

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, March 28, 2008
Green Room
Parc England Hotel
Alexandria, Louisiana

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Chair
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mr. Richard Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mrs. Mary Doucet
Atty. Warren Forstall
Mr. Herman L. Hartman, Sr.
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Ms. Afi C. Patterson
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Ms. E. Jean Ware
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Louis Miller

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice President Kassie Freeman and Mrs. Gloria Matthews, representing Vice President
Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams, and
Mr. Flandus McClinton, representing Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - SU SYSTEM

Southern University System Highlights were presented by Ms. Robyn Merrick and Mrs. Cassandra Williams. Activities throughout the System and the video featuring alumnus Avery Johnson were featured.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the February 29, Board Meeting

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Ms. Patterson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, that the minutes of the February 29, 2008 meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

(1.) ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the Committee's report, including the following resolutions, were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that two endowed professorships—Jack Binion/Shreveport Endowed Professorships 1 and 2 in the College of Business at Southern University - Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Academic Calendars for Fall 2008 through Summer 2011 at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that tenure recommendations by Southern University at New Orleans for the following faculty members be and they are hereby approved.

- Jean Bilkhir, Associate Professor, Social Sciences
- Romanus Ejiaga, Associate Professor, Arts and Humanities
- Evelyn Harrell, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences

(2.) ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee's report including the following resolutions, was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the revision to the Southern University Complimentary Ticket policy that reflect the elimination from the policy of elected officials, pursuant to Act 19 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature in 2008, be and it is hereby approved.

A policy for retiring Athlete Jerseys and number will be submitted to the Board for approval at a later date.

(3.) FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Committee's report, including the following resolutions, was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Rental Fee Schedule Policy for various campus facilities, as revised, to include the following language be and it is hereby approved:

Campus Chancellors of Southern University and the Southern University System President are permitted: 1) to increase the rental rates above what is reflected on facilities rental rate schedules for campus facilities to include the actual cost of utilities, other operational costs, and special services provided; and, 2) to negotiate, on a case-by-case basis, a rate to be charged public agencies, such as high schools for graduation exercises, non-profit agencies, and external organizations whose efforts benefit and support the University that is different than the rental rate reflected on the facilities rental fee schedules.

This language will be applicable throughout the Southern University System and gives the Administration the authorization to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the following Small Capital Projects on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus be and they are hereby approved.

- Physical Education Building Enhancement - \$235,000
- Repair to Hot Water Piping in the New Science Building - \$300,000
- Park and Lake Campuses Fiber Connection - \$127,800

The Committee acknowledged receipt of a resolution from the Student Bar Association on behalf of the Law Center Student Body which requested action by the Board of Supervisors, the System President and the Law Center Chancellor to correct the deplorable conditions of the existing Law Center parking lots.

(4.) FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Ware,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7#1 reflecting funding in the amount of \$103,520 allocated by the Louisiana Board of Regents to the Southern University System for Campus Security Projects, be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee received an update on the Louisiana State Executive Budget Recommendations for the existing 2007-2008 Operating Budgets and the recommended 2008-2009 operating budgets for Southern University System entities, as of February 28, 2008.

Atty. Tony Clayton recommended that the Board Chair appoint select several Board Members; and, or charge the Finance Committee with the responsibility of meeting with SU System and Campus Administrators to obtain a detailed status report on the following matters for the current fiscal year:

- Operating Budgets
- Auxiliary Funds
- Grants
- Patents

In an effort to avoid a possible reduction in force as a result of budget shortfalls, the following suggestions were offered by Messrs. Clayton and Hartman, respectively:

- The Board's Finance and Audit Committee should be given at its April 2008 meeting a report on duplicative academic programs, by campus, which could be eliminated
- Implementation of plans to increase campus enrollment should be accelerated.

(5.) PERSONNEL AFFAIRS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mrs. Doucet, the Committee's report, including the following resolutions, was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the appointment of Mr. Frank Williams, Jr. as Executive Director for the Southern University at Shreveport Foundation, effective retroactive to March 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$50,000, of which 50% will be reimbursed by the Foundation to the University, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University A&M College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the appointment of Mr. K. Michael Francois as Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at Southern University - Shreveport, effective April 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$73,500 be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University A&M Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the appointment of Ms. Dawn S. Jenkins as Director of Publications and Electronic Media at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective retroactive to February 4, 2008 at an annual salary of \$48,008, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University A&M Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that medical leave of absence, with pay, for Mr. Charlie T. Johnson, Assistant Professor/Interim Chair of Elementary/Early Childhood Education at Southern University - New Orleans, effective retroactive to January 10, 2008 and continuing to May 15, 2008, be and it is hereby approved.

C. Resolutions

On motion of Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Hartman,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University A&M College System that Commendations be extended to the persons/entities named below:

- Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry in recognition of his 24th Anniversary as Pastor of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.
- Mr. David Weise, President of Shintech for his commitment of financial support to Southern University
- School of Nursing for the successful performance of its students on the licensure exam

Condolences

- The Saunders E. Wilson Family
- The John London Family
- The Felocia Guidry Family
- The Robert H. Cobbins, Jr. Family

AGENDA ITEM 7: SYSTEM AND CAMPUS REPORTS

On file in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lawson announced the following appointments:

- Atty. Tony M. Clayton - Chair, Economic Development Committee of the SU Board of Supervisors
- Ms. E. Jean Ware as Board representative on the System's SACS Subcommittee

Commendations from the Board, Administrators, and Staff were extended to Chairman Lawson for his efforts and Retreat Co-Chairs Rev. Jesse Bilberry and Mrs. Mary Doucet which led to an enjoyable Board Retreat and Meeting during the past several days.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 28, 2008

Green Room

Parc England Hotel

Alexandria, Louisiana

MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Johnny G. Anderson. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Mary R. Doucet

Mr. Herman L. Hartman

Ms. E. Jean Ware

Mr. Achilles Williams

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex Officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Chairman

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

Ms. Afi C. Patterson

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter

Vice President Kassie Freeman and Mrs. Gloria Matthews, representing Vice President Tolor White

Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams, and Mr. Flandus McClinton, representing 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. Doucet, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Endowed Professorships, SUSLA

On motion of Ms. Ware, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, two Endowed Professorships –Jack Binion/Shreveport Endowed Professorships 1 and 2 in the College of Business at Southern University - Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Academic Calendars, SUBR

On motion of Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Academic Calendars for Fall 2008 through Summer 2011 at Southern University - Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Faculty Tenure Recommendations, SUNO

On motion of Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, approval of tenure for the Southern University at New Orleans faculty members named below:

- Jean Belkhir, Associate Professor, Social Sciences
- Romanus Ejiaga, Associate Professor, Arts and Humanities

- Evelyn Harrell, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Athletics Committee
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Herman Hartman, Sr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Herman Hartman, Sr. - Chairman
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. - Vice Chairman
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Achilles Williams
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Louis Miller
Ms. Afi C. Patterson

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Vice President Kassie Freeman and Mrs. Gloria Matthews, representing Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams, and Mr. Flandus McClinton, representing Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

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BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: PROTOCOL FOR RETIRING ATHLETES JERSEY,

A policy for retiring Athletes' Jerseys and numbers will be developed and submitted to the Board for approval at a later date. The criteria will take into consideration the accomplishments of former S.U. Athletes.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: SU COMPLIMENTARY TICKET POLICY REVISION

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the revision to the Southern University Complimentary Ticket Policy to reflect the elimination of elected officials, pursuant to Act 19 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature in 2008.

The Committee further recommends that additional revisions to the entire policy would be considered, with input from the Administration, at a later date.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hartman provided an update on athletic matters since the last meeting of the Committee - - specifically, he noted progress of work on the Stadium Renovation Project, 2008 Football Recruits, Athletics Personnel and the recent illness of Track Coach Johnny Thomas.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Facilities and Property Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 28, 2008

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MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Murphy Nash, Chairman

Mr. Richard Caiton

Atty. Warren Forstall

Ms. Afi C. Patterson

Rev. Samuel Tolbert

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex Officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Louis Miller - Vice Chairman

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter

Vice President Kassie Freeman and Mrs. Gloria Matthews, representing Vice President Tolor White

Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpole and Leodrey Williams, and Mr. Flandus McClinton, representing Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Revised Rental Fee Schedule Policy, Campuses

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from the S.U. System Administration to revise the Rental Fee Schedule Policy for various campus facilities to include the following language:

Campus Chancellors of Southern University and the Southern University System President are permitted: 1) to increase the rental rates above what is reflected on facilities rental rate schedules for campus facilities to include the actual cost of utilities, other operational costs, and special services provided; and, 2) to negotiate, on a case-by-case basis, a rate to be charged public agencies, such as high schools for graduation exercises, non-profit agencies, and external organizations whose efforts benefit and support the University, that is different than the rental rate reflected on the facilities rental fee schedules.

Motion carried unanimously.

This language will be applicable throughout the Southern University System and gives administrators the authorization to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

B. Small Capital Projects, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following Small Capital Projects on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus.

- Physical Education Building Enhancement - \$235,000
- Repair to Hot Water Piping in the New Science Building - \$300,000
- Park and Lake Campuses Fiber Connection - \$127,800

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Resolution from the SU Law Center Student Policy

Ms. Afi C. Patterson, 2007-2008 President of the Student Bar Association, presented to the Committee a resolution from the Student Bar Association requesting, on behalf of the Student Body, action by the Board of Supervisors, the System President and Law Center Chancellor to correct the deplorable conditions of the Law Center parking lots.

Ms. Patterson was advised of the Administration's efforts to get funding to build a parking garage for the Law Center; however, to date, those efforts have been unsuccessful.

This matter remains a top priority at the Board and Administrative levels.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Ms. Ware, was adjourned.

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Finance and Audit Committee
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Johnny G. Anderson.

PRESENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson - Chair
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert
Ms. E. Jean Ware
Mr. Achilles Williams
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex officio

ABSENT

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice President Kassie Freeman; and Assistant Vice President Gloria Matthews, representing
Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams, and
Mr. Flandus McClinton, representing Interim Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Legal Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Nash, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: BA-7 #1, S.U. SYSTEM

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, BA-7 #1 reflecting funding in the amount of \$103,520 allocated by the Louisiana Board of Regents to the Southern University System for Campus Security Projects.

AGENDA ITEM 6A: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2008-2009

The Committee was given a report on recommended State Funding adjustments to the existing 2007-2008 Operating Budgets for Southern University System entities per the Executive Budget as of February 28, 2008.

Mr. Anderson expressed concern relative to the Board of Regents' funding recommendations which are based on graduation rates and other criteria. Additional concerns were voiced by the Committee relative to funding, recruitment, student fees, and the need for Southern University representation at Board of Regents' Committee meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 28, 2008

Green Room

Parc England Hotel

Alexandria, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. - Chair

Mr. Achilles Williams, Vice Chair

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson

Mr. Richard Caiton

Mrs. Mary R. Doucet

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Mr. Herman L. Hartman, Sr.

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Ms. Jean E. Ware

Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter

Vice President Kassie Freeman, and Mrs. Gloria Matthews, representing Vice President Tolor White

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointments

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following:

Motion carried unanimously.

- The appointment of Mr. Frank Williams, Jr. as Executive Director for the Southern University at Shreveport Foundation, effective retroactive to March 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$50,000, of which 50% will be reimbursed by the Foundation to the University
- The appointment of Mr. K. Michael Francois as Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at Southern University - Shreveport, effective April 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$73,5000
- The appointment of Ms. Dawn S. Jenkins as Director of Publications and Electronic Media at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective retroactive to February 4, 2008 at an annual salary of \$48,088

B. Medical Leave of Absence, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Medical Leave of Absence, with pay, for Mr. Charlie T. Johnson, Assistant Professor/Interim Chair of Elementary/Early Childhood Education at Southern University - New Orleans, effective retroactive to January 10, 2008 and continuing to May 15, 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors