



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Montgomery Community College, Rockville, Maryland
April 13, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College met in public session on April 13, 2009, in the Trustee Board Room, Central Administration. The regular public meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Roberta F. Shulman, Michael C. Lin, 1st Vice Chair, Steve Kaufman, 2nd Vice Chair, Gigi Godwin, Gene Counihan, Reggie Felton, Owen Nichols, and Gabriel Spiro

Present Ex-Officio: President and Secretary/Treasurer Brian K. Johnson

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Felton moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Nichols seconded. The motion passed and the agenda was approved by the Board.

IV. MINUTES

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 public meeting; Trustee Lin seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

VI. COMMENTS PERIOD

There was one speaker to come before the Board. Mr. Aman Abdissa, a student from the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus spoke to the Board about his experience as a student at Montgomery College. He indicated that Montgomery College has given him the opportunity to increase his values. He has worked on several projects and worked with Dr. Stewart on parking issues.

VI. RECOGNITIONS

Trustee Godwin moved to approve agenda item #VI, the Recognitions. Trustee Lin seconded. The motion passed and the recognitions were approved by the Board.

**BR# 09-04-035 Tribute and Posthumous Award of Bronze Medallion to
Ms. Margaret (Maggie) Noss**

Dean Paula Matuskey provided comments on the life and service of Ms. Margaret Noss at Montgomery College. She indicated that Ms. Noss had a passion for the arts and reported that the family has established a scholarship endowment in her memory. Ms. Patty Ghezzi, Ms. Noss's partner, provided comments and thanked the Board for the recognition. Mr. David Noss, Ms. Noss's brother, gave brief remarks and thanked everyone.

BR# 09-04-036 Retirement Recognition and Bronze Medallion to Mr. Bruce Rahn

Mr. Carlos Castillo provided comments on the life and service of Mr. Bruce Rahn at the College. Vice President and Provost Brad Stewart provided comments. Mr. Rahn gave brief remarks and thanked the Board and Dr. Johnson for the recognition.

VII. REPORTS

President's Report to the Board

Dr. Johnson highlighted his report and commented on the spring semester, his favorite time of the year. Dr. Johnson commented on the celebration, work, and generosity of Mr. Paul Peck when he was honored on March 25, at the Germantown Campus. Some Trustees and two CEOs from local biotech firms attended the event.

Dr. Johnson highlighted the student awards programs and commented on the AACC Annual Conference held in Phoenix. The theme of the conference was diversity. Dr. Johnson noted that there was a tremendous turnout when the College hosted the try outs for the Jeopardy! game show.

Dr. Johnson reported that the College continues to work with neighbors on the matter of possibly reopening the fence access to the Rockville Campus, and the College continues to advocate for the FY2010 budget.

TIP Reports

Trustee Counihan asked did the College track students who have transferred to the Universities at Shady Grove. Dr. Lynch, director of the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis indicated that the College was trying to compile this information.

VIII. BR# 09-04-037 Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

IX. BR# 09-04-038 Amendment of Contract, Employment and Case Management Services, Montgomery County Refugee Training Center

X. BR# 09-04-039 Amendment to Sole Source Award of Contract, Professional Consulting Services for the Montgomery College Board of Trustees

XI. BR# 09-04-040 Capital Budget Funds Transfer, Takoma Park Campus Expansion Project

On motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Spiro, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda items #VIII - XI.

XII. BR# 09-04-041 Salary Improvement in FY2010 for Administrative, Associate, and Support Staff

On motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Lin, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda items #XII.

XIII. BR# 09-04-042 Increase in Tuition Rate per Credit Hour

Dr. Johnson provided a brief overview of the need for a tuition increase. He indicated that staff and Board members gave a tremendous amount of deliberation to this matter and the College will not be able to manage without this increase. There is no other option and the County is not able to help.

Trustee Kaufman thanked Dr. Johnson for his statement and indicated that the Board may have to revisit this matter at a later date. Trustee Counihan stated that he would vote in favor of the motion and reluctantly, the College would be breaking the \$100 point in the cost of tuition per credit hour. The only alternative would be to cut into the quality of programs. He will reluctantly vote for the resolution. Trustee Spiro commented on the amount of cuts that have already taken place and he hopes that the Board will revisit the issue and look at reducing tuition. Trustee Felton suggested that the College should monitor financial aid, loans, and grant approvals. The Board does not want to see students in debt. Trustee Godwin expressed that she was in great pain to increase tuition for the next fiscal year, and explained that the College must work with the County Council. Trustee Lin noted that he would reluctantly vote in favor of the resolution.

XIV. BR# 09-04-043 Modification of Board Policy on Recognition Awards

On motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Counihan, the motion passed and the Board approved and adopted agenda items #XIV.

Mrs. Lawyer, chief human resources officer, noted that the College was asking for the opportunity to recognize individuals posthumously with emeritus or emerita status.

XV. New Business

Trustee Spiro reported on his spring break trip to Mississippi along with other students from Germantown and citizens from the Germantown community. He reported that the Gulf Coast needed to be rebuilt from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. He noted that he helped a family to restore and rebuild their home, and he was amazed by the sea shells near the homes and the stairs to nowhere. His work was in one of the hardest hit communities in Mississippi. He thanked the College community for its support and the students hope to expand their service in the future.

XVI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 10-508, subject to Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1991, the Chair announced that the Board voted to hold an Executive Session April 13, 2009, when one site matter (subsection 3) – Germantown Campus, Holy Cross, Rockville Campus, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus updates were discussed; and one personnel matter (subsection 1) was discussed.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Roberta F. Shulman
Chair, Board of Trustees

Brian K. Johnson
President and Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Trustees

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham

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