

Southern University and A&M College System

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Board Meeting Room

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, March 21, 2019

1:30 p.m.

The committee meetings of the Southern University Board of Supervisors were called to order by Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Rev. S.C. Dixon, pastor of the Greater Mount Olive Missionary B.C. of Baton Rouge. The pledge was led by a student from the SU Laboratory School.

PRESENT

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Ms. Xavieria Jeffers, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

ABSENT

Atty. Tony Clayton, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Ms. Arlanda Williams

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), Chief Administrative Officer Leslie McClellon for Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. Roederick White for Chancellor John Pierre (SULC) and Interim Chancellor-Dean Dr. C. Reuben Walker (SUAREC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Board Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, March 21, 2019
9 a.m.

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, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Samuel Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of Recommendations for Faculty Promotions in Rank (SUNO)

B. SUNO Recommendations for Tenure

Upon the request from Board Member Sam Gilliam about the process for awarding promotions and tenure, Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin explained the process stating that the college committee and the department committees reviewed faculty dossiers and student and peer evaluations were a part of the process, as well as community service. Tenure applicants underwent the same process.

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II the recommendations for faculty promotions in rank were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

Chairman Rutledge stated that in the past, questions have been brought forth regarding compensation that accompanies promotions in rank and at the next meeting recommendations will be brought forth with the compensation that will accompany the promotions. Chairman stated that he fully supports the increases as the hallmark of scholarship.

C. Request Approval of Recommendations for Tenure (SULC)

Vice Chancellor Roederick White attended for Attorney Pierre who was not in attendance due to illness. Vice Chancellor White said the applicants presented had been approved by the SULC Tenure and Promotion Committee and were being presented for approval from the Board. Mr. Gilliam asked the vetting process. VC White stated that Chancellor Pierre asked faculty to consider an addendum to the tenure procedures. Faculty considered an addendum because the legal writing professors are not compensated at the same rate as teaching faculty. He explained that the addendum allows any clinical professor or legal writing professor on a long-term contract to be eligible to apply for tenure and promotion. Dr. Tarver asked if the law center adopted an addendum that had not been approved by the Board. Atty. White stated that he thought it was already approved. He later stated that Chancellor Pierre would like to present the addendum for approval at the next board meeting and would table the recommendations until next month.

D. Request Approval of Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure (SUSLA)

Leslie McClellon who was sitting in for Chancellor Ellis asked Dr. Sharon Herron Williams to explain the process in detail. Dr. Williams stated that applicants submit a letter of intent to apply. After the letter of intent is accepted, the applicants participate in tenure and promotion workshops. The tenure and promotion committee also participate in workshops. Applicants provide a dossier which is reviewed at the departmental level and then submitted to the dean. After the dean reviews, the tenure and promotion committee review and then submits to the Chancellor for review. The chancellor's recommendations are presented to the Board for action. Board member Gilliam stated that he had concerns that were addressed by Dr. Williams regarding the applicants and their involvement in student organizations and in the community.

Upon motion by Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Tarver the applicants were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

E. Request Approval of Endowed Professorships (SULC)

Vice Chancellor White stated that there were 4 applicants being presented for consideration. Faculty members had a 30-day period to apply. Each applicant submitted a dossier and the dossiers were submitted to the tenured faculty for review. SULC policy states that 75% of the faculty had to be present to review and vote on the dossiers. All applicants have met the requirements and received the necessary votes.

Upon the motion by Dr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II the recommendations for tenure and promotion were submitted for approval.

Motion passed.

Upon the motion by Dr. Samuel Tolbert and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II action items 5 F and 5 G were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

Board member Davis asked for a brief statement from Dr. Stephen McGuire of the Department of physics at SUBR. He also congratulated Dr. McGuire for his achievements in research.

F. Request Approval of Sr. Stephen C. McGuire, Ph.D. as the James and Ruth Smith Professor of Physics Emeritus (SUBR)

Dr. McGuire stated that he had recently retired and that he has been a professor of physics for 20 years. He said that the emeritus status is the capstone recognition of his career. He thanked God and his family, teachers, colleagues, and students who contributed to this honor. He said that he was honored to represent the husband and wife team of James and Ruth Smith who were benefactors to the cause of excellence at SU. He said that he would continue his work in James Hall Room 212 so that he could make his research available to students. He said F.G. Clark invested in him by offering an academic scholarship to attend Southern to study physics. He thanked colleagues for their support of his nomination. He said that he commits to continue his work. Committee Chair Gaines congratulated Dr. McGuire and Chair Rutledge also thanked Dr. McGuire for his contribution to the University.

G. Request to Grant Posthumous Juris Doctor Degree to Brian Lloyd (SULC)

H. Informational Item(s)

1. Academic Program Prioritization (SUBR)

Dr. James Ammons thanked Dr. McGuire for his contributions and congratulated him for being a preeminent scholar. He thanked the Board for supporting the emeritus status for Dr. McGuire.

Dr. Ammons stated that during Fall 2017, SU collaborated with Gallup Inc. to evaluate the workforce outcomes for graduates of SU. The study identified programs that should be added, and those that should have resources reallocated to bring the programs in line with state and workforce needs. They also identified programs for greater investment.

To address the recommendations, the University contracted with consultants to develop a path to better align the academic inventory with the workforce demands of the state of LA and the nation. Dr. Theresa Hardy and Dr. Michael Boone of I50 Consultants made a presentation which is a self-study designed to understand the academic enterprise and programs at SU.

Discussion ensued, and Board chair Rutledge asked when the process would be complete. Dr. Hardy said that sometime this summer the taskforce should be ready to bring recommendations to the Board which will include future new investments or areas where the University may reinvest.

Board member Barthelemy said that the plan should take into consideration the state's four- and five-star jobs.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall
3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Minutes

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

Present: Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, and Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

Absent: Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mrs. Ann Smith

Board Member Tarver was added to the committee to make a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5 ACTION ITEM(S)

NONE

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Priority Project Updates (per campus)

Mr. Eli Guillory, System Director of Facilities reviewed highlights and stated that the University has been awarded \$440,000 to make renovations to the window wall structure at the Laboratory School. He stated that \$440,000 had been allocated from the state to continue renovations. He reviewed the status of projects at each campus. A written report was included in the meeting packet.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Davis

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
Board Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Minutes

The Finance Committee was called order by Committee Chair Dr. Leon R. Tarver II.

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

Absent: Mr. Richard Hilliard and Ms. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM (S)

A. Request Approval of Southern University and A&M College Fee Schedule for Part-Time Students

President Belton stated that finance staff did an assessment of the fee schedule for part-time students at SUBR and found that when compared to full-time students, part-time students were paying an exorbitant amount for 6 hours or less. The fee for part time students is being reduced to make it comparable to peer institutions. The University will lose \$300,000 in revenue. VC McClinton added that the change will assist the University with its graduation rate and though there is a loss in revenue the University may realize an increase in SCHs.

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the fee schedule for part-time students were recommended for approval

Motion passed.

B. Request Approval of BA-7's (SUBR and SULC)

Vice President Flandus McClinton request made because it will allow the University to adjust the budget for the increase in enrollment at SUBR. It will also allow the additional self-generated funds at the law center to be included in the budget.

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Samuel Tolbert the BA7's were recommended for approval

Motion passed.

C. Request Approval of a Resolution to Open a Southern University and A&M College System Bank Account at Cottonport Bank

Vice President McClinton stated that there is a need to approve a resolution to deposit proceeds from the medicinal marijuana initiative in another account to keep the funds separate from the general fund. Dr. Davis stated that the reason is because there are federal laws that govern most banks, the University had to select a state-chartered bank. Mr. McClinton stated that Cottonport has agreed to be the depository for both LSU and Southern.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Interim Financial Report

The report was distributed to each member. Vice President McClinton stated that the Board and System is on target to have a balanced budget. SUBR and Law Center will have a balanced budget. At the SUNO campus there is a slight \$238,000 decrease in revenue and an increase in expenditures due to increase in salaries and scholarships. Money will have to be moved from another fund to balance the budget. Auxiliary funds will be used to balance the budget at SUNO.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

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NONE

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Mr. Sam Gilliam the meeting was adjourned.

Motion passed.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following the Finance Committee)

Board Meeting Room
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, March 21, 2019

AGENDA

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by acting Committee Chair Dr. Leon R. Tarver in the absence of Committee Chair Atty. Patrick Magee

Present: Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Atty. Patrick Magee, Ms. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Curman Gaines and seconded by Mr. Gilliam 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

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II and seconded by Atty. Rutledge the personnel items **5 A 1 and 5A2** were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

1. Keisha Ceasar, Director/Instructor, Child Development Laboratory, SUBR at a salary of \$65,000. (salary adjustment)
2. La'Trina Collins, Co-Activity Director of the Center for Student Success, SUBR, at a salary of \$67,932.00 (salary adjustment)

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

1. **Medical Leave for Shawn Vance, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Support, Academic Counseling and Bar Prep**

Upon the motion by Dr. Curman Gaines and seconded by Mr. Sam Gilliam the leave of absence for Shawn Vance was recommended for approval.

Motion passed

C. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

D. ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Gilliam the meeting was adjourned

Motion passed.

RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)

Board Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Minutes

The Recruitment and Admissions Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Raymond Fondel in the absence of Committee Chair Arlanda Williams.

Present: Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Xaviera Jeffers, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

Absent: Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Ms. Arlanda Williams
Dr. Curman Gaines and Dr. Samuel Tolbert were added to the committee.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Tolbert and seconded by Mr. Richard Hilliard the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ITEMS

A. National Academic Signing Day

Mr. Carlton Jones chair of national academic signing day and outgoing 3rd VP of the National Alumni Federation. He said that the program is designed for high school seniors who are provisionally accepted to the University. The highlight of the occasion is the live stream of the event throughout the country over 15 locations on Saturday, March 30. Cities included Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Alexandria, New Orleans, Dallas, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Seattle, Houston, Austin, Cincinnati, Memphis, Chicago, and Atlanta. Students sign a letter of intent committing to the University and the Office of Enrollment staff are on hand to assist students. Some of the students also receive scholarships from the sponsoring alumni chapters.

Mr. Fondel said the event allows students to connect with SU Alumni in the area. He encouraged Board members to participate in the event and to share with the families.

Dr. Belton expressed appreciation to Mr. Carlton Jones for his leadership with the event.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines the recruitment and admissions committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

**Southern University and A&M College System
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall
3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana
Friday, February 22, 2019

9 a.m.

Present

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Ms. Xavieria Jeffers, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Ms. Arlanda Williams.

ABSENT

Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Atty. Patrick Magee,

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 (SUAREC), Chief Administrative Officer Leslie McClellon for Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Vice Chancellor Roederick White for Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Mr. Richard Hilliard the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 6: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Above and Beyond Award

The Above and Beyond award was presented to Rachel Carriere Director of Web Service Applications. Dr. Gabriel Fagbeyiro made the nomination to the Board's committee and presented Ms. Carriere to the audience. He spoke about her willing attitude and team centered approach to working. Board Chairman Rutledge and President Belton presented a plaque and certificate to Ms. Carriere. She thanked Board members for the award and stated that she could not do her job without her colleagues.

B. Legislative Update

Dr. Robyn Merrick made the presentation announcing that the session begins on April 8 and will focus on fiscal matters. She presented the 6 priorities for the University. A written report was submitted to each member of the Board. Southern Strategies will be working with the University's legislative team to advance the University's priorities. She also announced that Wednesday, April 24, will be SU Day at the legislature and there would be a combined activity with HBCUs in the state. Dr. Belton stated that the BOR and System presidents have met to engage a common agenda. The 2 priorities are as Faculty Salary increases and bringing resources to account for unfunded mandates. 77% of the state general fund is returned based on annual costs. Mr. Rodney Braxton of Southern Strategies addressed members of the Board to reassure them that the priorities of the University would be advanced.

C. SUS Strategic Plan Update – Goals 2,3,4

Dr. Belton stated that the strategic plan is a priority and he invited Dr. Vladimir Appeaning to provide information on Goals 2, 3, and 4. Goal 2 Commitment to Academic and Student Success, Goal 3 Commitment to Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability and Goal 3 Commitment to Scholarly Research, Discovery and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Davis asked whether there has been an audit of the funding formula. And he wanted to know about the status of research on the campus. When will the plan be implemented. Dr. Appeaning stated that there is a schedule, in April, System and each campus will submit strategic plans for review. In May, strategic plans will be presented to the Board for action. The plan is to have implementation of the strategic plan July 1 which will guide the University for the next 7 years. Chair stated that the presentation is mission critical and had a concern about the weight of the research category in the funding formula. Institutions like Southern are at a disadvantage when compared to research intensive Universities. Dr. Ammons stated that plans are underway to incentivize faculty to do research. Chairman Rutledge asked when data would be available on the scorecard. Dr. Appeaning stated that the first data set would be presented in July.

Board member Arlanda Williams announced that Chancellor Lisa Mims Devezin is president-elect of the Conference for Louisiana Colleges and Universities in 2020. She also announced that Dr. Carmen Walters a SUNO graduate was elected as president of Tougaloo College

D. SACS COC REAFFIRMATION UPDATE

Dr. Eurmon Hervey provided an overview of the accreditation process and the University's status. A written report was distributed. He said the University's compliance certification report is due in 6 months. Demonstrates that we have complied with all requirements. He outlined the 4 sections of the report. Principles have changed since last reaffirmation. Reviewed the standards that are no longer applicable. He also stated that a new standard is one that demonstrates that the University provides students with information about indebtedness and financial literacy. He also reviewed the most cited recommendations issues or challenges that other Universities have experienced. He gave information about the Quality

Enhancement Plan which is an indicator that learning is occurring on the campuses. He reviewed the charge is to verify interview all the data in the reports and how the Universities addressed any issues that were cited in the off-site reports. March 2020 onsite committee will visit the University to verify and interview. He reviewed the communication flow of the process. He also said that Dr. Silver is the University's external reviewer. Mr. Willis, Dr. Ammons and Dr. Belton have knowledge and can make certain that the University complies.

Dr. Vladimir Appeaning also reviewed the Board's compliance with Section 4 of the SACS guidelines that focuses on the Governing Board. He stated that there are a few items in the Board by laws that need attention. A redline version of the document was distributed to each member of the Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

Upon the motion by Dr. Tolbert and seconded by Atty. Clayton action items **6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D** were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

A. Approval of Minutes of February 21-22, 2019 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the corrected minutes of the February 22, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Correction to the minutes: Include Mr. Sam Gilliam in the attendance roster for the full Board meeting held Friday, February 22.

B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

Upon the motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II the committee reports were recommended for approval except for item 6C of academic affairs committee.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A. Request Approval of Recommendations for Faculty Promotion in Rank (SUNO)

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 recommendations for faculty promotions in rank, SUNO be and they are hereby approved.

B. Request Approval of Recommendations for Tenure (SUNO)

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 recommendations for tenure, SUNO be and they are hereby approved.

C. Request Approval of Recommendations for Tenure (SULC)

Item tabled.

D. Request Approval of Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure (SUSLA)

Facilities and Property Committee

A. Priority Projects Update

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.

Personnel Affairs Committee

A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000

1. Keisha Y. Ceasar

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 Keisha Ceasar as Director/Instructor, Child Development Laboratory, SUBR at a salary of **\$65,000** be and it is hereby approved.

2. La'Trina Collins

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 **La'Trina Collins as Co-Activity Director of the Center for Student Success, SUBR** at a salary of **\$67,932** be and it is hereby approved.

B. Request Approval of Leave of Absence

1. Shawn Vance

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 medical leave for Shawn Vance be and it is hereby approved

C. Resolutions

Commendations were extended to US Ambassador to South Africa Johanes Mahlangu and Minister of Agriculture for the South African Embassy Jenetha Mahlangu. They were both visiting to re-establish partnerships with the University and to establish new partnerships.

Condolences were extended to:

The Bridget Udoh Family
The Eugene Brown Family
The Shelby Sanders Family
The Daisy Lee Gant Family
The Leroy Harry Family
The Tevester Scott Family
The Eartha Proctor Family
The Sharon Wilborn Family
The Daisy Scott Drewery Family
The Wilford Bremer Family
The Carl Pierson Family

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Update on Medical Marijuana Initiative

Dr. Janana Snowden stated that Dr. Chanda Macias was in attendance and provided the update. Dr. Macias talked about the inception of the program. She stated that Kallie May was an advocate and supporter who passed away on Feb. 25 and took a moment of silence to reflect on her life. The team has been moving expeditiously through the process. The team has secured the land and cleared it. All phase I environmental work is complete. The team will appear before the Metro Council April 17 regarding re-zoning. She said that all deadlines are being met. Clones will be available by early summer and products would go to market in late summer or early August. Preliminary packaging is complete; the website was presented to Dept. of Agriculture; brochures have been developed and they are building relationships with pharmacies. Dr. Macias said that she will attend the Congressional black caucus retreat to educate legislators on the program. They are working with the pharmacy Board to discuss the THC cap. They are planning to build a 67,000 square foot facility. She thanked the Board's attorneys for their assistance. Dr. Davis congratulated the team. Chair Rutledge asked about the suitability check. Dr. Macias stated that all information for the suitability check has been submitted to the State Police. Dr. Walker thanked Atty. Deidre Robert and Winston DeCuir for their assistance.

Chairman Rutledge announced the arrival of special guests: Presentation of South African Embassy dignitaries and SASOL representatives

Dr. Tarver introduced His Excellency Johanes Mahlangu whose tour as the Ambassador is ending. The ambassador thanked the University for the support of his tour and thanked the University also for the honorary degree that he was awarded in 2017. He stated that he would like to continue working with the University. One of his projects is to have an exchange study program and an agreement will be finalized soon. He is interested in partnering with the Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Also, in attendance was Dr. Jean Bailey a Southern University alumna and Chair of the Maryland-KwaZulu-Natal Sister State Committee. Ms. Bailey announced that with the support of the SU Foundation, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Spingarn Research Center, an exhibition will be placed in the SU Museum on the 25th anniversary of the independence of South Africa.

Dr. Tarver introduced Mr. Keith Doley, honorary counsel to South Africa, who gave comments about a partnership with the Ag Center. He announced the establishment of the M.J. Mahlangu Scholarship Foundation which will be housed at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy.

Kim Cuisamano of the SASOL corporation greeted Board members. She said that SASOL is a global chemicals and energy company based in Johannesburg. Lake Charles is building an \$11 billion plant. The company has prioritized local hiring and utilization of local businesses and social investments in the community. They have reached \$5 million in educational initiatives since its inception. She said the company will continue its relationship with the Business and Industry Cluster and said that an additional partnership will be established with Southern University.

System President's Report

Dr. Belton stated that 2 individuals have been identified to co-chair the Ag Center dean search. He invited Dr. Gina Eubanks and Dr. Bijoy Sahoo for the podium to give an update on the search. Dr. Eubanks stated that she and the committee is fully committed to the search. By June 27-28, they hope to identify 3 individuals that will be recommended unranked to president Belton for presentation to the Board at its July meeting. The announcement appeared in the Chronicle and has been fully vetted and she thanked Rachel Carriere for her assistance and recognized committee members.

Dr. Belton went to Washington, D.C. to visit the CIA who has adopted the University as an educational partner. They visited the agency and executive leadership team. Dr. Ammons and Board Member Fondel and Tamara Montgomery along with alumni from DC area attended to establish a partnership. Legislation is being developed titled HBCU partners. CIA pledged to establish a meaningful partnership that the University will provide training for their employees at the

Thanked the Board for their consideration of

Campus Reports were included in the meeting packet and are available on the SU Board website and available in the Board office for viewing.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Fondel reminded everyone about National Academic Signing Day

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Tolbert and seconded by Dr. Davis the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.