

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, April 25, 2008
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Richard Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Herman L. Hartman, Sr.
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Ms. Afi C. Patterson
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert
Ms. E. Jean Ware
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Mrs. Mary R. Doucet
Atty. Warren A. Forstall

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, Leodrey Williams and Interim
Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Deferred - -

Item 4: Program Spotlight - The Law Review

Deleted - -

Item 4: Presidential Evaluation

AGENDA ITEM 4: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Deferred -

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the March 28, 2008 Board Meeting

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Miller,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Minutes of the March 28, 2008 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

(1.) ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee's report and the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby authorized to bestow the Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters upon Mr. Tom Joyner (noted National Radio Personality, Entrepreneur, Entertainer and Philanthropist) at the May 9, 2008 Commencement Exercises.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that degrees to be conferred upon candidates for graduation at the 2008 Spring Commencement Exercises at Southern University - Baton Rouge, Southern University - New Orleans, Southern University - Shreveport, and the Southern University Law Center, as submitted by the appropriate University Officers, be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the request from Southern University - Baton Rouge to terminate the Associate Degree in Law Enforcement Program be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the

Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Academic Calendars covering the period Fall 2008 through Fall 2013 at Southern University - New Orleans be and they are hereby approved.

(2.) FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Committee's report and the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that Southern University - Shreveport be and it is hereby authorized to change the name of the "Women's and Minorities' Small Business Incubator" to the "Center for Business and Community Development."

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that Southern University - Shreveport be and it is hereby authorized to modify the current Student Housing (Jaguar Courtyard) Lease to allow the University more flexibility to collect rent from students who lack sufficient disposable income to prepay rent as required under the current lease and to permit the establishment of leasing arrangements for payment on a monthly basis and/or in keeping with students' financial aid timeframes.

The current lease prohibits his option for the University, except for ten percent of the student tenants.

Informational Items

- Discussion regarding the System Foundation's refinancing of Daktronics Scoreboards

- SUNO Housing Project Presentation

(3.) FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Committee's report and the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Southern University Law Center be and it is hereby authorized to seek approval for a tuition increase in the amount of \$1500 from the Louisiana Legislature during its 2008 Regular Session. The increase would be phased in over a three-year period beginning with the 2008 - 2009 academic year, and would not affect students enrolled as of the 2007 - 2008 academic year.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Southern University Law Center be and it is hereby authorized to implement the 2004 Operations Fee that was approved by the Board, pursuant to Act 788 of the 2004 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The fee will not exceed 3% of the total mandatory tuition and fees charged at the Law Center. Should the tuition increase requested in Item 1 above garner the approval of the Board and the Legislature, consideration will be given to eliminating the Operations Fee subsequent to completion of the tuition increase phase in over a three-year period.

(4.) PERSONNEL AFFAIRS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Ms. Patterson, the Committee's report and the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the request for a medical leave of absence for Ms. Carolyn Albert, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved, effective retroactive to January 7, 2008 and continuing through May 9, 2008.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that authorization be and it is hereby given to Rev. Tolbert, Chairman of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, and Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair of the Board, to set the schedule and finalize the procedure for the performance evaluation of System President Ralph Slaughter, using the 2007 Presidential Self-Assessment and the rating instrument attached thereto.

C. Resolutions

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Ms. Patterson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that condolences from the Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students be and they are hereby extended to the families of persons listed below:

- Mrs. Carrie Mae Brown
- Mrs. Ada Andrews
- Mrs. Jesse Mae Washington
- Ms. Barbara Jefferson

D. Presidential Evaluation

- Deleted -

AGENDA ITEM 7: SYSTEM AND CAMPUS REPORTS (Informational)

On file in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 25, 2008

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
JS Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge Campus

MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

Committee Members Present

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Chairman
Mr. Herman L. Hartman
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Ms. E. Jean Ware
Mr. Achilles Williams

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Mary R. Doucet
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex-officio

University Personnel Attending

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams,
and Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Ms. Ware, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Conferring of Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, SUNO
- B. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Architecture Degree, SUBR
- C. Certification of Candidates for Spring 2008 Commencements, Campuses
- D. Termination of Association Degree in Law Enforcement Program, SUBR
- E. Academic Calendars for Fall 2008-2013, SUNO

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board—

bestowing of the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Southern University at New Orleans to Mr. Tom Joyner (noted National Radio Personality, Entrepreneur, Entertainer and Philanthropist) at the May 10, 2008 Commencement Exercises;

awarding of the Bachelor of Architecture Degree posthumously by Southern University - Baton Rouge at the May 9, 2008 Commencement Exercises to Ms. Nyhlia R. Youngblood (who died in an automobile accident during the 2008 Spring Break);

resolutions certifying candidates for degrees at the 2008 Spring Commencement Exercises at Southern University - Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans, Southern University - Shreveport and the Southern University Law Center;

termination of the Associate Degree in Law Enforcement Program at Southern University - Baton Rouge; and

Academic Calendars covering the period of Fall 2008 through Fall 2013 at Southern University at New Orleans.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Friday, April 25, 2008

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge Campus

MINUTES

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Committee Members Present

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. Chairman
Mr. Louis Miller, Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard Caiton
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Ms. Afi C. Patterson
Rev. Samuel Tolbert
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex Officio

Committee Members Absent

Atty. Warren Forstall

University Personnel Attending

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice Presidents Tolor E. White and Kassie Freeman
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams,
and Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Name change for Women's and Minorities' Small Business Incubator, SUSLA
- B. Modification of Student Housing Lease (Jaguar Courtyard) SUSLA

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Committee approved, and recommends to the Board:

authorization to Southern University - Shreveport to change the name of the "Women's and Minorities' Small Business Incubator" to the "Center for Business and Community Development;"

authorization to Southern University - Shreveport to modify the current Student Housing (Jaguar Courtyard) Lease to allow the University more flexibility to collect rent from students who lack sufficient disposable income to prepay rent as required under the current lease and to permit the establishment of leasing arrangements on a monthly basis and/or in keeping with students' financial aid time frames.

Motion carried unanimously.

The current lease prohibits this as an option for the University, except for ten percent of the

student tenants.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: SUNO HOUSING PROJECT PRESENTATION

A visual presentation of the student housing project scheduled for construction on the North Campus of Southern University at New Orleans was made by the architects, Richard Brown and Associates.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

- Daktronics Scoreboard

A concern was raised by Board member, Tony Clayton, relative to the procedure used by the Southern University System Foundation to refinance the Daktronics Scoreboards on the Southern University Baton Rouge-Campus.

The Foundation Director was asked to produce documentation reflecting details of the refinancing arrangements.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee
Friday, April 25, 2008
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee was convened by the Chair, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Jr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. - Chair
Mr. Achilles Williams, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Herman L. Hartman, Sr.
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Ms. E. Jean Ware
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mrs. Mary R. Doucet

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice President Tolor White and Kassie Freeman
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams,
and Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Add: Item 5B: Presidential Evaluation (Executive Session may be required)

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Medical Leave of Absence

(1.) Assistant Professor of Chemistry, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request for a medical leave of absence for Ms. Carolyn Albert, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective retroactive to January 7, 2008 and continuing through May 9, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATIONS (Executive Session)

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Committee convened into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the performance evaluation of System President Ralph Slaughter.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 8 yeas: Tolbert, Williams, Caiton, Clayton, Hartman, Nash, Ware and Lawson; 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: Tolbert, Caiton, Clayton, Hartman, Nash, Ware, and Lawson; 1 out - Williams; 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The Committee Chair announced that the Committee met in the executive session to consider the performance evaluation of System President Ralph Slaughter. No motion were made nor votes taken during the executive session.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be given to Rev. Tolbert, Chairman of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee and Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair of the Board to set the schedule and finalize the procedure for the performance evaluation of System President Ralph Slaughter, using the 2007 Presidential Self-Assessment and the rating instrument attached thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee recognized the presence of Mr. Jamal Taylor, newly-elected President of the Student Government Association on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors