

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MUWAA ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, March 30, 2019

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Limbert Assembly Room, Cochran Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of the Mississippi University for Women Alumni Association (MUWAA) membership was held on the MUW Campus in Limbert Assembly Room, Cochran Hall on March 30, 2019, with President Katy Canion Pacelli presiding. President Pacelli called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

II. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

President Katy Canion Pacelli welcomed all in attendance. She thanked the board for their hard work that was accomplished this year and the support that was given to MUW as well as their support to the board. She then read the mission of the MUWAA.

III. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Nora Miller welcomed home all alumni in attendance. She was very pleased with the event of the Long Blue Line Auction. She stated the band was fun and she enjoyed singing along to the songs. She was happy to welcome alumni home to a beautiful campus. She appreciated all involved in the MUWAA.

MUW had 2711 degrees in the fall and 894 in the spring. The average is 31.8 out of 100 full time students graduate. This is way better than the IHL average of 21%. MUW is reliant on community college transfers. There is 17 counties that supply full scholarships for community colleges and it is hard to compete with obtaining the potential students at a freshmen status at this time. It is very important that alumni articulate and get them to MUW in recruiting. There is a 13:1 ratio of faculty to student and this a wonderful experience for the students. Tuition rate is \$6,940 for Fall/Spring and there is no out of state tuition. Fifty-five percent of tuition comes from the annual budget and 41% comes from state. There are 78% full time students with a 20 % male population which is an all-time high. Male athletics is helping with this. Thirty-five percent of the student population are African Americans and 85% are Mississippi residents. There are 71% traditional students under age 24. There are 20% of residential students. Seventy-nine percent of the students work and 41% of them work full time. Ninety percent of students are on Financial Aid. MUW prides themselves on excellence and affordability to students. She was ecstatic about the women's basketball championship and a parade is scheduled for April 8, 2019. The students love the W and all are thrilled to be in

attendance. She stated there is a great relationship with faculty and staff. She stated that our alumni association hasn't changed and that was a great relationship with the school.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Sue Freeman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

V. MUWAA PRESIDENT'S REPORT, OFFICER REPORTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUWAA President Katy Canion Pacelli reported that the board has been active and continues to work with the university on increasing alumni involvement.

The Chair of each committee provided individual reports:

Nominations:

Courtney Ballard Murtaugh, Immediate Past President, met with her committee and approved the following slate of MUWAA Board members for next year:

Board of Directors:

Barbara Black Travis, Class of 1970

Jane Izard Turner, Class of 1980

Christie Jones Lawrence, Class of 1981

Troy Lewis, Class of 1991

Monique Jenkins, Class of 2008

President- Elect - Rebecca Rogers, Class of 2000

Kimberly Griffin, Class of 1993 will serve the remainder of Rebecca Roger's term

Elections Committee:

Sarah Howell stated the committee sent out for elections of the new board with only 181 alumnae voting from February 14 - February 28, 2019. She stated this was less than 10 percent of alums. She suggested when MUW sends out the ballot to put a distinguished comment about voting for new board members to assist in gaining more votes. Once the new members were approved, her team put together the new board members biographies and worked with public relations chair to get them in the spotlight.

Bylaws Committee:

Katy Canion Pacelli in the absence of chair, Pam Rhea, reported that work was completed when they added Appendix F, Naming Rights in Policies and Procedures. These were approved by Board on February 2, 2019.

Recruitment and Retention Committee:

Amy Harris encouraged everyone to attend the convocation at Whitfield Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday for the presentation of the MUWAA Alumni Awards as well as the reception at 5 p.m. at Fant Library to meet and honor the recipients. Names were read as follows:

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award: Allison Davis Russo Class of 1998

Distinguished Achievement Award: Nancy Carpenter, Friend of the University

Alumni Service Award: Sue Simmons Freeman

Outstand Recent Graduate Award: Nicole Dig Beachum

She read the names of the faculty award/grants:

New Faculty Award: Dr. Travis Hagey

Faculty Enhancement Grants:

Ashley Chisolm

Dr. Mark Bean

Dr. Nora Corrigan

Chapters and Constituency Groups Committee:

In the absence of chair, Dawn Kershaw Gibbons, President Katy Canion Pacelli reported the group has been actively working. The “How to Start & Grow a Chapter” toolkit will be added to the MUW Webpage soon. Updated information and links will be added as well to encourage more participation from alums with providing information as to what is available in both chapters and constituency groups.

Special Events Committee:

Carolyn Wilson Byrd stated that an outstanding night was held by all at the long blue line auction. She stated a great team effort was made for the event and thanked her entire committee for assisting to make an amazing event tonight. She stated there was already great comments about the over 200 items on display. She thanked the bidders and sponsors of this wonderful event.

Finance Committee:

Antwann Richardson presented a copy of the 2018-2019 budget noting there was not much changed since the last board meeting. Overall, it was a great year with us staying in budget with the MUWAA funds. He also reported the total budget was \$18,5673.50. He confirmed that the Association raised money and stayed in budget.

Public Relations Committee:

Rebecca Rogers stated that all press releases were advertised on Facebook for sponsors of the long blue line auction, Alumnae Award Winners, B.L.U.E. event recap, and

presentation of the 2019 - 2020 Board. Spotlights will continue to be featured for various groups.

Membership Recruitment Committee:

Symone Bounds reported that it was a great year and MUWAA was reaching out to recent graduates to get them involved in the association.

Mentoring Committee

Audra Odom reported that the Senior Spring Event was a success on March 28, 2019 at the Stark Recreation Center. She stated this was a great event and should be added to the yearly calendar. There was about 75 students in attendance.

VI. RECOGNITION OF 2018 - 2019 MUWAA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President Katy Canion Pacelli recognized all of the current Board Members by asking each member seated in the audience to stand.

VII. RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

President Katy Canion Pacelli thanked the following departing board members for their contributions to the MUWAA: Carolyn Wilson Byrd, Melissa Hayes Gilmore, Nita Byrd Lumpkin, Pam Rhea, Heather Fasciocco Stone and Courtney Ballard Murtaugh.

VIII. INSTALLATION OF 2019 - 2020 MUW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

MUW Board of Directors to Serve the 2019-2022 Term:

Monique Jenkins, Class of 2008
Christie Jones Lawrence, Class of 1981
Troy Lewis, Class of 1991
Barbara Black Travis, Class of 1970
Jane IZard Turner, Class of 1980

Remainder of Rebecca Rogers' Term of the Board of Directors 2019 - 2021
(2 years):

Kimberly Griffin, Class of 1993

Officers Elected to Serve the 2019 - 2020 Term:

Secretary, Clemmie Phillip, Class of 2011
Treasurer, Dawn Kershaw Gibbons, Class 1997

President - Elect to serve the 2019 - 2020 Term
Rebecca L. Rogers, Class of 2000

President to serve the 2019 - 2020 Term
Kristi Hipp Mosley, Class of 1999

President Katy Canion Pacelli stated they were sworn in on March 29, 2019 at the MUWAA Board of Directors meeting.

IX. OPEN FORUM

There was discussion of restoration of buildings on campus. University President Nora Miller explained the culinary arts department was next in line with a 6.7 million project grant for Phase 1. They are looking at ways to get to buildings preserved on campus but since they are state and historic buildings; this process must follow protocol. She stated they are strictly completing restoration of buildings that can be justified for academic use. There are lots of buildings on the list but it has to take place one building at a time.

There was more discussion in regards to tuition at other colleges/universities. At this time University President Nora Miller stated our fees were economically in check. Valley is a littler lower than MUW. She stated again, all out of state fees are eliminated.

X. PASSING OF THE GAVEL AND INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MUWAA President, Katy Canion Pacelli, asked the newly elected President, Kristi Hipp Mosley, to join her in order to pass her the gavel. President Pacelli thanked everyone in her final moments. She stated she has been blessed to represent the university and alumni association. President Mosley then presented Katy Pacelli with a Past President's pin.

President Kristi Hipp Mosley welcomed home alumni in attendance. She stated it was great to be on campus and thanked everyone willing to serve on this board. She stated it is great to reflect on our record graduation rates and introduction again to athletics. She stated MUW has allowed her to accomplish personal achievements and lasting friendships. She stated that she has a strategic plan on finding chapters and our focus would be on increasing membership with MUWAA. She insisted all become involved in chapters and constituency groups and give back to MUW. She asked us to connect with students to get them involved. She is happy that we are able to support our faculty with awards, and our scholarship was endowed. She hopes we continue the long blue line auction by donating and bidding. She stated we could light our Alma Mater and it is only as strong as it sparks. We are 2,5000 alumni strong and we needed to be a beacon of light to our Alma Mater.

XI. ADJOURN

Meeting ended at 9:47 a.m.