

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELTY HALL BOARDROOM FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order and Welcome** **Pat Ainsworth, M.D.**

Pat Ainsworth called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. **Attendance**

In attendance were Pat Ainsworth, Becky Tate Cade, Tina Morgan, Kelly Downs Streib, Mitzi Chandler Green, Irene Turner Guthrie, Andrea Godwin Overby, Kim Triplett, Claudia Limbert (University President), Mary Margaret Roberts (Executive Director of Alumni Relations), Macaulay Knight Whitaker (Assistant Director of Alumni Relations), Pam Cook Baker (via teleconference), Cindy Adams Dunbar (via teleconference), and Renee Nick Flynt (via teleconference). Vint Ferguson attended the meeting only for a special presentation.

III. **Special Reports**

Alumni Benefits

Vint Ferguson, having officially resigned from his position on the board, presented information on the Association Advantage program from the Caldwell Research Group. Discussion was held on potential adoption of the program. The final Association Advantage program will be presented to the entire board for further review and voting.

University Update

University president Claudia Limbert presented a university update covering budget concerns and her impending retirement and replacement. The university expects a 25 percent budget cut by 2012. An interim president will be named by the IHL at a later date and is expected to be on campus one month prior to Limbert's last day. An extended interim term was also discussed as a likely possibility.

IV. **Business**

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the meeting of the board on September 24, 2009, and November 18, 2009, were approved as amended. Andrea Overby made the motion for approval as amended, and Becky Cade seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership report

Mary Margaret Roberts provided an updated membership list, totaling 175 members. Discussion was held on targeting young alums and redesigning the membership brochure.

Funds report

Roberts provided a report on budget transactions of the Alumni Association Activities Fund (non-endowed, restricted MUW Foundation fund) and the MUW Alumni Association Fund (designated university fund,) to date. A motion was made that the Association go on record as officially conserving funds from the 2009-2010 budget to aid in the university budget crisis. Andrea Overby made the motion for approval, and Tina Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Nomination & Election committees

Mary Margaret Roberts thanked the nominating committee and the elections committee for all their efforts in electing the 2010 board officers. The procedure was discussed for situations in which the chairman of the nominating committee, defined by the Bylaws as the immediate past president, shall resign as chairman of the nominating committee if he or she is eligible for re-election to a second term on the Board.

Awards committee

The 2010 MUWAA award recipients were announced and would be formally presented at the Homecoming Brunch on Saturday, April 17. Discussion was held on whether or not to include faculty and staff in awards or create a separate award for faculty and staff. A monetary prize for faculty development and a revamp of the distinguished alumni award nomination were also discussed. The Awards committee will consider future options.

Policies and procedures

It was proposed that the Association will create a policy allowing the president of the Association to vote only in the event of a tie, modify the policy on the nomination committee in order to address the scenario as presented during the Nomination and Election committees report, and further discuss the policy on eligibility for service as a director. Becky Cade made this motion, and Irene Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda for April 17 Annual Meeting

The agenda for the Annual Meeting was finalized.

Summer Meeting date

The June meeting date was targeted for June 2, 2010, to coincide with the Foundation meeting on June 3, 2010.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.