

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Friday, December 12, 2008**  
**Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building**  
**Southern University**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**

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The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The invocation was given by Rev. Frank Ford of Opelousas, Louisiana.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair  
Mr. Johnny Anderson  
Atty. Dale N. Atkins  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**ABSENT**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE**

President Ralph Slaughter  
Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor White  
Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of the Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the following items were added to the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 6F: System and SUBR Personnel Salary Increases, effective July 1, 2008 to present**

**Item 6G: Status report on employee terminations in Division of Student Affairs, SUBR**

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On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Comments**

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Rev. Frank Ford of Opelousas, LA was allowed to speak to the Board in opposition to the acceptance of donated property from Evangeline Downs Racetrack and Casino to Southern University for construction of the Southwest Rural Initiatives Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, on behalf of Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, SUBR Faculty Senate President, Dr. Diola Bagayoko was allowed to read a prepared statement addressed to the Board to urge and request approval of salary increases for SUBR faculty.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5A: Minutes of the November 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting**

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Miller,

*RESOLVED* by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the November 28, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be, and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5B: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Baseball Stadium Improvements**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Taylor,

*RESOLVED* by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Baseball Stadium Improvements (SUBR) between the State of Louisiana through the Office of Facility Planning and Control of the Division of Administration, the Department of Economic Development, the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge and the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The project will be funded with Capital Outlay monies in the amount of \$1,150,000.

**AGENDA ITEM 5C: Contractual Agreement with Louisiana Association for Nonprofit Organization, SUSLA**

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

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the Chancellor for the Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Campus be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with the Louisiana Association for Nonprofit Organization (LANO) to provide training and technical assistance to strengthen and improve the performance of the nonprofit sector in the northwest region of the State.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5D: Appointment of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, SUSLA**

Deferred

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5E: Modification to Chancellor's Employment Contract, SUBR**

Board Member Clayton requested Chancellor Lomotey's approval to hold the discussion on his employment contract in an executive session. The Chancellor requested that the matter be discussed in open session.

Questions were raised by several members of the Board regarding the existence of a contract between the Board and the Chancellor of the Baton Rouge Campus. Note was taken that the document presented by the System President had not been signed by the Board Chair and that the President had not been given authorization by the Board to negotiate a contract with Chancellor Lomotey.

System President Slaughter provided his interpretation of the Board's actions and the instructions he had been given regarding the Chancellor's employment agreement and his efforts to comply.

Following extensive discussion, on motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Williams, the following was approved.

Motion carried. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 13 yeas; Lawson, Montgomery, Anderson, Atkins, Caiton, Clayton, Forstall, Guidry, Magee, Miller, Nash, Taylor and Williams; 1 nay: Jefferson; 2 absent: Bell and Bilberry.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System (the mover believing there is no contract because there was no meeting of the minds as to the Chair) that the Board Chair-elect and Vice Chair-elect shall meet with Dr. Lomotey by the next Board meeting to work out with him the term of years and other differences and to tender a recommendation regarding this matter to the Board for approval.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: Informational Items**

#### **A. Student Leaders, SUNO**

The students were unable to attend the meeting.

The Board received oral and/or written updates on the following items:

#### **B. Accreditation, SUNO**

#### **C. Student Housing policies, SUBR**

#### **D. Student Financial Aid Office, SUBR**

#### **E. Meal plan for students living in SUBR Campus Apartments**

The Administration was asked to submit information to Mr. Taylor relative to the food service vendor that was recommended by the Southern University-Baton Rouge Committee.

Additionally, the Administration was asked to allow students living in SUBR Campus Apartments a meal plan option. The costs of meal plans are to be submitted to Mr. Taylor.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6F: System and SUBR Personnel Salary Increases, effective July 1, 2008 to Present**

Dr. Slaughter stated that a request had been received from Board Member Anderson just prior to the SUBR Commencement Exercises; and the information was being gathered and would be made available as soon as it is completed. The request was for information on salary increases for the System and the SUBR campus employees, effective since July 1, 2008.

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### **AGENDA ITEM 6G: Status Report on Employee Terminations in the Division of Student Affairs, SUBR**

Mr. Anderson requested a report on employee terminations in the Division of Student Affairs on the SUBR Campus. He expressed concern that some of these actions were being taken by persons with interim appointments and he wanted to ensure that these actions were in compliance with Board and University policies.

Referring to the Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mr. Taylor noted that the SGA Constitution provides for the SGA President to appoint students from his office to serve on committees. He expressed a desire to ensure the presence of student representation on the search committee so that there will be a student representative to ask the appropriate questions that students propose at that time.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: Resolutions**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Magee,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the following resolutions be and is hereby approved:

#### **A. Commendations**

- Mr. Carl "Doc" Williams – former athletic trainer for SUBR, on his induction in the SWAC Hall of Fame

#### **B. Condolences**

- The Pinkie Gordon Lane Family. Dr. Lane, former professor and Chair of English at SUBR passed away on December 3, 2008.
- The Franklin Owens Family. Mr. Owens, former SU Board Member passed away recently.

Mr. Lawson asked that a resolution be prepared and sent to President – Elect Barack Obama with an invitation for him to visit and tour our campuses.

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**AGENDA ITEM 8:            System and Campus Monthly Reports**

The written reports were received and are on file in the Board's Office. Chancellor Lomotey added to his report and his comments with several announcements that are on tape in the Board's Office

**AGENDA ITEM 9:            Other Business**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 10:        Adjournment**

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

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors