MEMORANDUM

TO:       Dr. Marcus Alfred
          Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM:     Florence W. Prioleau, Esq.
          Secretary and General Counsel

SUBJECT:  Actions Approved by the Howard University
          Board of Trustees at its June 5, 2020 Meeting

DATE:     June 29, 2020

This memorandum summarizes the actions taken by the Howard University Board of Trustees during the June 5, 2020 meeting. I am available should you require clarification of any information contained herein.

BOARD ACTIONS

The Board approved the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor (BA/JD) Dual Degree Program in the School of Law. This program will allow students matriculating at Howard University to graduate with a BA degree and a JD degree in six years. Students in the dual degree program will begin in residence as undergraduates for their first three years to complete a minimum of 90 credits. The students then attend the School of Law in their fourth year to complete 30 credits of the first year of law school to receive their BA degree. Following the completion of 58 additional credits at the law school over the next two years, the students will earn their JD.

The Board approved the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Design Studies (BSADS) degree. The proposed BSADS curriculum of 141 credit hours will follow the first four years of the existing five-year M.Arch curriculum. Upon completion of the fourth year, the student will earn and be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Design Studies degree and transition to the Master of Architecture program. The combination of the two degrees will be required to receive the accredited Master of Architecture degree at the end of the five-year term.

The Board approved the adoption of the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (“CHNA”), the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and Policy Agenda. The District of Columbia Healthy Communities Collaborative (DCHCC), a coalition of four hospitals (Children’s National Hospital, Howard University Hospital, HSC Health Care System, and Sibley Memorial Hospital), four federally qualified health centers (Bread for the City, Community of Hope, Mary’s Center, and Unity Health Care) and ex-officio members, developed CHNA and CHIP to lay the foundation for community health improvement efforts that lead to a more equitable state of health for DC residents. Howard University Hospital, as a member of the DCHCC, will use the CHNA and the CHIP to guide its community health initiatives.
The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the FY 2021 Operating and Capital Budget, and the FY 2021 University Renewal and Replacement Plan to support larger projects intended to extend the useful life of the University’s physical plant. The Board also approved the Recommendation Regarding Transfer from Endowment to the Pension Plan which provides reductions in the outlay of the University’s operating cash and improves the funded status of the pension plan.

The Board recognized the following trustees who will be departing the Board on June 30, 2020, following the end of their terms: Stacey J. Mobley, Esq.; Mr. Rock Newman, Dr. Marsha Echols, Mr. Travis Randle and Mr. Marquis Taylor.

In light of his extraordinary contribution to the Board and to the University, including exceptional leadership of the Board as its esteemed chairman, the Board voted to accord Stacey J. Mobley, Esq. the honor of chairman emeritus status. Mr. Mobley has served as a trustee since 2005 and as the Board’s chairman since 2014.

The Board elected its Board officers for FY 2021: Dr. Laurence Morse, Chairman; Mr. Mark A. L. Mason, Vice Chair; Ms. Leslie D. Hale, Vice Chair; Mr. Michael Masch, Treasurer; and, Florence W. Prioleau, Esq., Secretary.

The Board approved the June 2020 Death Resolutions. The Board authorized an expression of sympathy on its behalf in response to the passing of members of the Howard University community. This expression, upon approval of the Board, is entered into the permanent historical record of Howard University as part of the official minutes of the Board.

In a meeting held prior to the Board meeting, the Executive Committee of the Howard University Board of Trustees unanimously ratified President Frederick’s recommendation to accord Emeritus Status for Barron H. Harvey, Ph.D., Dean of the Howard University School of Business in recognition of Dean Harvey’s long and exemplary service to the University. Dr. Harvey, who retired at the end of this academic year, served as dean of the School of Business for more than twenty years.

cc: Stacey J. Mobley, Esq., Chairman
   Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA, President
   Rosalyn E. Jones, Esq., Deputy Secretary and Senior Counsel- Special Projects