

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard University Alumni Association c/o Alumni Relations Office  
Howard University Faculty Senate c/o Faculty Senate Committee on Committees

FROM: The Governance Committee of the Howard University Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Notice Regarding Upcoming Affiliate Elections

DATE: April 1, 2020

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As you know, the country is in a midst of an unprecedented global public health crisis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the unprecedented actions the University has taken in response is the evacuation of the campus, except for essential personnel, and the migration of all classroom instruction to a remote learning platform. The Board of Trustees has been engaged as these decisions were made for the health and safety of every member of the Howard Community and the surrounding neighborhood. This pandemic threatens to alter normal operations of this University and higher education in general for a very long time, if not permanently.

In an effort to be forward-looking and strategic so that Howard University is not unprepared to tackle the challenges posed by this threat, the Board is evaluating this situation as it evolves. Likewise, the Governance Committee is evaluating several governance issues to ensure that the University will be in the best position to face this remarkable challenge over the coming months. While these discussions are taking place, the Governance Committee is requesting that affiliate elections be postponed, and that the Board maintain the status quo for the present time until further notice.

We note that the Office of Alumni Relations on behalf of the alumni trustee elections was in communication with the Office of the Secretary before its election earlier this week and has agreed to postpone its election which was scheduled to begin today. As we note that the faculty trustee election is currently scheduled to commence on or around April 3, 2020, this election shall also be subject to this notification.

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