart and Dr. Don-Terry Veal offer the overview of the proposed policy webpage and committee progress. The committee met and offered recommendations and next steps with regard to prioritizing policies that should be moved to the top of the list for stakeholder review and update as well on the policies that are a part of the Faculty Handbook.

Update from the Executive Committee

The Chairman provided an update from the October 29, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. He stated that updates on the agenda items would be offered in the Closed Session of the meeting today.

New Business

There were no new business items 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 Regent Ellis and SECONDED by Regent Stokes and Resnick to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNED at 2:12 pm.