

Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 10, 2008
Waterbury Ballroom
2nd Floor, Sheraton Hotel
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Student Representative, Mr. Jamal A. Taylor.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Warren A Forstall
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor

ABSENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mr. Achilles Williams

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice President Tolor White and Kassie Freeman
Chancellors Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams
Mr. Ben Pugh represented Chancellor Ray Belton

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add: Item 6A: Special Recognition

Delete: Item 12A-3: System President's Personnel Recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The Sophie B. Wright Charter School, adopted by Southern University at New Orleans, was presented for Board Members' information.

AGENDA ITEM 6A: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized and awarded a plaque to Ms. Margaret Ambrose for the services she rendered as Interim Chancellor of Southern University - Baton Rouge from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

The Board Chairman also officially welcomed Dr. Kofi Lomotey to his first Board meeting as Chancellor of the SUBR Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS

a. Minutes of the May 24, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the June 12, 2008 meeting of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the minutes of the May 24, 2008 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors and the June 12, 2008 meeting of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

a. Action Items

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

(1.) PROMOTION AND TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the recommendation of Associate Professor Ollivette Mencer and Judith Perhay for promotion to the rank of Professor of Law, effective Fall 2008, be and it is hereby approved.

Mr. Taylor registered concern regarding the absence of substantive publications by the two persons recommended for promotion and tenure.

(2.) LETTERS OF INTENT AND PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that letters of intent and proposals to establish the following Associate of Science Degree Programs at Southern University - Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

- Associate of Science Degree Program in Information Systems Cyber Security
- Associate of Science Degree Program in Event Management

(3.) REVISED SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, as revised, for the Southern University - Shreveport Campus be and it is hereby approved.

(4.) REVISED REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Registration Refund Policy, as revised, for the Southern University - Shreveport Campus be and they are hereby approved.

(5.) ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC), SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the establishment of the Southern University at Shreveport Community Development Corporation be and it is hereby approved.

(6.) CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, 2008 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the recommended degrees to be

conferred upon candidates for graduation at the 2008 Summer Commencement Exercises at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

(7.) CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CURRICULUM FOR FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the proposed Certificate Program Curriculum for Fire Service Management at Southern University - Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

(8.) CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the letter of intent and proposal for the Certificate Program in Business Management at Southern University - Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

b. Informational Item

The Board acknowledged receipt of written informational reports on low completer programs on the campuses of Southern University at New Orleans and Southern University - Shreveport.

AGENDA ITEM 9: FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

a. Action Items

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Nash, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

(1.) SMALL CAPITAL PROJECT: GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ROOM, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the bid and construction of the Global Communications Facility Room #313 in the T.T. Allain Building on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

(2.) ALTERNATE PROJECT FOR STUDENT HOUSING: ACTIVITY CENTER, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the request from the SUNO Administration to utilize \$900,000 from funds retained from the U.S. Department of Education, as a result of Hurricane Katrina, to fund the building of the Activity Center be and it is hereby approved. The Activity Center Building was an alternate on the bid for the construction of the Student Housing Project.

(3.) RV PARKING LOT, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Board does hereby concur with building of the RV parking lot on University Property by the Southern University System Foundation.

(4.) ACQUISITION OF 701 TRAVIS STREET, SHREVEPORT, LA BY THE SU SYSTEM FOUNDATION

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Southern University Foundation be and it is hereby authorized to acquire 701 Travis Street, Lots 15 and 16, Block 4, Original Town of Shreveport, LA for a purchase price of \$180,000.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ATHLETICS

a. Action Items

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the following resolutions were approved.

(1.) 2008-2009 ATHLETICS BUDGETS, SUNO AND SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the 2008 - 2009 Athletics Budgets for SUNO and SUSLA be and they are hereby approved.

SUNO - \$663,850
SUSLA - \$376,699

AGENDA ITEM 11: FINANCE AND AUDIT

a. Action Items

(1.) BA - 7, NUMBER 2 (REVISED) SUNO AND SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that BA - 7 #2, (revised) which reflects an increase in fees and self-generated revenues at Southern University at New Orleans, and a decrease in self-generated funds on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus be and they are hereby approved.

(2.) INCREASE IN STUDENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008 - 2009, BY CAMPUS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the increase in student insurance premiums for school year 2008 - 2009, per contract with Nationwide Life Insurance Company, represented by GM-Southwest, Inc., by Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

The contract period is for one year, beginning August 13, 2008.

(3.) REPLACEMENT OF WOOD FLOORING IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the SUNO Administration be and it is hereby authorized to enter into a contract to replace the wood flooring in the Physical Education Building at a cost of \$216,000.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Atkins, the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Facilities and Property Committee, the System President and the Chancellor are hereby authorized to allow Southern University at New Orleans to let facilities enhancement/construction contracts, subject to Board approval and in accordance with State law.

The Administration was requested to keep Committee Chairs timely apprised of matters under their respective Committee's jurisdictions.

(4.) CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION OF TENNIS COURTS AND SECURITY LIGHTS. SUNO

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the SUNO Administration be and it is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with _____ in the amount of \$66,000 for the renovation and repair of the campus' tennis courts and security lights.

(5.) ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR BRUNO AND TERVALON TO APPLY AGREED UPON PROCEDURES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES, ETC., OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS. SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the engagement letter for Bruno and Tervalon, CPAs, to apply agreed upon procedures to the Statement of Revenues and Expenses and supporting documents of the Department of Athletics on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

This engagement will cover the year ended June 30, 2008 and will cost \$9,275.

(6.) UPDATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN SUSLA AND CITY OF SHREVEPORT

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the updated resolution between Southern University - Shreveport and the City of Shreveport to provide for continuing services in the areas of workforce development and training, community outreach, economic development, and other projects be and it is hereby approved.

The updated information reflects the current officers of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

(7.) INCREASE IN STUDENT TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES. EFFECTIVE FALL 2008

Following a list of concerns by Board members regarding the absence of pertinent

information to support the requested increase, the following action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the action by the Board on the request is deferred until July 18, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Friday, July 18, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Board's Meeting Room on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

The Administration is requested in the interim to furnish information to:

- Justify the Board's approval of the proposed tuition increases;
- Reflect alternative measures that are being taken by the campuses to provide necessary revenue; and
- Provide Budget Trends for the past 3 to 5 years and indicate reasons for any increases or decreases

This information is to be received by Board Members for their review at least two to three days prior to the date of the Special Board Meeting.

(8.) BA - 7 #3, SU AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that BA - 7 #3 which reflects a decrease in Statutory Dedications for the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, in accordance with House Bill 1287, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS AND POLICY

a. Action Items

(1.) LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On motion of Atty. Atkins, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the request for a leave of absence without pay for Judge Paul Bonin, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Southern University - New Orleans, for the Fall Semester 2008, be and it is hereby approved.

(2.) APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

(a.) Interim Registrar, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the appointment of Ms. D'Andrea J. Frank as Interim Registrar on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, at an annual salary of \$64,500, be and it is hereby approved.

(b.) Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the appointment of Dr. Orella Brazille as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the Southern University - Shreveport Campus, effective July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, at an annual salary of \$90,000, be and it is hereby approved.

(3.) SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
DELETED

(4.) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF SYSTEM PRESIDENT RALPH SLAUGHTER
(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board convened into an executive session to review and discuss the performance evaluation of Dr. Ralph Slaughter as President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 10 yeas - Lawson, Montgomery, Atkins, Bilberry, Caiton, Clayton, Forstall, Miller, Nash and Taylor; 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 9 yeas - Lawson, Montgomery, Atkins, Bilberry, Caiton, Clayton, Miller, Nash, and Taylor; 1 out - Forstall; 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Mrs. Montgomery, Chair of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, announced that the Board had completed its evaluation of Dr. Ralph Slaughter as System President. Dr. Slaughter's evaluation was positive.

The Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee will work with the System President to establish goals and benchmarks for the next year.

Mr. Patrick Bell, newly appointed Board Member from the 3rd Congressional District was administered the oath of office by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.

AGENDA ITEM 13: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Board approved the following resolutions to the families listed below.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution recognizing the contributions of the late Dean A.A. Lenior to the SU Law Center for presentation on the occasion of the Lenior Family Reunion.
- Resolutions of condolences acknowledging the passing of the following:
 - Mr. Thomas H. Marshall
 - Atty. Murphy Bell
 - Mrs. Desiree' W. Smith
 - Mrs. Maynell D. Gilbeaux
 - Justice Revius Ortique, Jr.
 - Mrs. Rosa B. Styles
 - Mr. Hermon Spikes
 - Ms. Alexandria Williams
 - Ms. Tonya M. Hebert
 - Mrs. Ivory Brown

AGENDA ITEM 14: SYSTEM AND CAMPUS REPORTS

Informational reports were submitted by the System President and Campus Chancellors and are of file in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 15: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Special Meeting
Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, July 18, 2008
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

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

S.U. Law Professor Russell Jones administered the oath of office to the newly-appointed Board Member Patrick D. Magee.

PRESENT

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Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Warren Forstall
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor

ABSENT

Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Achilles Williams

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Historical Budgetary Information for FY 2005 - through 2007 (actuals) and FY 2007 - 2008 (Budgeted), by Campus

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the historical budget dates reflecting actual line item expenditures for fiscal years 2005 through 2007; and the budgeted amounts for 2008 - 2009, per line item, which include the recommended tuition increase for the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport be and they are hereby received.

- b. Projected Budget Summaries for FY 2008 - 2009, without tuition increase, by Campus

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the projected budget summaries for fiscal year 2008 - 2009, excluding the recommended tuition increase for the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport be and they are hereby received.

- c. Proposed Tuition Increase for FY 2008 - 2009, by Campus

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the System Administration, that the following tuition increases, by Campus, be and they are hereby approved, effective Fall 2008.

		Per Semester
Southern University - Baton Rouge	5%	\$92
Southern University - New Orleans	5%	\$74
Southern University - Shreveport	3%	\$34

To support its tuition increase recommendation, the Administration also provided a budgetary impact statement from Southern University - Baton Rouge.

Chancellor Ukpolo announced that the 5% tuition increase approved for Southern University at New Orleans would not be implemented at this juncture.

The members of the Board were given a synopsis of activities which have led to the current dire financial situation existing on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus. Factors contributing to the problem were reported as:

- continuing decline in student enrollment as a result of forced implementation of selective admission;
- negative press reports; and
- insufficient legislative appropriations to support the institution's operations.

Board members were asked to provide their area legislators with the necessary information to gain their support for the Southern University System entities.

Mr. Caiton requested that the Administration submit for the Board's review the annual salaries of maintenance personnel, Systemwide.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Vice Chancellor Margaret Ambrose announced that the staff on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus voted to organize itself for representation by a Senate. The new President, Ms. Julie Wessinger, and Senate officers were introduced to the Board.

Mrs. Montgomery acknowledged the efforts of Chancellor Victor Ukpolo that are enhancing in the successful progression of that SUNO's recovery.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors