

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 16, 2008

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

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.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Walter Guidry by Atty. Winston Decuir. Mr. Guidry is the newly appointed Board Member representing the 7th Congressional District.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chairman
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor

ABSENT

Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Warren Forstall
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Achilles Williams

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: APPEAL HEARINGS, SUBR

A. Appeal Hearing for Ms. Wanda Warner

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board convened into an executive session to hear the appeal of Ms. Wanda Warner.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 9 yeas: Lawson, Montgomery, Anderson, Bell, Bilberry, Clayton, Guidry, Magee, Taylor ; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Mr. Nash entered the meeting.

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 10 yeas: Lawson, Montgomery, Anderson, Bell, Bilberry, Clayton, Guidry, Magee, Taylor, Nash; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the Board overturn the Administration's action and allow Ms. Warner to return to work.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Bell and seconded by Rev. Bilberry, that the Board defer action on Ms. Warner's appeal until the Board Chairman, System President and Chancellor discuss with Ms. Warner and her attorney matters regarding her re-employment with the University.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: Montgomery, Bell, Bilberry, Clayton, Guidry, Nash, Taylor; 3 nays; Lawson, Anderson, Magee

A vote on the original motion, as restated by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Atty. Clayton, produced the following vote: 2 yeas: Clayton, Taylor; 5 nays: Lawson, Anderson, Bell, Bilberry, Magee; 3 abstentions: Montgomery, Guidry, Nash

The motion failed.

B. Appeal Hearing for Dr. Russell Dawkins

Atty. DeCuir advised the Board of Dr. Dawkins' preference for having his appeal heard in open session. However, Dr. Dawkins indicated that he would not object should the Board choose to hear the appeal in executive session.

The Board met in an open session to hear testimony in the appeal of Dr. Russell Dawkins. No decisions were made by the Board. The meeting was recessed until the next day at which time the Dawkins' hearing would continue.

A motion was offered by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Taylor, for the Board to convene into an executive session to hear the appeal of Dr. Russell Dawkins.

The motion failed. 8 yeas: Lawson, Montgomery, Anderson, Bell, Bilberry, Guidry, Nash, Taylor; 2 nays: Clayton, Magee;
0 abstentions

The Board began hearing of testimony in this matter. The hearing was continued until Friday, October 17, 2008. The Chair declared the meeting recessed until the next day following Board Committee meetings.

-RECESS-

RECONVENTION
Friday, October 17, 2008
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J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was reconvened.

Motion carried unanimously.

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PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvention of Appeal Hearing for Dr. Russell Dawkins, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board convened into an executive session to continue hearing the grievance appeal of Dr. Russell Dawkins, SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, Dr. Dawkins did not object to the executive session.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board referred the issues raised by Dr. Russell Dawkins to Chancellor Lomotey and requested that, within the next 90 days, the Chancellor bring to the Board his recommendation on how to proceed with the School of Public Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Minutes of the September 19, 2008 Board Meeting

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the September 19, 2008 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

B. Committee Reports

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby received.

The Committee's report reflected updates from each campus on their efforts to implement the Early Start (Dual Enrollment) Program.

(2) Facilities and Property Committee

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern University Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the transfer of existing overhead power lines and associated equipment in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, along Press Drive and Leon C. Simon north to connect with sub-surface power loop of the Southern University North Campus Project to Entergy New Orleans, Inc. The transfer is to include all wood poles, cross-arms, overhead primary line conductors, pole lines, hardware, down guys and transformers as well as lateral feeders and taps. The transfer is "as is" and without warranty and Entergy will assume all future maintenance on the power lines and associated equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional utility right of way necessary for the installation of equipment and delivery of the utility service by Entergy is hereby authorized. The Southern University System President and Southern University at New Orleans Chancellor are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the transfer of equipment and/or right of way subject to legal review by University counsel and the Director of University Facilities.

The Committee's report also included the informational updates on the following:

1. Proposed Technology Center, SUNO
 2. Major Repairs and Re-roofing Projects, by Campus
 3. Capital Outlay Projects, by Campus
- (3) Ad Hoc Committee on Customer Service and Registration**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Customer Service and Registration, that the

Committee's informational report be and it is hereby received.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that Commendations be and they are hereby extended to Mrs. Carolyn Bergeron who was named "**Alumnus of the Year**" by the East Baton Rouge Parish - Southern University Alumni Chapter.

Condolences

The Peter Dangerfield Family. Mr. Dangerfield, Executive Director of Total Community Action, a Social Service Agency in New Orleans, passed away on Monday, September 29.

The Vinus Rubin Family. Mrs. Rubin, mother of Judge Edward Rubin, Southern University Law Center alumnus, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2008

The Colonel Johnson Family. Dr. Johnson, a retired Professor of Mathematics at Southern University - Baton Rouge; passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2008

The Warren Morgan Family. Mr. Morgan, father of Ms. Vicki Morgan, Assistant Director/Counselor in the Office of Financial Aid at Southern University - New Orleans, passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2008

The Debra Johnson Hixon Family. Mrs. Hixon, sister of Atty. J. Floyd Johnson, Southern University Law Center alumnus, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2008

The Willis Pierre Family. Mr. Pierre, father of Mr. Vincent Pierre, Southern University - Baton Rouge alumnus, passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2008, and

AGENDA ITEM 5D: AUTHORIZATION TO SUNO CHANCELLOR TO SIGN GRANTS WITH LA. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board approved the

following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Southern University Board of Supervisors hereby grants authorization to the Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans to approve and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital for support through (BECCI) to provide services for various projects and to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts executed.

FURTHER RESOLVED that all action taken pursuant to this authorization is subject to the prior review and approval of the President of the Southern University System or his designee.

AGENDA ITEM 5E: BA-7# 1 (REVISED) SULC

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Bell, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University System that BA-7# 1 (revised) reflecting an increase in spending authority and self-generated funds for the Southern University Law Center for fiscal year 2008-2009, per House Bill No. 1314 which authorizes tuition increases approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents, beginning Fall 2008, be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: SYSTEM REPORTS

The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report on the efforts of the System Administration to improve the public perception of the University; and, regarding the issue of a dress code for the University's student clientele.

The reports were informational.

AGENDA ITEM 6A: SALARY REPORT FOR CAMPUS MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

In response to a request by Board member Richard Caiton, the Board was given data reflecting the salary of SU Campus Maintenance personnel.

AGENDA ITEM 7: CAMPUS REPORTS

The Board received written monthly updates on Campus activities from the Chancellors. Chancellor Belton also announced that SU Shreveport was the recipient of a 747 Aircraft donated by Federal Express for use in the University's Aerospace Program.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Caiton requested the Administration to provide at the November Board meeting, the following reports:

- SUNO South Campus Update
- Progress Report on Selective Admissions, SUNO

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 17, 2008

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery. The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

AGENDA ITEM 1A: SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed Board Members Walter Guidry and Patrick O. Jefferson by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. Mr. Guidry and Atty. Jefferson will represent the 7th and 4th Congressional Districts, respectively.

PRESENT

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Chairman
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor
Mr. Achilles Williams
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex-officio

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: DUAL ENROLLMENT REPORTS, BY CAMPUS

The Committee received a report from the Campuses on their efforts towards the implementation of the Early Start (Dual Enrollment) program.

Ms. Melba Venison, Director of the Dual Enrollment Program at SUNO, was accompanied to the meeting by the Principal of O. Perry Walker High School in New Orleans and the East St. John Parish Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of East St. John High School. The school representatives reported on the positive impact that their respective dual enrollment programs with SUNO has had on their students.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee recognized the presence of Messrs. Terrance Ginn, Director of Finance and Administration, Office of the Governor; and Mr. Luke Letlow, Special Assistant to the Governor.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Louis Miller, Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex-officio

ABSENT

None

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: DEDICATION OF UTILITY “RIGHT OF WAY” AND OTHER HOUSING PROPERTY, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that Southern University Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the transfer of existing overhead power lines and associated equipment in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, along Press Drive and Leon C. Simon north to connect with the sub-surface power loop of the Southern University New Campus Project to Entergy New Orleans, Inc. The transfer is to include all wood poles, cross-arms, overhead primary line conductors, pole lines, hardware down guys and transformers as well as lateral feeder and taps. The transfer is “as is” and without warranty and Entergy will assume all future maintenance on the power lines and associated equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional utility right of way necessary for the installation of equipment and delivery of the utility service by Entergy is hereby authorized. The Southern University System President and Southern University New Orleans Chancellor are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the transfer of equipment and/or right of way, subject to legal review by University Counsel and the System Director of Facilities.

The aforementioned resolution will enable Entergy to provide the necessary utility service to the Southern University at New Orleans North Campus Housing Complex.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. SUNO Technology Center
- B. Quarterly Status Reports
 - (1) Major Repairs and Re-roofing
 - (2) Capital Outlay Projects

Mr. Mark Baum, representing the Chenevert Architect firm, tendered a slide presentation

on the proposed Technology Center that is to be constructed on the North Campus of Southern University at New Orleans.

The Committee acknowledged receipt of monthly status reports on Major Repairs and Re-roofing Projects, and Capital Outlay Projects.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Nash reported that the Board of Regents' Facilities and Property Committee would hold its regular meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Nash indicated Mr. Walter Guidry would attend the meeting as the Board's representative.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMER SERVICE

Friday, October 17, 2008

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MINUTES

The Ad Hoc Committee on Customer Service and Registration of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Jamal A. Taylor.

PRESENT

Mr. Jamal A. Taylor, Chairman
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Vice Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Ex-officio

ABSENT

None

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Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey and Williams,

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: CUSTOMER SERVICE AND REGISTRATION REPORTS,
BY CAMPUS**

The Committee received a status report from the Campuses on their efforts to improve the student registration process and to enhance the delivery of quality services to their student clientele and other constituents. These issues were being addressed by a special Board Committee in response to numerous expressed concerns. Note was taken that each Campus has established a committee to improve its Customer Service thrust.

In the discussion that ensued, the following suggestions were offered:

- Each Campus should develop a System for discipling employees who do not display respect and courtesy to University constituents
- Chancellors should hold “town hall” meetings with students to receive their comments and observations about the quality of services rendered by the University.
- Each Campus should review and enhance its E-registration capability to facilitate student registration

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

