SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

May 16, 2024

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron K. Lawson.

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Pastor James Riley from Little Rock B.C., Baton Rouge, LA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SULS Student Troy Murphy -12^{th} grade Valedictorian.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Above and Beyond Award Chancellor Pierre recognized Dr. Damien Ejigiri who awarded Dr. Reva Hines the Above and Beyond Award.
- B. Special Presentation by IBM Chancellor Pierre introduced Ms. Valinda Kennedy from IBM who introduced students with scholarships totaling \$77k. Chancellor Pierre also recognized Dr. Yolander Smith and Dr. Derrick Warren who assist with the IBM. Students.
- C. Increasing Clinicians of Diversity (ICOD) Presentation Chancellor Pierre recognized Dr. Michael Stubblefield and Ms. Deidre Street who gave the presentation.
- D. Recognition of SU Lab School's Bowling Coach, Barry Doyle
 Dr. Whitfield recognized and congratulated Coach Barry Doyle and asked him to come to podium and give some comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Omit (Do not include on agenda going forward)

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS - Omit (Do not include on agenda going forward)

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJUOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Member Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver – Chairman and Atty Tony Clayton, Mrs. Maple Gaines, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam - Vice Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Mrs. Maple Gaines to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Ms Maple Gaines to approve Action Items 5 (A-D) in Global.

Motion passed.

A. Request Approval of 2024-2025 SULS (Laboratory) and SULVS (Laboratory Virtual) Calendars (SULS) Chancellor Pierre gave brief Summary.

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Ms Maple Gaines

Motion passed.

B. Request Approval of the Online, Interactive 2024-2025 Southern University and A&M College Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs (SUBR)

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Chairman Myron Lawson

Motion passed.

C. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Faculty Who have gone through Academic Review and meet all the Necessary Requirements (SUBR)

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Chairman Myron Lawson

Motion passed.

Name of Faculty Member	Department	College	Present Rank	Promotion to Next Rank	
Dr. Graeme Coetzer	raeme Coetzer Management and College of Business Marketing		Associate Professor	Full Professor	
Dr. Kimberly K. Powell	Management and Marketing	College of Business	Associate Professor	Full Professor	
Dr. Orscini Beard	Criminal Justice	Nelson Mandela College of Government & Social Sciences	Associate Professor	Full Professor	
Dr. Geraldine Doucet	Criminal Justice	Nelson Mandela College of Government & Social Sciences	Associate Professor	Full Professor	
Dr. Onyumbe Enumbe B. Lukongo	Public Administration/ Public Policy	Nelson Mandela College of Government & Social Sciences	Associate Professor	Full Professor	
Dr. Samii Kennedy Benson	Human Sciences	College of Agriculture, Human and Environmental Sciences	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
		College of Agriculture, Human and Environmental Sciences	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
Dr. Emily Jackson-Osagie	ckson-Osagie School of Education College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies		Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
Dr. Derek Ruiz	Rehabilitation, Disability Studies and Counseling	College of Nursing and Allied Health	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
Dr. Deidra Atkins-Ball	Biology and Chemistry	College of Sciences and Engineering	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
Dr. Hang Yin	Civil Engineering	College of Sciences and Engineering	Associate Professor	Full Professor	
Dr. Stephen Akwaboa	Mechanical Engineering	College of Sciences and Engineering	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
Dr. Fareed Dawan	Mechanical Engineering	College of Sciences and Engineering	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	
Dr. Christopher Guillory	Science and Mathematics Education	College of Sciences and Engineering	Associate Professor	Full Professor	

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE Recommendations for Faculty Promotion, Effective Fall 2024

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Academic Affairs Curriculum Discussions (Psy.D) Chancellor Pierre recognized Dr. Ejigiri to give update on program. He mentioned the progress report that will be given in the upcoming months. There were questions from Atty Rutledge who also commended Ejigiri and Pierre. Comments were also provided by Chairman Lawson and President Shields.
- B. Application for Cyber Security Center of Excellence-Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence

Chancellor Pierre introduced Dr. Mensah who will give an update.

Atty Tony Clayton asked Dr. Mensah several questions about the application that was filed. He requested a copy of the submission to be provided to the board. He asked for an update at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee) Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chair Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty. Edwin Shorty – Chairman, Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mr. Paul Mathews, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Ann Smith

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Paul Matthews the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

Update was provided by Mr. Kenneth Dawson. He gave an update on all projects and the funding for each. There were questions from the board members.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lawson thanked the legislature's for assisting in getting the funding. Mr. Dawson thanked Ms. Simonne Whitmore and Dr. Robyn Merrick for being consistent in getting out the messages.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Christy Reeves called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, and Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Chairman Myron Lawson, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Bailey (SUNO SGA President) - Support the SUNO Fee Increase

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

A. Request Approval for Fee Increase Implementation (SUNO)

Dr. Ammons gave a summary and asked the board for approval.

The motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II

Motion approved.

B. Request Approval of Amendment of GPA Needed to Qualify for Out-of-State Fee Waiver (SUBR)

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary and brief comments. There were questions from Board Member Rutledge, Fondel and Dudley. The board gave recommendations. Action on 5B will move to full board w/o Action.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Interim Financial Report

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AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee) Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Vice Chairman Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Mr. Jyron Young, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert - Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Jyron Young and seconded by Chairman Myron Lawson, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

A. Request Approval of Exception to Policy 1-002 "Commencement Participation Policy" (SUBR)

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Mr. Jyron Young.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Zazell Dudley asks as a follow-up to do later, please provide policies as they relate to professors attending class. Is there a policy per campus/system? Is there an in-class attendance policy?

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Jyron Young to adjourn the meeting.

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee) Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Internal Audit Committee. Mrs. Christy Reeves called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Christy Reeves - Chairman, Dr. Leon Tarver II – Vice Chiar, Atty Tony Clayton, Atty Domoine Rutledge, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam and Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver II, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

Dr. Brian Adams gave a summary.

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Atty Tony Clatyon to approve action item 5A - 5C.

Motion approved.

- A. Request Approval of the Internal Audit Department Charter (SUS)
- B. Request Approval of the Audit Plans for the next 12 Months (SUS)
- C. Request Approval of the Internal Audit Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan Update (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Internal Audit Committee) Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Chair Tony Clayton called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman, Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mr. Jyron Young, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mrs. Christy Reeves and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment to remove Action Item 5A (2).

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5A (1).

Motion approved.

- 1. Action Item(s)
 - A. Request Approval of Contracts, Amendments, Agreements, Grants, etc... Equal to or Greater than \$300,000.00.

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. American Rescue Plan Act 2021 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement	Federal funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund was established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA Act"). SUSLA will use this ARPA Act Subaward to provide disadvantaged and low-income youth the opportunity to obtain education and employment skills in local in- demand and high-demand jobs to achieve economic self-sufficiency.	\$500,000.00	SUSLA

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2.	EAB Global, INC Purchase Agreement	EAB provides school management and administration consultancy services. This agreement will allow sole	\$3,907,248	SUS
	i urenase Agreement	source procurement by the Southern University System of EAB's Data Management Platform, Edify		
	Withdraw and bring back to	and Navigate360 which is their Student Success CRM. Each of these technologies are completely proprietary		
	committee later.	to EAB. They are capable of working together to provide unique capabilities and benefits that are not		
		available from any other vendor. Sole source		
		procurement is justified because there are no other comparable products providing the value and benefits		
		of the Edify and Navigate360 technology combination.		

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

Atty Shorty ask that the articulation for the Honore' Center/SUNO be presented by Dr. Phillips in the next coming months.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Christy Reeves to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Mrs. Christy Reeves, Vice-Chair, called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam – Chairman and Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver II and seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Chairman Myron Lawson and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Action Item 5(A-C) be approved in global.

Motion Approved - One No Vote - Atty Clayton

A. A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than

	Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding
		-	-		Previous	Suggested	Source
1.	Dawn	Head Volleyball Coach	Existing Position	Search	\$70,000.00	70,000.00	State
	Barnes	Athletics	New Appointment				
2.	Debbra	Dir of Simulation Center	New Position	Search		\$97,000.00	State
2.	Pogue	and Skills Lab	New Appointment	Search	—	\$77,000.00	State
	8	School of Nursing					
3.	Wilbert	Dir of Risk Management	Existing Position	SEARCH	\$59,917.00	\$73,000.00	State
	Rosette	VC for Finance and Admin	New Appointment				
4.	Stephanie	Associate Comptroller for	Existing Position	Search	_	\$ 80,000.00	State
	Smith	Sponsored Program	New Appointment				
		Activity, Policy Dev, and					
		Compliance Ops					
		Comptroller's Office					

\$60,000.00 (SUBR)

B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than

500,000.00 (SUAREC)							
Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding	
				Previous	Suggested	Source	
1. Joynetta Bell Kelly	Nutrition and Health Outreach Specialist SU-CEP	New Position New Appointment	Search	-	\$90,000.00	Federal	

\$60,000.00 (SUAREC)

C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUSLA)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding
				Previous	Suggested	Source
1. Kim Hinkson	Instructional Design <i>E-Learning</i>	Existing Position New Appointment	Search	_	\$65,000.00	State

D. Request Approval of Leave of Absence for Dr. VerJanis Peoples through 6/30/2024 (SUBR)

E. Request Approval of Leave of Absence for Professor George Kirk 4/2/2024-8/12/2024 (SUBR)

The motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II that Action Item 5(D-E) be approved in global.

Motion Approved

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fondel asks that the approval of salaries is increased (best practices). Chairman Lawson mentioned this topic will be brought back to an upcoming meeting and mentioned the conversation had been initiated prior.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver II to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Personnel Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron Lawson

PRESENT

Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Jyron Young

ABSENT

Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Ann Smith, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Lawson amended the agenda to defer Action Item 6F to next month. Upon the motion by Mr. Paul Matthews and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge, the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendments. Motion to make amendment to Action Item by Mr. Fondel and second by Mr. Young. Motion to make additions to Action Item 7B and add action item 7H by Mr. Fondel and second by Mr. Matthews based upon discussion by Chancellor Pierre and Mr. Fondel. Modification to printed agenda. Jarrick Washington and Kai Walker. Motion passed with roll call vote.

Motions passed with roll call votes for both amendment and addition.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following: Resolutions

- Evelyn L. Wilson
- Mary Nell "Tootsie" Reeves (Palmer)
- Artrell H. Washington

Commendations

- Lucy Pittman Virdure
- Ruth Ray Jackson

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve the read resolutions and Mr. Paul Matthews second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

- A. Legislative Updates Updates were given by Dr. Robyn Merrick and President Shields
- B. Presidential Report President Shields gave his report and answered questions from Atty Clayton
- C. Chancellor's Reports All Chancellor's gave their reports and deferred to the reports in the packet for detailed information.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Dr. Whitfield and Second by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve action item 7A with amendment update to date.

Motion passed.

April 19, 2024

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 15, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting

There was a motion by Dr. Tarver and Second by Mr. Jyron Young to approve action item 7B - all committee reports but the Finance Committee report – Motion passed.

Action Item 7B - Finance committee Report (5B) -

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Paul Matthews that between counsel, president, vice chancellor, and chancellor come up with language for out of state fee and in addition to he (atty Rutledge) would like to read verbiage Atty Rutledge student qualifications as:

For a student to be Eligible (criteria) – must be full time student and maintain full time status – have a current gpa 2/75 or higher; and a minimum act – 24 or higher or sat equivalent; committee appeal – student may have minimum 2.5 and other requirements by fasfa and the chancellor shall approve any recommendations by committee.

Motion passed

B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations – Add item from Finance Committee Action Item 5B

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and Second by Dr. Whitfield to approve action item 7C-7D in global.

Motion passed.

- C. Request Approval of DeCuir Clark Adam's contract (SUS)
- D. Request Approval of Resolution for Nurse Managed Health Care Clinic (SUBR)

President Dennis J. Shields recommends Atty Alvin Washington as the Interim Chancellor. He thanks all parties at the law school for their assistance and meeting with him. There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge who approves the recommendation, and he wants to give President Shields the authority, with the Chairman's concurrence,

to negotiate an acceptable compensation package for Atty Washington as Interim Chancellor for the Southern University Law Center. This motion was seconded by Atty Tony Clayton to approve action item 7E

Motion passed.

E. Request Approval to Appoint an Interim Chancellor of the Law Center (SULC)

There was a motion by Dr. Whitfield and Second by Mrs. Reeves to approve action item 7F.

Motion passed.

F. Request Approval of President Dennis Shields' Amended Contract (SUS)

There was a motion by Mrs. Reeves and Second by Dr. Whitfield to approve action item 7G.

Motion passed.

G. Request Approval of Chancellor John Pierre's Contract (SUBR)

There was a motion by Mr. Fondel and Second by Mr. Matthews to approve action item 7H.

Motion passed.

H. Request Approval for Honorary Degrees

There was lengthy discussion around Action Item 6H. Motion to go to executive session Dr. Tarver and seconded Mr. Fondel Motion approved. Motion to come out of executive session Mr. Matthews and seconded Atty Clayton Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.