

Public Session Minutes

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:23 pm.

Present: Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Frances Draper, Vice Chairman, Regent; Hon. Tracey-Parker Warren, Secretary, Regent; Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, Jr., Regent; General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent; Dr. Linda Gilliam, Regent; Ms. Hamidah Famuditimi, Student Regent; Dr. Shirley Malcom, Regent; Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Regent; Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Dr. Tyrone Taborn, Regent; 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: Regent Elijah Cummings

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.

Chairman Mfume appointed the Chairs and membership of the Nominating Committee and the Evaluation Committee. He stated that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Regent Shelonda Stokes with Regent Walker and Regent Famuditimi serving as committee members. He added that the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee is Regent Larry Ellis. Regents Taylor, Taborn, Wilkinson and Famuditimi will serve as committee members.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2017 Board meeting. It was MOVED by Regent Ellis and SECONDED by Regents Resnick to approve the minutes of November 7, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Report of the President

Dr. Wilson began by offering an overview of the Sesquicentennial activities for 2017. He said that this was a historic year for Morgan. We celebrated 150 years of purpose and programs as well as 150 years of progress. The year concluded with Morgan having an exceptional showing of over 70 events, culminating with our historic commencement ceremony in December. He thanked Dr. Burney Hollis for leading the Steering Committee responsible for all of the activities and events. He thanked the Regents for their participation and continued support of the outstanding events celebrating the institutions history.

The President informed the Board that he was invited to go to London by the Council of International Education Exchange (CIEE) to participate as a presidential mentor for its study abroad program. In exchange for his participation, President Wilson will offer his honorarium such that seven students can spend a semester abroad in Berlin, Germany.

He informed the Board that the leadership team began planning for an expansion of student housing at Morgan. The firm of Brailsford and Dunlavey (B&D), a national company providing program management and advisory services, as well as design and construction was secured by Morgan. They will assist the university in assessing the current and future student housing needs.

Dr. Wilson stated that the university entered a relationship with AGBIS on a project designed to enable the university to rethink our business model such that we become more innovative and efficient in the delivery of the universities mission. This engagement with AGBIS is a part of a grant and Morgan was selected to participate.

President Wilson informed the Board of the legislative hearings dates and provided an update of the operating budget and an brief overview of his testimony.

He informed the Board that Morgan State University is the recipient of a \$700,000 grant from Intel Corporation to provide scholarship support for students in computer science and engineering.

Dr. Wilson also reminded the Board of the coming departure of Dr. Victor McCrary, Vice President for Research and Economic Development. He added that Dr. McCrary would be going to the University of Tennessee. He asked that the Board join him in wishing Dr. McCrary well.

The last item Dr. Wilson reported on was the Middle States Visit scheduled for April 8-11, 2018. He asked that the Regents place the dates on their calendars and noted that Dr. Taylor would provide an overview of the Self-Study Report and the visit later during the meeting.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the President's Report. It was **MOVED** by Regent Parker Warren and **SECONDED** by Regent Gilliam. The President's Report was **APPROVED** as presented.

Employment Contract

The Chairman offered an update from the December 29, 2017 meeting of the Board in which the development of a five-year contract for President Wilson was approved unanimously by the Board. He added that significant work had been done by the Evaluation Committee Chaired by Regent Ellis, to reach this stage. He stated that the Board has confidence in President Wilson and the leadership he has provided to the university. The Chairman and Dr. Wilson countersigned the five-year contract. All members of the Board of Regents were asked to position themselves at the head of the table to commemorate the contract signing with a photograph.

Report of the Executive Committee

The Chairman provided an update from the February 1, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. He stated that the meeting was informational in nature and added that updates on the agenda items would be offered in the Closed Session of the meeting today.

Report of the Standing Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Regent Gilliam stated that the committee meeting minutes of November 7, 2018 were approved. She added that the committee received an update from Enrollment Management as well as a Student Affairs Update.

Following the Student Affairs Update, Regent Gilliam stated that the Committee received a comprehensive update and review of the Middle States Self-Study report in preparation for the Middle States Visit to the institution. She then called on Dr. Taylor to provide the presentation of the report to the Full Board.

Finance and Facilities Committee

The Chairman then called for the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee. Regent Malcom said that the committee meeting minutes of November 7, 2018 were approved.

Regent Malcom stated that there were a number of items for information.

In reference to the campus master plan that was discussed in committee, there was a recommendation to have a special committee of the board to look at the Master Plan. The Board requested a tour of the campus to get a sense of the university as a whole as the plan is implemented. Ms. McCalla stated that she was looking at a way to have a virtual tour developed. There was a recommendation that a meeting and tour could be held on the same day. Regent Draper asked what happens with the Master Plan beyond Board approval. Dr. Wilson said that the university will then say to DBM that the Board has approved the master plan and then we can use the plan to show what is being done with regard to future actions on the campus.

Regent Resnick asked what the institutions financial aid allocation for students was. He asked for the financial aid numbers with regard to the amount of aid that is awarded to students that are supported by the institution. In looking at the areas where students are in need, Dr. Turner indicated that there was a shortfall. Regent Gilliam offered to make a contribution to fill in the gap and the other Board members immediately joined her. Through the generosity of the Regents, funds were collected in support of the student's in need.

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 and the status of the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) review at Morgan. He stated that the Follow-up audits is moving along well and the items being reviewed were being addressed and tracking well. He stated that there were no additional items to report at this time. Chairman Mfume added that it was another good committee meeting.

Final Report from the Special Committee on Athletics

Regent Wilkinson gave the final report from the Special Committee on Athletics. He provided a listing of the accomplishments that have been implemented and instituted since Mr. Ed Scott was hired as the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. He discussed the new structure and the new initiatives in the athletic department and informed the Board of the significant strides that have been made in that area. He also stated that continues to be kept apprised of the status of the NCAA Enforcement Matter in which an update will be offered in Closed Session. The committee is very pleased in the direction athletics is moving at Morgan. The report including the numerous accomplishments was submitted for the official board files.

Final Report from the Special Committee on Policies

The Chairman called upon Regent Draper for the final report from the Special Committee on Policies. She offered an overview of the work that occurred with the committee. She stated that a Policy-on-Policies was drafted and that the university was looking at "best-practices" in policy development nationally. She provided an overview of the process as well as the way forward. The final report was offered for official board files.

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 Wilkinson and SECONDED by Regent Ellis to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNED at 2:37 pm.