Meeting Highlights – August 12, 2020

**Special Guest:** Ms. Robin Taffler, the Executive Director of the Work College Consortium, introduced this concept to the Board. Work College Consortium is a group of student-centered institutions in which students thrive in a unique environment of work-learning-service.

- Liberal arts colleges that are student-centered and innovative leaders in experiential learning through work
- Work college students flourish in the intentional culture of work-learning-service
- Work college students are engaged on serving their communities
- Work college students graduate with reduced, little, or no debt

Paul Quinn College is a member of this consortium. This is a federally authorized and funded program akin to the traditional College Work Study program.

**The Chairman’s Remarks.** The Chairman of the Board, Bishop Reginald Jackson, charged the Board around the theme that ‘Good Leadership produces other Leaders’ and to embrace the following:

- Stay focus on the mission of the College; provide a nurturing environment for our students
- Provide transparency in all that the Board does
- Produce prepared students

**One Team / One Goal**

Each board member is required to execute the Morris Brown College Code of Conduct on an annual basis; emphasis was placed on adherence to the Confidentiality and Privacy Section of the Code.

**THE BOARD’S TOP PRIORITIES**

(Accreditation, Financial Stability & Governance)

**ACCREDITATION**

- Final TRACS Accreditation application/ Self-study submitted June 1, 2020
- Four years of Audits completed- 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 - received unqualified opinions (no material deficiencies)
- $200,000 line of credit approved by 1st Choice Credit Union Bank
- Multi-Purpose Building renovations completed and dedicated to Dr. Gloria Long Anderson
- Hired new Executive Director of Online Learning and Registrar
- Preparation for 100% online programs for Fall 2020/ Trained faculty/ Created robust online programs
• Finalized all academic programs/ updated all academic systems and classrooms: New Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management Programs/Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management and Leadership/ Bachelor of Science degree in Global Management and Applied Leadership (Concentration in ESports Performance available)/ Certificate in Business Entrepreneurship/ Nonprofit Management/ ESports Performance

FINANCIAL STABILITY
CFO Shermanetta Carter articulated the following priorities:
• Completion of the FY June 30, 2020 Audit
• Endowment Investment Account Setup
• Health Insurance Setup for Eligible Employees
• National Park Service and US Department of Health & Human Services Grant Management
  o Fountain Hall (National Park Service)
  o C.H.O.I.C.E. Community Health Optimizing Improved Care Empowerment (HHS)

CFO Carter provided the following financial updates:
• Subsequent Major Cash Received as of 7/30/2020: $278,043.19
  o Fountain Hall Grants $229,701.04
  o Gifts & Private Grants 21,349.86
  o AME Connectional Monthly 25,572.00
  o Other Income 1,420.52
• Budget vs Actual – July 2020 through July 2020
  o Total Income $278,043.19
  o Total Expenses 324,614.33
  o Net Income (46,571.14)

• Payroll and Payroll-related Expenses are CURRENT

The HVAC system in the Multi-Purpose Building was replaced at a cost of $25,750.00.

GOVERNANCE
Board Officers for the new term: Chair – Bishop Reginald T. Jackson; Vice-Chair – Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons; Secretary – George B. Hopkins

Mr. Cassius F. Butts, CEO, First Choice Credit Union was seated as a new trustee along with the new Student Government Association President, Mr. Jacqueline Flournoy.

A 60 Day new trustee nomination process was approved with emphasis on diversity and corporate representation.

COLLEGE UPDATE
• Board Room named posthumously in honor of Alumna Mildred Yearby ’53; whose estate left a significant donation to Morris Brown College
• Finalized new Roof for Fountain Hall/ Ribbon cutting on August 21, 2020
• Received 1-million-dollar HIV grant; grant to be launched October 2020
• Solidified partnership with Apple: Apple partnering with MBC as tech hub for Coding and Creativity: Apple’s Community Education Initiative, which is designed to teach coding and bring workforce development opportunities to learners of all ages
• Dual Enrollment with Greenforest McCalep Christian Academy- high school students to start Esports program- Joined several HBCUs as Charter Member, Black Collegiate Gaming Association
• Billboard on I75/I85 promoting Morris Brown College Esports Program
Dr. James also articulated his ‘Big Hairy Audacious Goals’ (2021 – 2023) inclusive of Academic Excellence; accreditation by TRACS; the business program accredited by ACBSP Global Business Accreditation; membership in the Golden Key International Honor Society; Becoming Georgia’s first Urban Work College; Reintroducing Sports; Restore the Marching Wolverine Band and Greek-lettered organizations.

A virtual Day of Homecoming Events is being professionally planned for Saturday, October 24, 2020.

****** END OF AUGUST 12, 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ******