

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**

Friday, April 26, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

**Present**

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairwoman  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. – Vice Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Mr. LaKeisha A. Ford  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr

**Absent**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

**University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore, and Lester Pourciau  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

**Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert and seconded by Mr. Braxton for Board approval of the agenda, as printed.

A substitute motion was made by Rev. Gant and seconded by Atty. Bell, to delete **Item 6E: To allow the Executive Assistant/Director to the Board of Supervisors to occupy (use) at least one of the Board's two offices to conduct the normal daily functions of the Board of Supervisors** (Clayton and Lawson).

Speaking in support of his substitute motion, Rev. Gant referred to the Board's Bylaws, Part II; Article IV (3): *Board Office Personnel* which he opined gave the Board Chairwoman the authority to take recent actions regarding the Office Staff. A vote to overturn the Chair's action would be in violation of the Board's Bylaws, Rev. Gant said,

At Rev. Gant's request, Atty. DeCuir provided an opinion which confirmed Rev. Gant's statement.

Offering a different interpretation of the referenced Bylaws, Rev. Tolbert suggested that any action by the Board Chair could be overturned should the Board choose to do so. He further suggested that Item 6E remain on the agenda so that the Board members could express their position by a vote in favor or in opposition to the item.

Mr. Lawson questioned Rev Gant's motion to delete the Item at that time. He then indicated his intent to have the item deferred at the time it was to be considered by the Board.

The motion by Rev. Gant and the second by Atty. Bell were withdrawn.

The original motion to approve the printed agenda was approved.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board recognized the presence of Dr. Jim Purcell, Louisiana State Commissioner of Higher Education. Dr. Purcell urged the SU Board and Administration to be actively involved in the current legislative session and to make known the University's position regarding legislation favorable or unfavorable to higher education. He then provided the Board of Regents' positions on several pieces of legislation including Senate Bills 16 and 204 and House Bill 194.

Other public comments were offered by Dr. Thomas Miller, SUBR Faculty Senate President; and, Dr. Diola Bagayoko, SUBR Professor of Physics. Both spoke in opposition to the SU System's Transformation Plan and the System's current contract with EO Serve to provide online programs.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Individuals/organizations noted below received accolades and commendations from the Board:

**Board Member Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.**

- ❖ Outstanding Supporter of Southern University Athletics

#### **SU Alumni Affairs**

- ❖ Winner of Gold Honor for its "Gifts for Graduates" Program; and the Bronze Award for "The Southernite" Alumni Publication at the 2013 CASE District 4 Competition.

#### **SU AG Center**

##### **Dr. Dawn Mellion Patin, Agricultural Specialist**

- ❖ Winner of the Outstanding Specialist Award. Dr. Mellion Patin is noted for her work with socially disadvantaged, limited resources agricultural producers and their families in the State; and, for her work with the graduates of the Small Farmers Agricultural Leadership Institute.

##### **Dr. Renita W. Marshall, Associate Professor of Animal Science**

- ❖ Winner of the Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Marshall is renowned for her demonstrated record of successful and productive applied research projects in an area of major importance to resolving health problems in livestock.

#### **SU Baton Rouge**

##### **Dr. Sandra Brown, Professor of Nursing**

- ❖ Named "Nursing Educator of the Year" by the Louisiana State Nursing Association and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation. The award is based, in part, on Dr. Brown's impact on students entering the profession or seeking a higher degree in nursing, excellence in clinical expertise and excellence in classroom presentation and educator competencies. Dr. Brown is well known for inspiring her students in the classroom.

##### **Dr. Wanda Raby Spurlock, Associate Professor of Nursing**

- ❖ Named "Louisianan of the Year" by the Louisiana Life Magazine for her 36-year career of caring for people who are in a fragile mental or emotional state and who are also challenged by the complications of advancing age and memory loss. A member of the Louisiana State Nurses Association Hall of Fame, Dr. Spurlock is noted for her work in the fields of psychiatric and mental health nursing and gerontological nursing.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the March 22, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of March 22, 2013 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) *Academic Affairs Committee*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Candidates for Degrees at the 2013 Spring Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans, Southern University at Shreveport, and the Southern University Law Center be and they are hereby approved.

2.) *Athletics Committee*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the amended employment contract between Southern University at Baton Rouge, through its management board, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Mr. Roman P. Banks, Head Coach of Men's Basketball, effective July 1, 2013 through April 18, 2018, with a base salary of one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) and other emoluments, as described in the contract document, be and they are approved.

3.) *Facilities and Property Committee*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the request from the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center for approval of a Small Capital Project in the amount of \$260,000 to provide for the addition and renovation to the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives in Opelousas, Louisiana be and it is hereby approved.

4.) *Finance and Audit Committee*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 #6 which reflects a FY 2012-13 Interagency Transfer of \$309,329 to the Southern University Laboratory School be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request from Southern University at Shreveport to establish a Student Life Improvement Fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per semester, effective Fall 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

5.) *Governance Committee*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, that the proposed revisions to the Board's Educational Assistance Scholarship Policy be and they are hereby approved.

The Policy revision provides language to reflect the current practice in awarding the scholarships and eliminates the "Other" Category for which two (2) scholarships were allotted.

6.) *Personnel Affairs Committee*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's request to upgrade the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the Southern University Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration's request to appoint Roderick White, the current position holder, to the new position at an annual salary of \$140,000 plus a teaching load of one class per semester, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the request from Professor Stanley Halpin (SULC) for a sabbatical leave during the 2013-14 academic year to pursue a research and writing project for a book, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the request from Professor Okechukwu Oko (SULC) for an extension of one year to his current leave without pay until to the end of the 2013-2014 academic year be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the salary threshold for Board approval relative to all unclassified positions be and it is hereby reduced from \$100,000 to \$60,000, due to anticipated budget cuts and potential reorganization.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that Board approval be and it is hereby required for any and all salary increases, raises and supplemental pay adjustments for all unclassified positions.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that written justification, accompanied by a current job description shall be required for the proposed salary adjustments.

7.) SU Laboratory School Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the SU Laboratory School Committee, that the Committee's informational report be and it is hereby received.

8.) Student Affairs Committee

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

**AGENDA ITEM 6C: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mrs. Smith,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolution of commendation to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on its Centennial Anniversary be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences to the families named below be and they are hereby approved.

- Dr. Huel Davis Perkins
- Mr. Wilbert James Ferdinand
- Ms. Krischel Krasha Burl
- Dr. Cheryl Mills

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6D: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO VISIT A CAMPUS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY (LAWSON)**

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that a formal letter shall be sent by the System President, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, to U.S. President Barack Obama inviting him to visit a campus of Southern University.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6E: TO ALLOW THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO OCCUPY (USE) AT LEAST ONE OF THE BOARD'S TWO OFFICES TO CONDUCT THE NORMAL DAILY FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (CLAYTON AND LAWSON)**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Braxton, this item was deleted.

Motion carried. Rev. Tolbert voted nay.

**AGENDA ITEM 6F: PASTORS' FAITH BASED SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Rev. Tolbert,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Criteria for awarding the Southern University Pastors' Faith Based Scholarship Fund be and are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Gant and Rev. Tolbert briefed the Board on the Southern University Pastors' Faith Based Scholarship Program which was created to generate additional scholarship funds and other financial support from churches across the State for Southern University. They also reported on the event scheduled to take place on April 30 to which over 300 ministers have been invited. At that time, each pastor will be asked to commit financial support to Southern University in the amount of \$1200 or more per year for three years, to promote Southern University from their respective pulpits; and, to encourage students in their churches to choose Southern University to pursue their post-secondary education.

## AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. System Report
- B. Campus Reports

Oral and written reports from the System and the Campuses were received by the Board. Details can be found on the Board's website and on tape.

- C. Discussion regarding SU System Transformation Plan (Braxton and Lawson)

Board Member Braxton questioned the Transformation Plan's Financial Projections.

Responding, President Mason recounted efforts by the System Administration, since the Board's approval of the EO Serve Contract, to reduce operational expenses in the areas of Enrollment Management, Finance and Business and Information Technology. The result was the development and proposal of the SU System's Transformation Plan as the University's new business model.

The absence of specific recommendations, to date, from the Administration was noted by Rev. Gant, in view of the approaching July 1 date for implementing the Transformation Plan.

President Mason announced the following timelines for submitting to the Board the Administration's recommendations to implement two components of the Transformation Plan. Board members can expect to receive recommendations pertaining to each component two weeks prior to the meeting where the action is to be requested:

- ❖ May 2013 – Informational Technology
- ❖ June 2013 – Finance and Business

Continuing, the President stated that work on the Transformation Plan's Academic component is in progress, and no date has been set for tendering to the Board the Administration's recommendation relative to Enrollment Management.

Mr. Braxton inquired about a backup plan should the projected revenues from the EO Serve Contract fail to materialize.

Mr. Lawson requested the Administration to provide at the May Board meeting a comparative analysis of the contract arrangements with EO Serve and arrangements with the State of Louisiana to offer online courses.



**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Members were reminded of the May 15 deadline to submit their Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

Mrs. Smith reminded the Administration of scheduled high school graduations across the State, specifically during the month of May. She inquired if the SU campuses have a mechanism in place for reaching students during those activities; and received assurances from the Chancellors of the presence of the campus representatives at the graduation ceremonies.

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Mr. Darren G. Mire will be recognized by the Board for his display of hospitality to the SUBR Women's Tennis Team during their recent participation in SWAC Conference Competition in New Orleans.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Small, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Academic Affairs Committee**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 26, 2013

J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

#### **Present**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II - Chair  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chair  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

#### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore, and Lester Pourciau  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM**

**A. Candidates for Degrees, 2013 Spring Commencement**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Candidates for Degrees at the 2013 Spring Commencement Exercises on the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Shreveport, and at the Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee recognized the presence of the following guests:

- Mr. James H. Colon, Vice President of Toyota Products Communication, USA
- Atty. Charles R. Jones, NAFO State Policy Advocate and retired Louisiana State Senator

Both tendered expressions of support for Southern University.

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The Administration was requested by Board Member Myron Lawson to provide at the May meeting a status report on the selection of a System Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Dr. Kelly, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Personnel Affairs Committee**  
Friday, April 26, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

**Present**

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. - Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire – Vice Chair  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Ex Officio

**Absent**

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

**University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
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**Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Thomas Miller, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, announced the Faculty Senate's full support of Agenda Items 5C and 5D and forwarded a copy of the Senate's recommendation to place all information regarding hiring on the Board's website.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Position Upgrade and Promotion Recommendation, SULC**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the SU Law Center's request to upgrade the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to that of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the SU Law Center; and, that Roderick White, the current position holder, be allowed to assume the new position on a twelve-month basis at a base pay of \$140,000 per year, plus a teaching load of one class per semester.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Leaves of Absence, SULC**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board --

- ❖ Sabbatical leave for Professor Stanley Halpin for the academic year 2013-2014 to pursue research and a writing project for a book.
- ❖ Extended leave without pay for Professor Okechukwe Oko for an additional year (2013-2014 Academic Year)

Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Recommendation for reduction of the \$100,000 salary threshold for Board approval (Bell)**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the reduction of the \$100,000 salary threshold to \$60,000 for Board approval relative to all unclassified positions, due to anticipated budget cuts and potential reorganization.

Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Recommendation for Board approval of any and all salary increases, raises, and supplemental pay adjustments, for all unclassified positions; and to require written justification for proposed salary adjustments and current job descriptions (Bell)**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that Board approval be required for any and all salary increases, raises, and supplemental pay adjustments for all unclassified positions, along with written justification for the proposed salary adjustments and a current job description.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Finance and Audit Committee**

Friday, April 26, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chair, Dr. Eamon M. Kelly.

#### **Present**

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, Chair

#### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore, and Lester Pourciau  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. BA-7 #6, FY 2012-13 Interagency Transfer (IAT) Funding, SU Lab School**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, BA-7 #6 which reflects an increase of \$309,329 in FY 2012-13 Interagency Transfer (IAT) funding for the SU Lab School, due to increase in enrollment.

Motion carried unanimously.

The University was informed shortly before the Committee's meeting of an increase in the amount reflected on the BA-7(\$275,079) to the new amount (\$309,329).

**B. Student Life Improvement Fee, SUSLA**

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from Southern University at Shreveport to establish a Student Life Improvement Fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per semester, beginning Fall 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The Committee received an update on items listed below:

- A. Summary of annual audit results for the year ended June 30, 2012
- B. Interim Financial Report, as of February 28, 2013, SU System entities
- C. Bid for Food Service Contract, SUNO (Braxton and Lawson)
- D. FY 2012-2013 Budget for the Office of the Board of Supervisors Budget, as of 12/31/2012 (Hendricks)

The Committee was informed of the Administration's plan to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to receive bids for Food Service, System-wide. The RFP will allow vendors the option of bidding on the food service contract for one, two or all three University campuses.

Several Committee expressed reservations relative to the impact of a System-wide Food Service bid on the current contract between SUBR and Aramark which is in effect until the year 2018.

In response, President Mason explained that the System is exploring all available money saving options to help balance the 2013-14 FY Budget, which is anticipated to have a shortfall of \$12.5 million. Entering into a System-wide rather than Campus food service contract is one such option. RFPs for food service will be advertised during the month of May.



Rev. Tolbert noted that a System-wide Food Service contract would affect the termination of SUBR's contract with the current food service vendor, Aramark. He inquired if such action would apply to other current contracts between the University and its vendors and employees.

Details of the reports are available for review online.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, the meeting was adjourned.

###

## **Facilities and Property Committee**

Friday, April 26, 2013

J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Walter C. Dumas.

#### **Present**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas – Chair  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

#### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
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#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Small Capital Project (Renovation to the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas, LA), SUAREC**

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center for approval of a Small Capital Project in the amount of \$260,000 to provide for an addition and renovation to the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives in Opelousas, LA.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campus**

Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning, provided the monthly report on the status of Capital Projects on the Southern University campuses. His detailed report can be viewed online at the Board's website.

Atty. Dumas announced that the Committee's plan to conduct a second tour of the SUBR Campus in order to receive an update on the Campus facilities.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

###

## **Governance Committee**

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### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Governance Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mrs. Ann A. Smith.

#### **Present**

Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Chair  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

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#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Proposed Revisions to the Board's Educational Assistance Scholarship Policy (Dinvaut)

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the proposed revisions to the Board's Educational Assistance Scholarship Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

The revisions include language to reflect the Board's actual practice in awarding the scholarships and to eliminate the "Other" category for which two scholarships were allocated.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

###

## **Athletics Committee**

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### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Darren G. Mire.

#### **Present**

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chair  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
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#### **Absent**

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#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The following individuals and Athletic teams received special recognition from the Committee.

- ❖ SUNO Women's Basketball Team, winner of Gulf Coast Athletics Conference Championship. The team members' exceptional academic achievement was also recognized.
- ❖ Baseball Coach Roger Cador was selected by the Major League Baseball Commissioner to serve on a task force that will focus on how to diversify professional baseball by attracting more Africa-American players.
- ❖ SUBR Head Coach of Men's Basketball Roman Banks – named "Coach of the Year" by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's All – Louisiana Men's Basketball Team for the second consecutive year; and, "Major College Coach of the Year" by the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches.

Under Coach Banks' leadership, the Men's Basketball Team won the 2013 SWAC Championship Title and advanced to the NCAA First Round Playoffs.

- ❖ Women Tennis Team, under the leadership of Coach Jeff Conyers, captured numerous SWAC Titles.
- ❖ Laboratory School Basketball Team, led by Coach Kevin Augustine, won 2013 Championship in numerous areas.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM**

##### **A. Employment Contract for Men's Basketball Coach, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the amended employment contract between Mr. Roman P. Banks and Southern University – Baton Rouge, through its management board, effective July 1, 2013 through April 30, 2018, at an annual base salary of one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165,000) and other emoluments which are included in the contract agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

The contract supersedes and replaces any prior agreements between Coach Roman Banks and Southern University – Baton Rouge.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Dr. Kelly, the meeting was adjourned.

## **Southern University Laboratory School Committee**

Friday, April 26, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Laboratory School Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Walter C. Dumas.

#### **Present**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas - Chair  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chair  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Ms. LaKeisha A. Ford  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaux - Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore, and Lester Pourciau  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Fondel, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE ON SUBR LABORATORY SCHOOL**

At the request of Committee Chair Dumas, Principal Ronnie Harrison and Atty. Preston Castille tendered a report on recent efforts by University Administrators and SU Lab School supporters to enhance the operations and performance of the School.



Highlights of their report follow:

- ❖ Plans to address the numerous problems at the Lab School began in February 2010, with a meeting called by the Chancellor with University and Lab School administrators, members of the Lab School Foundation and other supporters. Specifically, the issues of falling enrollment, insufficient operational funds and poor infrastructure were discussed.
- ❖ Under leadership of Chancellor Llorens and Dr. Verjanis Peoples, Attys. Walter Dumas and Preston Castille, with the active efforts and involvement of the Foundation members and parents, the following improvements have been realized:
  - The school's current enrollment has increased by 47% (overall); 218% (6<sup>th</sup> graders); and, 424% (9<sup>th</sup> graders)
  - Graduation rate is now 100%
  - \$1.2 million in new State-revenue and \$110,000 in federal funds were received
  - The School has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
  - In October 2012, the School served as host to the Kagan Structure Professional Development Workshop which was attended by 200 teachers from Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas
  - The School has applied for and anticipates receiving an E-Rate Grant of \$350,000 over the next three years to provide funding to assist in paying bills and to improve its infrastructure
  - \$1.2 million in Capital Outlay funds were awarded to pay for repairs and renovations
  - An enrollment goal for the 2013-14 academic year has been set to increase the student population by 100 students. If the goal is achieved, additional revenues in the amount of ½ million dollars will be generated. To date, 60 new students have been accepted for the next academic year
  - The School has initiated collaboration with the University to create four (4) miniature Labs to provide experiential learning opportunities to students in the areas of Education, Engineering, Nursing, and Law. Commitments have been received from the Baton Rouge Bar Association and ExxonMobil to fund two (2) of the Mini Labs.

The efforts of Atty. Dumas, Atty. Castille, members of the Lab School Foundation, parents and supporters of the Lab School were recognized and commended their efforts by the Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fondel, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Student Affairs Committee**

Friday, April 26, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

#### **Present**

Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr. – Chair  
Mr. Mike A. Small – Vice Chair  
Ms. LaKeisha A. Ford  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaux -- Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

#### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore, and Lester Pourciau  
Chancellors Victor Ukpole (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Small, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INTRODUCTION OF OUTGOING AND INCOMING STUDENT LEADERS**

Student Leaders named below were recognized by the Committee for their services during the 2012-2013 year:

**Southern University and A&M College**

Willie E. McCorkle III – SGA President  
Bryson Alexander, SGA Vice President  
Erin D. Rogers – Miss Southern

**Southern University at Shreveport**

Ricosha R. Kindells – SGA President  
Tallon Stearns - SGA Vice President  
Shemeka Horn – Miss Southern

**Southern University at New Orleans**

Brian Grant – SGA President  
Alexis Sakari – SGA Vice President  
Morgan L. Douglas – Miss Southern

**Southern University Law Center**

LaKeisha A. Ford – SBA President  
Jenny Richardson – SBA Vice President

Incoming campus student leaders (2013-2014) were recognized:

**Southern University and A&M College**

Simone R. Bray – SGA President  
Sara Martin – SGA Vice President  
Ayanna Spivey - Miss Southern

**Southern University at Shreveport**

Emmanuel Sims – SGA President  
SGA Vice President  
Bernicia Mannings – Miss Southern

**Southern University at New Orleans**

SGA President (Run Off)  
Dylen Johnson – SGA Vice President  
Miss Southern (Run Off)

**Southern University Law Center**

Sharin D. Trahan – SBA President

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee's commendations were extended to Chief of University Police Ronald Stevens for his efforts in developing a plan to increase security on the SUBR Campus.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, the meeting was adjourned.

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