



**Board of Regents
Committee on Education Policy and Student Life**

**Minutes
Closed Session**

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents met in public session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Universities at Shady Grove. The meeting was convened at 11:38 a.m. Committee members present were: Regent Gourdine (chair) and Regents Brady and Shorter. Regent Dennis (via phone) and Chancellor Caret were also present.

Also attending were: Ms. Bainbridge, Dr. Boughman, and Dr. Lee.

Action Items

2018 USM Regents' Faculty Awards Recommendations

The Regents' Faculty Awards Committee reviewed 30 nominations from nine institutions and recommends 16 awards to honor 16 individuals. Summaries of the backgrounds of prospective award recipients were given to the regents, and nominees' full portfolios are available upon request. Dr. Zakiya Lee noted that although the committee is recommending many faculty members from one institution, that institution followed the guidelines and nominated close to the maximum number of faculty members allowed by the guidelines. Furthermore, Dr. Lee served as USM liaison to the review process and affirms that all proper protocols were followed to ensure a fair and honest review and selection process. The Committee asked USM staff to encourage the institutions that did not submit nominations to do so in the future and to encourage institutions to diversify the nominees sent forth. The Council of University System Presidents supported an increase in the financial award to be given to winners, and this is the first year winners will receive \$2,000.

The Chancellor recommends that the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life recommend that the Board of Regents approve the recommendations of the Regents' Faculty Awards Committee and present the awards to the faculty members during its April 2018 meeting. The motion was moved by Regent Dennis, seconded by Regent Shorter, and unanimously approved.

Honorary Degree Nominations

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Policy on Awarding of Honorary Degrees (III-3.00), institutions have submitted nominations for honorary degrees. As the policy stipulates, the full Board will act on the nominations at its February meeting based upon EPSL's recommendations. After the final approval of the nominations, presidents may begin to arrange for the awarding of

the honorary degrees. The actual degrees may be conferred at any time within five years of approval, unless withdrawn by the Board of Regents for cause. Institutions and USM staff vetted nominees. There are no concerns about the current nominees. The Committee reviewed a total of 20 nominations from nine institutions. The names of the nominees and the degrees being recommended, as well as nomination letters and supporting documentation, were made available to regents prior to the meeting.

The Chancellor recommends that the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life recommend that the Board of Regents approve the institutional nominations for honorary degrees submitted in Fall 2017, to be added to the list of individuals approved for the awarding of honorary degrees. The motion was moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Shorter, and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn

Regent Gourdine called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Regent Shorter, seconded by Regent Brady, and unanimously approved. Regent Gourdine adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regent Michelle Gourdine
Chair