SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Friday, July 23, 2010
9:00 A.M.
Health/Physical Education Building
Southern University-New Orleans

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton. The invocation was given by Mr. Randale Scott.

PRESENT
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and Vice Chancellor John Pierre (representing Freddie Pitcher SULC),

BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.

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AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.
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Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons named below provided comments relative to items on the Board or Committee agendas:
--Dr. George Amedee
   Failure on the part of the Board and Administration to ensure that the Library on the SUNO South Campus is timely restored to its post Katrina status
--Dr. Albert Samuels
--Mr. Demetrius Sumner
--Dr. Sudhir Trivedi
--Mr. Randale Scott
   In opposition to Personnel and Academic Items
   In opposition to Personnel Item 5I
   In opposition to Personnel Item 5F
   The need for a Board Committee to address SUNO issues

Atty. Dumas requested a copy of the lawsuit filed by Scott, et.al. in regards to Southern University at New Orleans.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the June 18, 2010 Regular Meeting and the June 30, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the Board’s regular meeting on June 18, 2010 and its special meeting on June 30, 2010 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A motion was offered by Atty. Magee and seconded by Mr. Lawson that the Board not approve the Personnel Committee’s recommendation of (Item 5F) Appointment of Dr. Lisa Delpit as Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education (Tenure Track) at SUBR.

The motion failed. RCV: 4 yeas: P. Bell, Lawson, Magee, and Scott; 8 nays: Clayton, Mire, M. Bell, Dumas, Gaines, Guidry, Nash, Williams; 0 abstentions.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Administration’s request (Personnel Item 5I) to adjust the salary of Mr. Flandus McClinton, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration on the Southern University – Baton Rouge campus from its current amount of $104,706 to $127,353, effective July 1, 2010 be and it is hereby approved.
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On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Williams,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Item 5F: Appointment of Dr. Lisa D. Delpit as Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education on a tenure track basis at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 at an annual salary of $120,000 be and it is hereby ratified.

Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 yeas: Clayton, Mire, M. Bell, Dumas, Gaines, Guidry, Nash, Scott, Williams; 3 nays: P. Bell, Lawson, Magee

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On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Williams,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Committee’s report including the recommendations listed below be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Dumas, Gaines, Guidry, Nash, Scott, Williams; 2 nays: Lawson and Magee; 1 abstention: Clayton (Item 5J and Item 5K)

➢ A. Appointment of Ms. Laura M. Douresseau as Assistant Professor of Health Information Management at Southern University-New Orleans, effective August 16, 2010 at a nine-month salary of $75,000.

➢ B. Appointment of Dr. Marjorie A. Fox as Assistant Professor of Business Entrepreneurship at Southern University-New Orleans, effective August 16, 2010 at a nine-month salary of $65,000.

➢ C. Appointment of Dr. Muhammed Z. Miah as Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems as Southern University-New Orleans, effective August 16, 2010 at a nine-month salary of $70,000.

➢ D. Appointment of Ms. Gilda Davis as Registrar at Southern University-New Orleans, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $52,453.

➢ E. Renewal of contracts for a two-year period for Assistant Legal Analysis and Writing Professors named below:
  - Angela Allen-Bell
  - Wendy Shea
  - Tracie Woods
G. Appointment of Ms. Linda Carr as Interim Internal Audit Director at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective March 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $58,000.

H. Denial of Southern University-Baton Rouge Administrator's request to waive the announcement of the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and to appoint Ms. Julie Wessinger to the position.

J. and K. Authorization to the Southern University-Baton Rouge Administration to create the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and to hire an Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management while the search process is underway.

L. and M. Authorization to the Southern University-Baton Rouge Administration to consolidate its existing Budget Management Office and University Budget Office to create the new position of Chief Budget Officer with an annual salary of $70,000; and, authorization to hire an Interim Chief Budget Officer while the search process is underway.

N. Ratification of the appointment of Ms. Evola C. Bates as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Southern University System President, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $150,000.

O. Authorization to the System President to create the General Counsel to the System and Board of Supervisors' position.

P. Appointment of Atty. Tracie Woods as General Counsel to the System and Board of Supervisors, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $115,000.

Q. Appointment of Atty. Byron C. Williams as General Counsel to the System President, effective August 1, 2010, at an annual salary of $120,000.

R. Authorization to the System Administration to waive the search process and appoint Dr. Melva K. Turner as Assistant Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, effective July 1, 2010 at a 12-month salary of $80,000. The position is temporary.

S. Appointment of Dr. Humberto M. Barona as Associate Professor of Mathematics at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective August 9, 2010 at a nine-month salary of $55,118.

T. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence with pay, for Ms. Celeste B. Wilkinson, Associate Comptroller at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective June 18, 2010 to August 14, 2010.

U. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence with pay, contingent upon availability of funds for Ms. Mary L. Abadie, Assistant Professor/Clinical Administrator, SU School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010.
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Scott,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, the Committee's report, including the following recommendations be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: 12 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstentions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern University Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the President, as he determines to be in the best interests of the University, to review, amend, and approve the initial performance agreements submitted in conformity with the GRAD Act by the campuses in the Southern University System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such actions by the President authorized by this Resolution shall be deemed to be certification by the Board in accordance with R.S. 17:3139(H); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the performance agreements submitted by the Southern University System in conformity with the GRAD Act are subject to stable, projected funding as anticipated in the 2010-11 fiscal year, and if such funding is substantially reduced or increased in the future, the submitted and certified agreements shall be subject to review by the Board of Supervisors for modification and resubmission to the Board of Regents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of the President, tuition and mandatory attendance fee amounts for resident students shall be increased by up to five percent (5%) for the 2010-11 fiscal year, in addition to other increases authorized by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective with the 2010 Fall semester, the President is authorized by this Board, pursuant, inter alia, to La. R.S. 17:3351 to increase total nonresident tuition and mandatory fees of each campus up to ten percent (10%) the initial year and such additional amounts in subsequent years as to assure, within no more than a six-year period, that the total non-resident tuition and mandatory fees are not less than the average total tuition and mandatory fee amount charged to Louisiana residents (as non-residents) attending peer Historically Black Colleges and Universities in other Southern Regional Education Board states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for cases of financial hardship each campus shall have in place a procedure to waive any tuition and mandatory attendance fee approved herein in accordance with criteria and procedures previously approved by the Board or the President.
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the 2010-2012 Academic Calendar for Southern University-Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the application for Baccalaureate Degree programs with a minor in Education, as listed below, at Southern University-Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

- French
- Biology
- Spanish
- Physics
- Mathematics
- English
- Chemistry

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the application to integrate Baccalaureate Degree programs in Special Education, Elementary Education and Middle School Education, to establish the two new programs listed below at Southern University-Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

- General Special Education Mild/Moderate: An Integrated to Merged Approach – Grades 1-5
- General Special Education Mild/Moderate: An Integrated to Merged Approach – Content Area: Middle School Math and Science

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Southern University-Baton Rouge's Plan for Termination, Mergers and Realignment of academic programs, effective Academic Year 2010-2012, as indicated below, be and it is hereby approved.

➢ Termination of the B. S. Degree Program in Agricultural Economics

➢ Consolidation of the Master of Science in Chemistry and the Master of Science in Environmental Science to form the Master of Science Degree in Chemistry.

➢ Merging of the Master of Education Degree in Elementary Education and the Master of Education Degree in Secondary Education to form the Masters of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction within the College of Education.
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- Placing the responsibility for Graduate Program coordination with departmental chairs and increasing the amount of stipend paid to departmental chairs for performing this assignment

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the inaugural appointment of the Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the appointment/re-appointment of the individuals named below to Endowed Professorships at the Southern University Law Center be and they are hereby approved.

Re-appointments

Prof. Alfreda Diamond – Justice Revius O. Ortique Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Michelle Ghetti – Louisiana Outside Counsel Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Stanley Halpin – Kendall Vick Foundation Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Russell Jones – Jesse N. Stone Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Okechukwu Oko – Dobson Hooks Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Evelyn Wilson – Horatio C. Thompson Endowed Professor of Law

New Appointments

Prof. Donald North – Johnnie Cochran Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Tom Richard – Clyde C. Tidwell Endowed Professor of Law

Informational Report
- Grants Submission and Funding

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Nash,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee’s report provided an update on the status of priority projects, by campus; and the emergency stabilization and permanent relocation of building services: Steptoe Avenue, Ravine and ROTC projects on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bell,
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Committee's report, including the following recommendations, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Implementation of mandatory food service meal plan for students housed on the Southern University-Shreveport Campus, effective Fall 2010.
- FY 2010-2011 Budget Reduction plan for Southern University-Baton Rouge

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Dumas,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, that the Committee's report, including the following recommendations, be and they are hereby approved.

Approval of Board Policy Statements
1. Conflict of Interests
   The Board of Supervisors for Southern University conforms to Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 42, Chapter 15; Code of Governmental Ethics

2. Removal of Board Members
   The Board of Supervisors for Southern University conforms to Article X, Section 24 of the Louisiana State Constitution regarding removal of its members.

C. Revised Resolution for SUSLA and the City of Shreveport

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Mire,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that authorization is hereby granted to the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport to approve, sign, and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with the City of Shreveport, to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects and to do all things necessary to ensure fulfillment of said agreement and contracts he so executes.

FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions taken pursuant to this authorization are subject to the prior review and approval of the President of the Southern University System or his designee.
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Motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolutions

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the families listed below:

- Mrs. Helen Jackson
- Mr. Alvin Wicks
- Ms. Brenda L. Cooper
- Mr. Lawrence T. Joseph
- Mr. Alphonso Johnson
- Atty. Yolanda J. Batiste
- Mother of Board of Regents Counsel, Connie Khoury

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that commendations be and they are hereby extended to Mrs. Olga H. Hayward on her 90th birthday.

RESOLVED by the Board that commendations be and they are hereby extended to former SU star football players Isiah Robertson and Aeneas Williams on their induction into the New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame on July 23, 2010.

E. Extension of Early Retirement Plan, SU System

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Mire,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the System President's request to extend the Early Retirement Plan option to system employees by an additional month be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System and Campus Highlights

Details are on file and tape.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None
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AGENDA ITEM 9:   ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ronald Mason, Jr., J. D., Secretary  Tony Clayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors  Board of Supervisors
Southern University System  Southern University System
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Friday, July 23, 2010
9:00 A.M.
Health/Physical Education Bldg.
Southern University-New Orleans

MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Mr. Walter Guidry.

PRESENT
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

ADDED TO EFFECT QUORUM
Mr. Patrick Bell
Atty. Murphy F. Bell

ABSENT
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chair
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice-Chair

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
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BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6E: SUBR Program Terminations, Mergers and Realignment, excluding School of Architecture
AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons speaking in opposition to the Chancellor's original recommendation to terminate the School of Architecture on the Southern University Baton Rouge Campus:

- State Representative Regina Barrow
- State Representative Dalton Honore’
- Former SU Board Member Dale Atkins
- Dean of the School of Architecture Lonnie Wilkins
- SU Architecture Graduates Ray Manning, Lonnie Hewitt

Mr. Hewitt also announced that a commitment has been made by Architecture graduates to raise $50,000 within the next 30 days and $100,000 within the next 12 months to support the School of Architecture.

Speaking in opposition to Item 6F were Dr. Sudhir Trivedi (SUBR Faculty Senate President), SUBR Faculty Members: Albert Samuels, Elaine Lewnau, and Jacqueline Jacobs.

State Representative Dalton Honore’ requested receipt of the names and salaries of SU System personnel.

Ms. Toni Jackson expressed dissatisfaction with the Board’s support of the Administration’s recommendations to hire additional personnel when other areas of the University are in financial need.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. LA GRAD Act

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Southern University Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the President, as he determines to be in the best interests of the University, to review, amend, and approve the initial performance agreements submitted in conformity with the GRAD Act by the campuses in the Southern University System.

Be It Further Resolved that such actions by the President authorized by this Resolution shall be deemed to be certification by the Board in accordance with R.S. 17:3139(H); and

Be It Further Resolved that the performance agreements submitted by the Southern University System in conformity with the GRAD Act are subject to stable, projected funding as
anticipated in the 2010-11 fiscal year, and if such funding is substantially reduced or increased in the future, the submitted and certified agreements shall be subject to review by the Board of Supervisors for modification and resubmission to the Board of Regents; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that, upon approval of the President, tuition and mandatory attendance fee amounts for *resident* students shall be increased by up to five percent (5%) for the 2010-11 fiscal year, in addition to other increases authorized by law; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that effective with the 2010 Fall semester, the President is authorized by this Board, pursuant, *inter alia*, to La. R.S. 17:3351 to increase total *nonresident* tuition and mandatory fees of each campus up to ten percent (10%) the initial year and such additional amounts in subsequent years as to assure, within no more than a six-year period, that the total non-resident tuition and mandatory fees are not less than the average total tuition and mandatory fee amount charged to Louisiana residents (as non-residents) attending peer Historically Black Colleges and Universities in other Southern Regional Education Board states; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that for cases of financial hardship each campus shall have in place a procedure to waive any tuition and mandatory attendance fee approved herein in accordance with criteria and procedures previously approved by the Board or the President.

**B. 2010-2012 Academic Calendar, SUSLA**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Southern University at Shreveport’s Academic Calendar for 2010-2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Applications for Baccalaureate Degree Programs With a Minor in Education, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the applications for Baccalaureate Degree programs with a Minor in Education, as listed below, at Southern University-Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously.

--French
--Biology
--Spanish
--Physics
--Math
D. Application to Integrate Baccalaureate Degree Programs on Special Education, Elementary Education and Middle School Education to establish two new programs, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the application to integrate Baccalaureate Degree programs in Special Education, Elementary Education and Middle School Education, to establish the two new programs, listed below at Southern University-Baton Rouge.

- General Special Education Mild/Moderate: An Integrated to Merged Approach – Grades 1-5
- General Special Education Mild/Moderate: An Integrated to Merged Approach – Content Area: Middle School Math and Science

E. SUBR Program Termination, Mergers and Realignments

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the proposed plan submitted by Southern University-Baton Rouge for Terminations, Mergers and Realignments of Academic Programs, effective Academic Year 2011-2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

➢ Termination of the B. S. Degree Program in Agricultural Economics

➢ Consolidation of the Master of Science in Chemistry and the Master of Science in Environmental Science to form the Master of Science Degree in Chemistry.

➢ Merging of the Master of Education Degree in Elementary Education and the Master of Education Degree in Secondary Education to form the Masters of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction within the College of Education.

➢ Placing the responsibility for Graduate Program coordination with departmental chairs and increasing the Amount of Stipend paid to departmental chairs for performing this assignment

Motion carried unanimously.
F. Inaugural Appointment of Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the inaugural appointment of the Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. SULC Endowed Professor Appointments

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Endowed Professorship appointments at the SU Law Center which are named below:

Re-appointments

Prof. Alfreda Diamond – Justice Revius O. Ortique Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Michelle Ghetti – Louisiana Outside Counsel Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Stanley Haipin – Kendall Vick Foundation Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Russell Jones – Jesse N. Stone Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Okechukwu Oko – Dobson Hooks Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Evelyn Wilson – Horatio C. Thompson Endowed Professor of Law

New Appointments

Prof. Donald North – Johnnie Cochran Endowed Professor of Law
Prof. Tom Richard – Clyde C. Tidwell Endowed Professor of Law

H. Recognition of Endowed Professors of Law

The faculty members who were appointed or re-appointed as Endowed Professors of Law were recognized by the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Systemwide Update on Grants

The monthly update was provided to the Committee on grants submissions and funding, by campus.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None
AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mire, the meeting was adjourned.

Ronald Mason, Jr., J. D. 
Secretary, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 
Southern University System

Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System
FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
Friday, July 23, 2010  
Health/Physical Education Building  
Southern University-New Orleans  

MINUTES  

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Mr. Walter Guidry.

PRESENT  
Mr. Walter Guidry, Chair  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr., Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Atty. Walter Dumas  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-officio  

ABSENT  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  

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Winston DeCuir, Sr.  

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the agenda was adopted, as printed.  

Motion carried unanimously.  

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS  

None
AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, SUBR

A. Priority Project Update, Systemwide

Mr. Endas Vincent provided a written status report on priority capital projects and active projects in design or under construction for Southern University in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport and Gustav projects for Southern University in Baton Rouge.

The report was informational.

B. Steptoe and Ravine Projects

Mr. Steve Boudreaux, Managing Principal with ABMB Engineers, Inc. announced that Phase I Steptoe Avenue Repairs is expected to be completed by the end of August 2010; and, the completion of the Ravine Project by October 2010. The entire project, including ROTC Building Services Repairs will be completed by the beginning of 2011. The project cost is $3.7 million.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEMS 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.                      Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS                  BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System               Southern University System
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Friday, July 23, 2010
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Governance Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Walter Dumas.

PRESENT
Atty. Walter Dumas, Chair
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ABSENT
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

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On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
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AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Adoption of Policy Statement
   1. Conflict of Interest
   2. Removal of Board Members

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following Policy Statements.

Motion carried unanimously.

➢ Conflict of Interest

The Board of Supervisors for Southern University conforms to Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 42, Chapter 15; Code of Governmental Ethics

➢ Removal of Board Members

The Board of Supervisors for Southern University conforms to Article X, Section 24 of the Louisiana State Constitution regarding removal of its members.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ronald Mason, Jr., J. D.                         Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
Secretary, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS              BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System                      Southern University System
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
Friday, July 23, 2010  
Health/Physical Education Building  
Southern University-New Orleans  

MINUTES  

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

PRESENT  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-officio

ABSENT  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS  

None
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AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Implementation of Mandatory Food Service Meal Plans, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from Southern University at Shreveport to implement mandatory food service meal plans for students housed on the Campus, effective Fall 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

The average food service rate is $1,242 per semester. The vendor will provide hardship waivers for students adversely impacted by the plan.

B. 2010-2011 Budget Reduction Plan, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the FY 2010-2011 Budget Reduction Plan for Southern University-Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously.

In addressing the approximately $6.5 million budget shortfall, the following reductions are being implemented:

- Non-essential travel  39%
- Supplies  25%
- Budget Unit Expense  20%

Other Reductions

- Number of hours required for graduation
- Academic programs
- Utility costs
- Travel, Supplies, Contractual Services
- Equipment purchases
- Number of Summer Sessions
- Offering employee retirement incentive program
- Freezing 42 vacant positions
- Lay offing of 52 approximately employees

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None
AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.

Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.
Secretary, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System

Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System
PERSONNEL AFFAIRS AND POLICY COMMITTEE
900 a.m.
Friday, July 23, 2010
Health and Physical Education Building
Southern University at New Orleans – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee was convened by the Vice Chair, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Mr. Randale Scott.

Present
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Randale Scott
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

Added to Effect a Quorum
Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Absent
Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Chair

University Personnel in Attendance
System President Ronald Mason, Jr., Vice President Tolor E. White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO),
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC) and Vice Chancellor John Pierre, representing (SULC)

Board Counsel
Attyys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. And Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the agenda was adopted, as printed.
AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

In response to Dr. Sudhi Trivedi’s comments, Board Chair Clayton announced that the Committee’s action on Item 5F would be subject to ratification by the Academic Affairs Committee.

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, SUBR SGA President, spoke in opposition to Item 5H, citing absent of student input and a search fill the position; and Item 5I- citing the inappropriateness of the recommendation in light of current budget constraints.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointment of Assistant Professor of Health Information Management, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee approved, and recommends to the Board, the appointment of Ms. Laura M. Douresseaux as Assistant Professor of Health Information Management at Southern University - New Orleans, effective August 16, 2010 at a nine-month salary of $75,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment of Assistant Professor of Business Entrepreneurship, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Marjorie A. Fox as Assistant Professor of Business Entrepreneurship at Southern University - New Orleans, effective August 16, 2010 at nine-month salary of $65,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment of Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Muhammad Z. Miah as Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems at Southern University - New Orleans, effective August 16, 2010 at a nine-month salary of $70,000.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Registrar, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Ms. Gilda Davis as Registrar at Southern University - New Orleans, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $52,453.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Renewal of Legal Writing Professors’ Contracts, SULC

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, renewal of the contracts for two year period for the Assistant Legal Analysis and Writing Professors named below:

-Angela Allen-Bell
-Wendy Shea
-Tracie Woods

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Ratification Appointment of Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education (Tenure Track), SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Lisa Delpit as Felton Grandison Clark Professor of Education on a tenure track basis, at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 at an annual salary of $120,000.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Mire, Lawson, Scott, Clayton, Dumas; 1 nay: Magee; 0 abstentions

This is action is subject to ratification by the Academic Affairs Committee.
G. Appointment of Interim Internal Audit Director, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Ms. Linda Carr as Interim Internal Audit Director at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective March 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $58,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Appointment of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee denied, and so recommends to the Board, the Administration’s request to waive the announcement of the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern University - Baton Rouge and to appoint Ms. Julie Wessinger to the position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administration was advised to obtained student input during its search to fill this position.

I. Approval of Salary Increase for Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, SUBR

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Atty. Magee, for the Committee’s approval of the Administration’s request for a salary increase from $104,706 to $127,353 for Mr. Flandus McClinton, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at Southern University - Baton Rouge.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 3 yeas: Mire, Clayton, Dumas; 3 Nays: Lawson, Magee, Scott; 0 abstentions
J. Authorization to Create Interim Assistant Vice Chancellorship for Enrollment Management, SUBR

K. Authorization to Appoint Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be granted to the Southern University - Baton Rouge administration to create the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and to authorized the Administration to hire an Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management while a search process is underway. The salary for the position is $90,000 annually.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 5 yeas; Mire, Lawson, Magee, Scott, Dumas; 0 nays; 1 abstention; Clayton

L. Authorization to create Chief Budget Officer Position, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be granted to the Southern University - Baton Rouge Administration to consolidate its existing Budget Management Office and University Budget Office to create the new position of Chief Budget Officer, with an annual salary of $70,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Authorization to Appoint Interim Chief Budget Officer, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be granted to the Southern University - Baton Rouge Administration to hire an Interim Chief Budget Officer while the search process is underway.

Motion carried unanimously.
N. Ratification of Appointment of Chief of Staff, SU System

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Ms. Evola C. Bates as Chief of Staff in the Office of the SU System President, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $150,000.

Motion carried. Mr. Lawson voted nay.

O. Authorization to Create General Counsel to the System and Board of Supervisors Position

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that the System President be authorized to create the position of General Counsel to the System and Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried. Mr Lawon voted nay.

P. Appointment of General Counsel to the System and Board of Supervisors

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Atty. Tracie J. Woods as General Counsel to the System and Board of Supervisors, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $115,000.

Motion carried. Mr. Lawson voted nay.

Q. Appointment of Executive Counsel to the President, SU System

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Atty. Byron C. Williams as General Counsel to the System President, effective August 12, 2010, at an annual salary of $120,000.

Motion carried. Mr. Lawson voted nay.
R. Waiver of Search and Appointment of Assistant Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, SU System

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that the System Administration be permitted to waive the search process and appoint Dr. Melva K. Turner as Assistant Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, effective July 1, 2010 at a 12 month salary of $80,000.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Mire, Lawson, Magee, Scott, Clayton, Dumas; 0 nays; 0 abstention

S. Appointment of Associate Professor of Mathematics, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Humbecto M. Barona as Associate Professor of Mathematics at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 9, 2010, at a nine-month salary of $56,118.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Request for Leave of Absence, Associate Comptroller, SUBR

U. Request for Leave of Absence, Assistant Professor/Clinical Administration, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, leave of absence for the persons named below:

- Ms. Celeste B. Wilkinson, Associate Comptroller, Southern University - Baton Rouge medical leave of absence with pay, effective June 18, 2010 to August 14, 2010

- Ms. Mary L. Abadie, Assistant Professor/Clinical Administrator, SU School of Nursing, medical leave of absence with pay, contingent upon availability of funds, effective July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010.
AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors