

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cochran Hall, Third Floor  
Saturday, January 11, 2014

**LUNCH & COMMITTEE MEETINGS (OPTIONAL)**

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

President Sherrie Cooper convened a pre-Board Meeting session and introduced University President Jim Borsig, who reported on the many good things happening at the W.

**MINUTES**

**WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

I. President Sherrie Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and requested adoption of the agenda with modifications. She motioned that Unfinished Business and New Business follow Approval of Minutes on the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. President Sherrie Cooper welcomed all members of the Board and guests present.

III. The roll was called:

MUW Alumni Association Board Members present:

Pat Ainsworth (by teleconference)	Jenny Katool, President-Elect
Sherrie Cooper, President	Katy Canion Pacelli
Jane Dennis (by teleconference)	Mary Libby Payne
Elaine Evans, Immediate Past Co-President (by teleconference)	Amy Strickland Tate
Renee Flynt (by teleconference)	Troy Lewis, Treasurer (by teleconference)
Mitzi Green	Donna Marrero
Dana Jackson	Stephen Taylor
Malinda Mabry-Scott	Elizabeth Whittington
Gus Argrett	Wesley House Garrett, Parliamentarian
	Ruth Pettey Jones (by teleconference)

MUW Alumni Association Board Members absent:

And Thaggard, Immediate Past Co-President	Barbara Austin
Dustin Thompson	Wanda Ray, Secretary
David Ivey	

Ex-officio Members of the MUW Alumni Association Board present:

Jim Borsig, MUW President	Lyndsay Cumberland, Director of Alumni
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Guests present:

Erin Gioia	Beverly Jones
Carrie Pate	Andrea Stevens, Executive Director

Parliamentarian Wesley House Garrett confirmed quorum was met.

IV. President Sherrie Cooper asked the Board to review the minutes from the last meeting. Dana Jackson motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. In Unfinished Business, Past Presidents' pins were discussed. President Sherrie Cooper called on Treasurer Troy Lewis to discuss the budget. Troy explained that ordering the bulk amount of pins does save the Board the cost of one pin. He also discussed that there is a possibility of purchasing the pins from the restricted fund. He announced that the total would be \$3,465.00. Katy Canion Pacelli motioned that the Board purchase past presidents pins from the restricted fund. Renee Flynt opposed the motion. Pat Ainsworth refrained from voting. The motion carried. Troy then motioned that the Board consolidate the holding account into the activities fund. The motion was unanimously approved. Dana Jackson motioned for \$500.00 from the activities fund for the Special Events Committee to use on the silent auction at Homecoming. Troy assured the Board that this expense would not cause a strain on the budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

In other Unfinished Business, President Sherrie Cooper discussed the Board size. She explained that there are many contradictory matters in the By-laws. She proposed that the Board follow current Bylaws for Elections this year. She explained that the Board still needs to share this information with the membership. She proposed that they do this at the Annual Meeting during Homecoming this year. She announced that the Board size will be in compliance with the Bylaws by the year of 2016.

Next, President Sherrie Cooper announced that Nominations are open and encouraged everyone to participate.

VI. In New business, President Sherrie Cooper called on Katy Canion Pacelli to discuss Scholarship and Awards. Katy directed the Board to the Scholarship & Awards Committee report. She shared the reports from the recipients of last year's Faculty Enhancement Grants. Katy motioned that the Board approve the dispersal of funds of the Legacy Scholarship upon the acceptance of the scholarship by the recipient. The motion was unanimously approved. Katy motioned that the Board approve the dispersal of funds of the Faculty Enhancement Grants. The motion was unanimously approved. Katy motioned that the Board approve the dispersal of funds for the New Faculty Award. The motion was unanimously approved. Katy motioned that the following statement be added to the Policies & Procedures regarding the New Faculty Award:

Report: Each recipient is requested to submit to the FRC and MUWAA a one-page description (plus any supplementary materials attached, if one so wishes) of how the money was spent to fulfill the activity described in the proposal, and how the award supported the academic life of MUW overall. Deadline: To be set by the Provost.

The motion was unanimously approved. Katy motioned that the Board adopt policies and procedures for the Culinary Arts Advisory Board and Southern Grace Scholarship into the MUWAA Policies & Procedures immediately following the Legacy Scholarship (please see Scholarship & Awards Report for more details. It is on-line at [http://web3.muw.edu/images/downloads/muwaa/agendas/2014\\_Winter\\_Board\\_Meeting.pdf](http://web3.muw.edu/images/downloads/muwaa/agendas/2014_Winter_Board_Meeting.pdf)). The motion was unanimously approved. Katy then asked the Board to participate in voting on the MUWAA Alumni Awards.

VII. Director of Alumni Relations, Lyndsay Cumberland, presented the Alumni Office report, which included an update on membership status, events and a new brochure.

VIII. In Officers Reports, Troy Lewis gave the Treasurer's report, which provided balances in the various Association accounts as of the end of December.

- IX. Standing Committee Reports followed.
- A. Nominations Report – Nothing to report.
  - B. Elections Report – Nothing to report.
  - C. Bylaws Report – Nothing to report.
  - D. Recruitment & Retention Report – Chair Renee Flynt reported the committee is still considering a name change to better reflect its mission, but first they need to re-write their mission.
  - E. Chapter & Constituency Groups Report – Chair Jane Dearing Dennis reported that there is new interest in new area chapters.
  - F. Special Events Report – Chair Dana Jackson reported additional details regarding the silent auction at Homecoming and introduced the online vendor, BiddingOwl.com. Elizabeth Whittington advises that we should contact chapters for package deals in their areas. Jane Dearing Dennis agreed to help with this mission.
  - G. Finance Report – Chair Troy Lewis reported that he will bring final Board budget to the Homecoming meeting.
  - H. Public Relations Report – Chair Amy Tate reported that the updates to social media and the website have been a success.
  - I. Former Presidents Report – Nothing to report.
- X. Special Committee Reports followed.
- A. Southern Grace Report – Jenny Katool reported in Gail Law’s absence. She reported additional details regarding the Southern Grace dinner at Homecoming.
  - B. Scholarship & Awards Report – Chair Katy Pacelli reported that all business was taken care of during New Business.
  - C. Strategy & Support Report – Chair Jenny Katool reported that the days and times for the volunteer training with the Alumni and Foundation Boards are still to be determined.
- XI. In Open Forum, guests were then given the opportunity to make comments. Bev Jones asked about everyone’s feelings on changing the words to the song, “Hail to Thee.”
- XII. President Sherrie Cooper closed the meeting with comments of gratitude on how far the Board has come, announcement that the initiation of the new board members at Homecoming will be more ceremonial than the past and encouragement for nominating those Board members that are rolling off and haven’t served two consecutive terms. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.