

Errol R Schwartz
Response to Questions from the Council of the District of Columbia

Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mr. Mendelson,

The following are the answers to the questions from your letter dated 20 August 2018.

Question 1.
No Financial Disclosure Statement was filed in 2018.

Question 2.
None.

Question 3.
None.

Question 4.
None.

Question 5.
None.

Question 6.
None.

Question 7.
None.

Question 8.
The National Guard Association of the United States

Question 9.

DC Sports and Entertainment Commission – 2008-2009

DC Armory Board – 2008- 2016

University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees – 2011-present

Question 10.

Chairman of the Board, National Guard Youth Foundation

President, Seafarers Foundation, Inc.

The District of Columbia National Guard Youth Challenge Foundation

Question 11.

None.

Question 12.

No.

Question 13.

None.

Question 14.

No.

Question 15.

Member of the Audit, Budget and Finance committee

Question 16.

(a) (1) Lease and potentially purchase 4250 Connecticut Ave. N.W. for use as swing space during renovation projects at the Van Ness campus.

The BOT will work with the President in the facilitation and negotiations necessary to successfully complete this transaction.

(2) Acquire the necessary resources to perform the much needed renovation at the Van Ness campus.

The BOT will work with the President, the Mayor's office and the City Council to establish an adequate capitol budget.

(3) Renovation and expansion of the Backus Campus for the Community College. This initiative would also ease the overcrowding at the 801 North Capitol Street campus. The BOT will work with the President, the Mayor's office and the City Council to establish an adequate capitol budget.

(4) Upgrade the antiquated Information Technology system. This will enhance the operations and learning environment at UDC.

BOT will work with the President to ensure enough resources are allocated for IT upgrades.

(5) Improve student success by offering effective, affordable academic and workforce programs. This will be coupled with charting seamless pathways between training, education and employment.

BOT will continue to monitor progress through the committee on Student Outcomes.

- (b) My vision for UDC over the next five years is to establish UDC as the model institution for public higher learning. Ensuring students succeed by providing coaching, tutoring and financial aid to all eligible District of Columbia residents. Students entering the University, workforce development, community college or the flagship, will be able to seamlessly advance to the next desired level.

Question 17.

In order to increase enrollment and retention across the University, we must first renovate our facilities. If our facilities are not attractive with state of the art equipment, students will not enroll in UDC or remain because of the quality of life is not conducive to learning. Next, provide the support needed to ensure student success.

Question 18.

The fundraising arm of the University is the Foundation. The Foundation, in collaboration with the University, should have a strong leader and a strong board. Currently, there is a Vice President for Advancement, Director of Alumni Affairs, and a Major Gifts Officer working our fund raising initiatives. The face of the University is also important. Donors need to be assured that their funds are being appropriately managed. It is important that we maintain continuous communications with our donors about the progress at UDC.

Question 19.

See answer to question 16 (a). In addition UDC needs to consider student housing. Having student housing will be a valuable addition to the student life experience.

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Board of Trustees
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