

Southern University and A&M College System
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, May 23, 2019
1:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Board member Rev. Donald Ray Henry.

PRESENT

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Ms. Xavieria Jeffers, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

ABSENT

Mr. John Barthelemy, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Atty. Patrick Magee, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness Vladimir Appeaning, Vice President for External Affairs Robyn Merrick, Chancellors Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Calvin Walker (interim) (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

Installation of New Board Member

Atty. Winston DeCuir performed the swearing in of new Board member Atty. Edwin Shorty.

Chairman Rutledge invited Atty. Shorty to make introductory remarks. Atty. Shorty stated that as a proud SUNO graduate and SULC graduate it is the honor of his life to serve on the Board. He stated that he looks forward to working with fellow members of the Board and wants to increase the institution's role in the community and to make it better.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, May 23, 2019

MINUTES

Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

Present: Dr. Curman Gaines, Dr. Leroy Davis, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Leon R. Tarver II and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. John Barthelemy

*Dr. Leroy Davis was not present for roll call but arrived during discussion of action items.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Samuel Tolbert and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II the agenda was recommended for adoption

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval to Establish the Native American Law and Policy Institute (NALPI) at the Southern University Law Center (SULC)

Chancellor Pierre stated that the law center has been creating significant relationships with the native American tribal nations especially the four Federally recognized tribes in Louisiana. As well as those in Mississippi, Alabama and Oklahoma. He also stated that tribal nations are making requests for engagement with the System as it relates to policy issues and to assist them with challenges that the tribal nations may. A vehicle through which all the partnerships will be facilitated. There are no institutions East of the Mississippi River that are engaged in any type of relationships with native American tribes. He stated that the SU Law Center is the only law center with three native American tribal representatives on tenure track at a US Law School in America.

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Tarver the Native American Law and Policy Institute at the SU Law Center was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

B. Ratification of the Awarding of Honorary Juris Doctor Degree to Attorney Benjamin Crump (SULC)

Atty. Crump was commencement speaker for the law center. Students were unanimous in wanting Atty. Crump as speaker. Atty. Crump is the foremost attorney in the country involved in Civil Rights litigation regarding police shootings of African Americans.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Chairman Rutledge, the ratification of the awarding of the honorary juris doctor degree to Atty. Benjamin Crump was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Tarver the meeting was adjourned.

Motion passed.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Finance Committee)

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Southern University Board of Supervisors' Meeting

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Baton Rouge, LA

Minutes

The Facilities and Property Committee was called order by Committee Chair Rev. Donald R. Henry.

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, and Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

Absent: Mr. Richard Hilliard

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Priority Project Updates (per campus)

Mr. Eli Guillory, System Director of Facilities had a written report that was included in the meeting packet. He reviewed the status of several projects and stated that the department is on target to meet all deadlines as it relates to major projects on SU campuses.

He also discussed the status of the ravine repair work and ravine erosion. Meetings will begin mid-June. He stated that he is working with Benjamin Pugh and staff because there are several areas of concern due to high water levels on the Baton Rouge campus. Several areas of soil erosion have been identified and the areas will be barricaded.

Dr. Davis asked for a status report on the status of the softball field during the June meeting. He also asked about the signage change to restroom facilities in FG. Clark Activity Center. Mr. Guillory stated that many changes to areas because of compliance with ADA regulations.

Chairman Rutledge asked about the status of the science complex. Mr. Guillory gave the status of Fisher Hall renovations. The Fisher Hall project has been advertised for designers and it is moving rapidly.

Chairman stated that he thought Fisher Hall would be a part of a larger project.

Dr. Belton stated that the project is ongoing. He stated that he and the legislative team are working with Facilities planning to ensure that the University receives planning money. He stated that the University has a commitment to get the funds in the budget. Facilitate planning in this fiscal year with construction to begin in 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by and seconded by the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
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Minutes

The Finance Committee was called order by Committee Chair.

Present: Dr. Leroy Davis, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Ms. Arlanda Williams and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM (S)

A. Request Approval of BA-7 (SUBR)

System Vice President Flandus McClinton stated that the BA7 presented for the Baton Rouge campus is increasing the interagency transfer due to minimum foundation funding. The funding increased due to an increase in students enrolled. The amount is \$304, 039.

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Dr. Gaines that the BA7 for the Baton Rouge campus was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

B. Request Approval of Digital Course Material and Digital Casebook/E- Casebook Fee for 1st Year Students Beginning with the Entering Fall 2019 Class (SULC)

Chancellor Pierre stated that the rising cost of textbooks is one of the issues that plague law students. The SULC Library director assessed the cost of printed books for law students at \$1,200 and she has introduced this program which will provide digital access to electronic course books and materials for 1-year at a cost of \$750.00

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Ms. Arlanda Williams the digital course materials and casebook was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

C. Request Approval to Increase Undergraduate Nursing Student Lab Fees Fall 2019 (SUBR)

The request presented from the School of Nursing program is an increase from \$80 to \$100 will assist in purchasing supplies that are needed at clinical sites. Clinicals are required for students in the nursing program. It will accommodate a higher level of enrollment since the increase was instituted. In comparing clinical fees at schools across the state and found that fees were as high as \$300.

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Chairman Rutledge that the increase in lab fees for nursing school students at SUBR be recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

D. Request Approval of the Amended Early Retirement Incentive Plan (SULC)

Chancellor John Pierre stated that the Board approved the early retirement incentive plan last month. The plan is presented to generate bigger savings and it has been amended by changing the language in paragraph 3 titled *retirement incentive plan*. The change is a part of the law school's financial management responsibilities. The plan allows the school to be cost conscious and to anticipate issues that may occur because of state funding by repositioning. The plan is projected to generate a savings of \$500,000 a year for the next 3 years to ensure that the school has resources to bring on new faculty as well as to be competitive with salaries.

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Chairman Rutledge that the amended early retirement incentive plan for the SU Law Center be recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

E. Request Approval of Documents Relative to Agreement Between SUBR and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. to Increase Rental Fees to \$3,500 per Month (SUBR)

Atty. Robert stated that the contract was renegotiated with New Cingular Wireless. Initially the University signed a lease agreement with new Cingular to provide cellular service on Mills Avenue for \$3,000. The new lease fee will be \$3,500 with a 3% escalator each year.

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis that the documents relative to the agreement between SUBR and New Cingular Wireless was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Dr. Davis the meeting was adjourned.

Motion passed.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following the Finance Committee)

Thursday, May 23, 2019

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Baton Rouge, LA

Minutes

The Facilities and Property Committee was called order by Committee Chair Rev. Donald R. Henry.

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, and Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

Absent: Mr. Richard Hilliard

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Albert Samuel, president of the faculty senate, SUBR spoke in support of action item 5C,5D, and 5E. He stated that the tuition cost structure should be considered when developing policies for students.

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Request Approval of the Transcript Requirements for Transfer Students Policy (SUSLA)

Chancellor Ellis stated that the policy is being presented to reduce barriers to admission. There is a requirement that transfer students' transcripts be transcribed.

Upon the motion by Dr Leroy Davis and seconded by Dr. Gaines that the transcript requirements for transfer students' policy was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

B. Request Approval of the Re-Admission Requirements for Former Students Policy (SUSLA)

Chancellor Ellis stated that the policy also is being presented to reduce barriers to admission. He stated that One error in the policy fall and spring excluding the summer term. The current policy allows students to be readmitted without re-applying for admissions

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Rev. Henry the re-admission requirements for former students' policy at SUSLA was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

C. Request Approval of Out-of-State Fee Waiver Scholarship Policy for First-Time First - Year Students (SUBR)

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kimberly Scott stated that alumni and staff have had an exciting recruiting year; however, many out-of-state students don't meet the Board of Regents requirements. The policy gives students the ability to have access to Southern University and to have an affordable experience at the University.

Chairman Rutledge expressed concern about the financial implications and whether there are systems in place to monitor the out of state fee waivers. Chairman stated that he wants to make sure there are checks and balances in place to avoid unintended consequences. Dr. Belton responded stating that the University is assessing whether the policy would be beneficial for the University. He said that the volume of students that will be admitted by this policy would off-set any loss of out-of-state tuition that the University receives. He cited that the competition is dictating the change because many states have removed any out of state-fee assessments.

Upon the motion by Rev. Donald Henry and seconded by Dr. Gaines the out-of-state fee waiver scholarship policy for first-time, first -year students at SUBR was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

D. Request Approval of the Transfer Out-of-State Fee Waiver Scholarship Policy (SUBR)

Dr. Kimberly Scott stated that the policy would be for first-time, first-year students that transfer to the University. The policy is being instituted so that the University is competitive with peer and non-peer institutions.

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Gaines the out-of-state fee waiver scholarship policy for SUBR was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

E. Request Approval of the Out of State Admissions Policy (SUBR)

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kimberly Scott observed that there was not a policy in place for students transferring from out of state. The policy is being recommended to curtail the number of appeals that are submitted.

Upon the motion by Rev. Donald Henry and seconded by Chairman Rutledge the out of state admissions policy was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

F. Request Approval of the Early Law School Admissions Policy for students who are Not Undergraduate students matriculating at the SUBR Campus (SULC)

Chancellor Pierre stated that to compete with law schools across the country, the policy is being presented. He stated that this is an avenue for students who have met the requirements and gives ability to recruit nationwide and protections are in place to ensure that students are prepared to enter law school.

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Rev. Henry that the early law school admissions policy for undergraduate students not matriculating at SUBR was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

G. Request Approval of New Conditional Admissions Policy (SUNO)

Chancellor Mims Devezin stated that the policy would broaden educational opportunities at SUNO that will allow students with an ACT of 15 to attend SUNO. The students will be placed in learning communities. The students will be aligned with the University's CARES program.

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Gaines the conditional admissions policy for the SUNO campus was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Rev. Henry the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following the Governance Committee)

Thursday, May 23, 2019

2nd Floor J.S. Clark Administration Building
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AGENDA

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by acting Committee Chair Ms. Arlanda Williams

Present: Dr. Curman Gaines, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Ms. Arlanda Williams and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Mr. John Barthelemy Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Sam Gilliam

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon R. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000/\$75,000 faculty

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon R, Tarver II and seconded by Dr. Gaines the personnel items 5 A 1 through 11 were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

1. **Deleso Alford**, Professor, Law Center Instruction Tenure Track Promotion, SULC, \$121,000
2. **Adam Crepelle**, Associate Professor, Law Center Instruction, Tenure-Track/Promotion, SULC \$100,000
3. **Koshaneke Gilbert**, Associate Director of Career Services, Salary/Adjustment/Additional Duties, SULC, \$78,000
4. **Robert Harrison**, Director of Development, New Hire/Replacement, SUS/SUBR, \$90,000
5. **Justin James**, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, New Hire, SUNO, \$93,600
6. **Mary W. Johnson**, Executive Assistant, Salary Adjustment/Additional Duties, SULC, \$84,000
7. **Michael D. Oeser**, Associate Professor, Law Center Instruction, \$103,500
8. **Cynthia Reed**, Associate Professor/Director of CLE, Tenure-Track/Promotion/Additional Duties, SULC, \$103,500
9. **Marc Roark**, Associate Professor Law Center Instruction, Tenure-Track/Promotion, SULC, \$108,000
10. **Kenya J.H. Smith**, Associate Professor Law Center Instruction Tenure-Track/Promotion, SULC, \$103,500
11. **Robbin Thomas**, Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Fund Coordinator, New Position/Salary Adjustment, SULC, \$78,000

B. Request Approval of Leaves of Absence Greater than three months

- 1. Professor Mark Thurman, request for 2-year leave of absence and sabbatical**
Upon the motion by Chairman Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Tarver the 2-year sabbatical leave/leave of absence request for Professor Mark Thurman was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Rev. Henry the meeting was adjourned

Motion passed.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, May 24, 2019

9 a.m.

Southern University Board of Supervisors' Meeting
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Dr. Calvin Walker, Interim Chancellor-Dean of the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The pledge was led by Farren Brown, a rising 6th grade student at the SU Laboratory School.

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Ms. Xaviera Jeffers, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Ms. Arlanda Williams.

Absent: Mr. John Barthelemy and Mr. Sam Gilliam

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness Vladimir Appeaning, Vice President for External Affairs Robyn Merrick, Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, (SUNO), Dr. Calvin Walker (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Above and Beyond Award

The Above and Beyond award was presented to Mrs. Latonya Robinson Wright, Coordinator of Records and Registration in the SU Law Center. She was introduced by

Chancellor John Pierre who acknowledge the important work that she performs daily. Mrs. Wright was accompanied by her supervisor Mrs. Deandrea Lee and other staff in the Office of Records and Registration. She was presented a plaque and certificate from Board Chair Rutledge and President-Chancellor Belton. She thanked Board members and her co-workers for their supported.

B. Special Presentations

Xavieria Jeffers, outgoing student board member was acknowledged and presented tokens of appreciation for her service. Ms. Jeffers made remarks thanking Board members for teaching leadership skills and she thanked Chancellor Pierre and SULC Development Director Tanya Freeman, and Vice Chancellor Roederick White.

Dr. Robyn Merrick was acknowledged for being chosen as one of Baton Rouge's 2019 Influential Women in Business by the Baton Rouge Business Report. Chairman Rutledge presented a congratulatory token to Dr. Merrick on behalf of the Board.

C. Legislative Update

Dr. Robyn Merrick gave the legislative update and reiterated the legislative priorities for the session which includes continued stabilized funding. Since last Board meeting Dr. Belton and Dr. Ammons made presentations to the senate finance committee. Session ends June 6.

D. 2019 Bar Passage Rates

Chancellor Pierre made a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2019 Bar Passage Rates (SULC). The presentation is available for viewing in the Board of Supervisors office.

E. Presentation on Public/Private Partnerships

Chairman Rutledge stated that a presentation on public/private partnerships would be considered during the June or July meeting.

Upon the motion by Vice Chairman Tolbert and seconded by Dr. Tarver the item was deleted from the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Rev. Henry the minutes of the April 12, 2019 meeting were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the minutes of the April 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and they are hereby approved.

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Dr. Tolbert action items **B, F, and G** were recommended for approval in globo

Motion passed.

B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

1. Academic Affairs

a. Request Approval to Establish the Native American Law and Policy Institute (NALPI) at the Southern University Law Center (SULC)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Academic Affairs Committee that the establishment of the Native American Law and Policy Institute (NALPI) at the Southern University Law Center, be and it is hereby approved

b. Ratification of the Awarding of Honorary Juris Doctor Degree to Attorney Benjamin Crump (SULC)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Honorary Juris Doctor Degree presented to Attorney Benjamin Crump at the SU Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

2. Facilities Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Priority Projects Update report be and it is hereby received.

3. Finance Committee

a. Request Approval of BA-7 (SUBR)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, that the BA-7 for SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

b. Request Approval of Digital Course Material and Digital Casebook/E-Casebook Fee for 1st Year Students Beginning with the Entering Fall 2019 Class (SULC)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, that the digital course material and digital casebook/E-casebook for 1st year SU law school students beginning with the entering Fall 2019 class be and it is hereby approved.

c. Request Approval to Increase Undergraduate Nursing Student Lab Fees Fall 2019 (SUBR)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, the increase in undergraduate nursing student lab fees (effective Fall 2019) be and it is hereby approved.

d. Request Approval of the Amended Early Retirement Incentive Plan (SULC)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, that the amended early retirement incentive plan at the SU Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

e. Request Approval of Documents Relative to Agreement Between SUBR and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. to Increase Rental Fees to \$3,500 per Month (SUBR)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, that the documents relative to agreement between SUBR and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to increase rental fees to \$3,500 per month be and it is hereby approved.

4. Governance Committee

a. Request Approval of the Transcript Requirements for Transfer Students Policy (SUSLA)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the transcript requirements for transfer students' policy at SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

b. Request Approval of the Re-Admission Requirements for Former Students Policy (SUSLA)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the re-admission requirements for Former students' policy at SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

c. Request Approval of Out-of-State Fee Waiver Scholarship Policy for First-Time First -Year Students (SUBR)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the out-of-state fee waiver scholarship policy for first-time, first-year students at SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

d. Request Approval of the Transfer Out-of-State Fee Waiver Scholarship Policy (SUBR)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the transfer out-of-state fee waiver scholarship policy for students at SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

e. Request Approval of the Out of State Admissions Policy (SUBR)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the out-of-state admissions policy for students at SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

f. Request Approval of the Early Law School Admissions Policy for students who are Not Undergraduate students matriculating at the SUBR Campus (SULC)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the early law school admissions policy for students who are not undergraduate students matriculating at the SUBR campus at the SU Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

g. Request Approval of New Conditional Admissions Policy (SUNO)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, that the conditional admissions policy for the SUNO campus be and it is hereby approved.

5. Personnel Affairs Committee

a. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000/\$75,000 faculty

1. Deleso A. Alford

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **promotion** of **Deleso A. Alford** as

Professor, Tenure-track SULC at a salary of **\$121,000** be and it is hereby approved.

2. Adam Crepelle

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **promotion** of **Adam Crepelle** as **Associate Professor, Tenure-track SULC** at a salary of **\$100,000** be and it is hereby approved.

3. Koshaneke Gilbert

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **salary adjustment** for **Koshaneke Gilbert** as **Associate Director of Career Services, SULC** at a salary of **\$78,000** be and it is hereby approved.

4. Justin James

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **new interim appointment** of **Justin James** as **Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance, SUNO** at a salary of **\$93,600** be and it is hereby approved.

5. Mary W. Johnson

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **salary adjustment for additional duties** for **Mary Johnson** as **Executive Assistant, SULC** at a salary of **\$84,000** be and it is hereby approved.

6. Michael D. Oeser

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **promotion** of **Michael D. Oeser** as **Associate Professor, Tenure-Track, SULC** at a salary of **\$103,500** be and it is hereby approved.

7. Cynthia Reed

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **promotion/additional duties** for **Cynthia Reed** as **Associate Professor, Tenure-Track/Director of CLE, SULC** at a salary of **\$103,000** be and it is hereby approved.

8. Mark L. Roark

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **promotion** for **Mark L. Roark** as **Associate Professor, Tenure-Track, SULC** at a salary of **\$108,000** be and it is hereby approved.

9. Kenya J.H. Smith

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **promotion** for **Kenya J. H. Smith** as **Associate Professor, Tenure-Track, SULC** at a salary of **\$103,500** be and it is hereby approved.

10. Robbin Thomas

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **new position/salary adjustment** for **Robbin Thomas** as **Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Fund Coordinator, SULC** at a salary of **\$78,000** be and it is hereby approved.

11. Mark Thurman

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon recommendation by the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the **2-year leave of absence/sabbatical leave** for **Mark Thurman, SULC** be and it is hereby approved

C. Request Approval of MOU between SUBR and SUSF Relative to the Development of Additional Student Housing (SUBR)

President Belton stated that with the focus on Imagine 20K, SUBR is responding to enrollment trends through housing. He invited Atty. Deidre Robert to provide information on the structure of the agreement. Atty. Deidre Roberts stated that the MOU is an agreement between the University and the SU System Foundation to engage in discussions to bring the Foundation in as a primary developer to meet the needs of growing enrollment and housing needs at SUBR. She said there are several dormitories that are scheduled to be removed from the University's inventory. She stated that there are other infrastructure needs at the University and the agreement includes lighting upgrades, a gateway project as well as living and learning spaces for students. The MOU will allow the Foundation to be the developer of future projects.

Atty. Magee asked Atty. Roberts to give the definition of an MOU and to explain its legal effect. Atty. Robert stated that an MOU is an agreement where both parties understand the terms that they are entering into to potentially move forward with a more formalized agreement or contract that is deliverable. There are both binding and non-binding agreements. The agreement presented is for 5 years, but it also has a termination

clause which gives the University the ability to discontinue the agreement with little or no engagement.

Chairman Rutledge stated that this agreement is a much-needed next step to realize the enrollment goals. He stated that the University should have broad engagement about what the project will entail to include the community, alumni, students, faculty and staff. He stated that development already is underway on Harding Boulevard and the Foundation had a goal to purchase all the land South of Harding Boulevard.

Dr. Belton stated that he would be meeting with the alumni to discuss the project and said it is an opportunity to develop all the projects that have been discussed previously.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Gaines the MOU between SUBR and SUSF Relative to the Development of Additional Student Housing at SUBR was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the MOU between SUBR and SUSF Relative to the Development of Additional Student Housing at SUBR, be and it is hereby approved

D. Request Approval of Joint Declaration of Intent Between the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa and Southern University Ag Center and CAFCS (SUAREC)

Dr. Calvin Walker stated that Minister of Agriculture Mahlangu who visited the University in March contacted him to ask for a partnership. She stated that a delegation would be visiting Southern University to develop an MOU. The declaration of intent involves agriculture, research, extension and child development. The goal is to train more extension personnel and personnel in research.

Dr. Tarver complimented Dr. Walker and staff for re-establishing relationships with those in South Africa. It will to create future programming opportunities and

Dr. Davis also commended Dr. Walker and staff and past chairman Tarver for their work in South Africa. He spoke about partnerships that had previously been ongoing in South, East, and West Africa.

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Tarver the joint declaration of intent between the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences was recommended for approval

Motion passed.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the joint declaration of intent between the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, be and they are hereby approved.

E. Request Approval of MOU Between SULC and the Mississippi Board of Choctaw Indians (SULC)

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Atty. Magee the MOU between the SU law Center and the Mississippi Board of Choctaw Indians was recommended for approval.

Motion passed

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the MOU between the SU law Center and the Mississippi Board of Choctaw Indians, be and it is hereby approved

F. Request Approval of Employment Contract for Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the employment contract for SUSLA Chancellor Rodney Ellis, be and it is hereby approved

G. Request Approval of Employment Contract for Chancellor John Pierre (SULC)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the employment contract for SUSLA Chancellor Rodney Ellis, be and it is hereby approved

H. Resolutions

Commendation was extended to Atty. Antonio “Tony” Clayton for his service to the University as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the past 18 years. We acknowledge his leadership in philanthropy and trusteeship and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

Condolences were extended to:

The Ernest Nabers Family
The Willie Beatrice Hughes Family
The Larry Lawrence Metevia Family
The Gloria Adams Washington Family
The Patrick Sean Rogers Family
The Otis Washington Family

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Atty. Magee the resolutions were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

Chairman Rutledge acknowledged Nathaniel Harrison former SU Quarterback and childhood friend who was in the audience.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System President's Report

Dr. Belton provided an update on the strategic plan development and presented a short video outlining the goals of the plan. Mr. Fondel asked about the roll out schedule. Dr. Belton stated that a marketing campaign would accompany the roll out.

Dr. Belton asked Dr. Williams to provide an update on the status of the search for the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Dr. Williams informed members that the search committee received information/materials from 20 individuals interested in the position and the information would be screened by the committee next week. The committee will recommend 3 candidates to the president by July 1.

Atty. Magee, chairman of the Personnel Affairs committee gave a status report on the evaluation of Dr. Belton. An official transmittal letter will be given to Dr. Belton requesting a self-assessment.

B. Campus Reports

All reports were included in the meeting packet and are available for viewing on the SUS website and in hard copy form in the Board's office

Board member Arlanda Williams complimented Chancellor Devezin for working with Delgado community college in the reverse transfer program and initiating the first reverse transfer ceremony.

Chairman Rutledge apologized for not being able to attend several of the System campus graduations.

The **SUAREC** had additions to the campus report which are noted below.

Dr. Cheryl Atkins chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences discussed the dietetic program at SUBR. SUBR is 1 of only 8 Universities that offer the internship program.

The medical marijuana update was given by Dr. Janana Snowden who informed Board members that background checks have been cleared. Preliminary inspections are complete, and phase 1 blueprints are being reviewed by the fire marshal. She has met with the Commissioner of Agriculture and LSU because LDAF has proposed new rules. She thanked General Counsel Deidre Robert, Associate General Counsel Tavares Walker, Atty. Marla Dickerson of the SU Law Center and SUS Communications Director Janene Tate for their support and assistance.

Dr. Davis commended Dr. Walker and staff for efforts in the initiative and thanked them for the tour of the production facility.

Dr. Tarver asked that the Board receive a medical marijuana update monthly.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Dr. Tolbert the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.