

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

July 19, 2024

### Southern University New Orleans

Millie Charles School of Social Work

6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, 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 *Rev. Dr. Crispus Gordon* of the New Zion Baptist Church located in New Orleans, La. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SUNO representative.

### AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Swearing in of New Student Board Member

The new board member Miss Dana Bailey was sworn in last month and the ceremonial was held today in front of her family and friends in attendance. She and her mother along with Atty Brandon Decuir participated in the swearing ceremony. After which, Photos with Chairman, Vice Chairman and President.

B. Commendation for Retired LTC David Marshall, AROTC

Dr. Luria Young presented a resolution from the board of supervisors and the university for his retirement. She recognized LTC Marshall and his family. He provided his appreciation to everyone and thanked everyone for their support.

C. Special Presentations (SUNO)

Dr. Bree Cook recognized Dr. Kim Rugon who will recognize all the individuals who will be making the special presentations. They received checks from the following: N.O. City Council, Sheriff department, Entergy, Bowe State Univ partnership and the Gentility Development group.

Dr. Bree Cook recognized Dr. Brenda W. Jackso. She presented her with the Living Legend Award.

D. Above and Beyond

The Inaugural Student Above and Beyond was presented to Ms. Greiana Marchand by Miss Dana Bailey

The Employee Above and Beyond was presented to Ms. Ruth Carter who is a custodian by Dr. Bree Cook.

### AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJUOURNMENT

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

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

Southern University New Orleans  
Millie Charles School of Social Work  
6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, 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, Mr. Sam Gilliam – Vice Chairman, Atty Tony Clayton, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Mrs. Maple Gaines

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

Dr. Leon Tarver advised the board that there is an amendment to the agenda (Action Item 5B). There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the amendment of the agenda.

Motion approved with roll call vote

Motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the agenda with the amendment.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Motion by Tony Clayton and seconded by Arlanda Williams to approve Action Items 5A and 5B in global.

Motion passed.

##### A. Request Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations (SUAREC)

| Applicant              | Department | Present Rank                 | Action                              |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dr. LaShunda A. Hodges | SUAREC     | Associate Research Professor | Promotion - Full Research Professor |
|                        |            |                              |                                     |

##### B. Request Approval of Tenure Track recommendation (SUBR)

| <b>Applicant</b> | <b>Department</b>  | <b>Present Rank</b> | <b>Action</b>       |
|------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Jasmine Berry    | <del>College of Business</del><br>College of Science and Engineering | N/A                 | Assistant Professor |
| Scott Wicker     | Chemistry  | Assoc Prof          | Tenure              |

Motion by Tony Clayton and seconded by Arlanda Williams to approve Action Items 5C – 5H in global.

Motion passed.

- C. Request Approval of Data Science Degree Program, Data Science Proposal and Data Science Budget (SUNO)
- D. College of Science and Engineering Revised Organizational Structure (SUBR)
- E. Request Approval of SUBR Attendance Policy (SUBR)
- F. Request Approval of School of Education Educational Leadership Program - Revised Admissions Policy, Tracs, On-Campus Delivery Program (SUBR)
- G. Request Approval of Separating Commencement Exercises for Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degree Candidates from Commencement Exercises for Bachelor's Degree Candidates beginning in December 2024 at Southern University and A&M College (SUBR)
- H. Request Approval for Executive Ph.D. Hooding Ceremony (SUBR)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

**None**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ann Smith to adjourn the meeting.

## FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Southern University New Orleans

Millie Charles School of Social Work

6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, 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, Paul Mathews, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge the agenda was recommended for adoption. Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

Facilities 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. Mr. Dawson responded to all questions.

B. HB940 Update (SUS)

Update provided by Mr. Kenneth Dawson.

C. Grant Submissions/ Award

Information provided by Mr. Kenneth Dawson

a. Department of Defense Submission (SUBR)

b. FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (RTPL) Award \$200,000 (SULC/SUBR)

#### AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty Edwin Shorty requested a change in governance flow/organization and recommend a reorg chart  
Chairman Lawson requested a monthly update to the board members until October which is when they are requesting the Reorg chart be presented to board members

#### AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Facilities and Property Committee)**  
**Southern University New Orleans**  
Millie Charles School of Social Work  
6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA

**MINUTES**

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Dr. Arlanda Williams called the committee meeting to order.

**Roll Call by President Shields**

**Present:** Dr. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Christy Reeves and Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

A. Interim Financial Report

The Interim Financial Report details is in the packet.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

**LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

Southern University New Orleans

Millie Charles School of Social Work

6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA

**Minutes**

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Vice Chair Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

**Roll Call by President Shields**

**Present:** Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman, Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Miss Dana Bailey, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Mrs. Maple Gaines

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

Upon the motion by Miss Dana Bailey and seconded by Ms. Christy Reeves the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)**

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty to approve action item 5A and 5B in global.

Motion approved.

- A. Request Approval of Contracts, Amendments, Agreements, Grants, etc... Equal to or Greater than \$300,000.00.

| Title                             | Description  | Amount                              | Campus                 |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. K12 Management, Inc.           | K12 will provide full time student licenses to the Lab School for grades K-12 which includes content, hosting and instruction. Services will also include an academic mentor, live instruction sessions, physical course materials, testing administrative services, testing proctoring services, associated onsite technical support and other services as reasonably necessary for testing | \$ 1,300,000.00                     | SU Lab School          |
| 2. Louisiana Department of Health | The contractor will provide services for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children (LA WIC Program). Facilities and staff will be provided to recruit potentially eligible individuals for WIC program participation; determine eligibility for program.   | \$ 740,000.00 over (3) three years, | SUBR-School of Nursing |

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|                         | conduct nutrition risk assessment(s); provide nutrition and breastfeeding education   |              |      |
| 3. Deumite Construction | Deumite Construction shall furnish all labor and materials and perform all of the work required to build, construct and complete in a thorough and workmanlike manner for the Multimedia Center Renovation (W.W. Stewart Hall). | \$487,100.00 | SUBR |

B. Request Approval of Contract with Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah, & Perkins, LLP (SUS)

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adjourn the meeting.

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**(Following Legal Affairs Committee)  
Southern University New Orleans  
Millie Charles School of Social Work  
6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA**

**MINUTES**

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

**Roll Call by President Shields**

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

**Absent:** None

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the agenda was recommended for adoption Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Fred Moss and Dr. Daphne TeBo – Past and Current Faculty Senate Presidents. – Support Dr. Sherlynn Hall – Action Item 5D(1).

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)**

The motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Ms. Christy Reeves that Action Item 5(A-D) be approved in global. Motion Approved

Ms. Zazell Dudley called for Discussion – Action Item 5E. – She has no opposition but asked Dr. Gantt to discuss her hiring/search process. Dr. Gantt explained her process and mentioned there was a search. Ms. Dudley thanked Dr. Gantt for the information.

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

| Name                | Position/Department  | Personnel Action              | Waived/Search                        | Salary       |              | Funding Source |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|                     |  |                               |                                      | Previous     | Suggested    |                |
| 1. Jasmine Berry    | Asst. Professor of Computer Science<br><b>Tenure -Track</b>  | Existing Position<br>New Hire | Waived                               | --           | \$90,000.00  | State          |
| 2. Quianna Chaney   | Instructor/ Head Girls Basketball Coach<br><b>SULS</b>   | Salary Adjustment             | N/A                                  | \$55,917.00  | \$70,000.00  | State          |
| 3. Consuela Douzier | Associate Director of Financial Aid  | Salary Adjustment             | N/A                                  | \$58,908.00  | \$70,000.00  | State          |
| 4. Dewayne Jerro    | Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/<br>Undergraduate ED<br><b>College of Science &amp; Engineering (CoSE)</b> | Existing Position             | CoSE<br>Structural<br>Reorganization | \$102,231.00 | \$126,000.00 | State          |



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| 5.  | Peter Kochenbuger           | Asst. Professor of Risk Management<br><i>College of Business (CoB)</i>                                       | New Position<br>New Hire<br><i>(Alliant Ins.)</i> | Waived                               | --           | \$85,000.00  | State                              |
| 6.  | Francesca Mellieon-Williams | Associate Dean of Student Affairs<br><i>College of Science &amp; Engineering (CoSE)</i>                      | New Position<br>New Appointment                   | CoSE<br>Structural<br>Reorganization | \$90,766.00  | \$116,000.00 | State                              |
| 7.  | Jessica Mellieon            | Director of Finance and Federal Programs<br><i>SULS</i>  | New Position<br>New Appointment                   | Search                               | --           | \$85,000.00  | Federal                            |
| 8.  | Terrye Moore-Harper         | Chairperson-Graduate Nursing Programs  | Existing Position<br>New Appointment              | Search                               | \$107,299.00 | \$110,000.00 | State                              |
| 9.  | Rachel - Vincent-Finley     | Senior AD & VD for Strat Innovation and Transformation<br><i>College of Science &amp; Engineering (CoSE)</i> | New Position<br>New Appointment                   | CoSE<br>Structural<br>Reorganization | \$112,290.00 | \$150,000.00 | \$120,000.00/ ST<br>\$30,000.00/FD |
| 10. | Edwin Walker                | AD for Research and Graduate Programs<br><i>College of Science &amp; Engineering (CoSE)</i>                  | Existing Position                                 | CoSE<br>Structural<br>Reorganization | \$87,473.00  | \$116,000.00 | State                              |
| 11. | Scott Wicker                | AVC for Accountability and Accreditation/<br>SASCOC Liaison  | New Position<br>New Hire                          | Waived                               | --           | \$140,000.00 | \$55,000.00/ ST<br>\$85,000.00 /FD |

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

| Name               | Position/Department     | Personnel Action     | Waived/Search | Salary      |             | Funding Source |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
|                    |                         |                      |               | Previous    | Suggested   |                |
| 1. LaShonda Hodges | Full Research Professor | Promotion and Tenure | N/A           | \$88,851.00 | \$95,500.00 | Federal        |

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

| Name                 | Position/Department                       | Personnel Action                     | Waived/Search | Salary      |              | Funding Source |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
|                      |   |                                      |               | Previous    | Suggested    |                |
| 1. Koshaneke Gilbert | Instructor/Academic Advisor               | Existing Position<br>New Appointment | N/A           | 102,211.00  | \$102,211.00 | State          |
| 2. Candace Hawkins   | Financial Affairs Special Project Officer | TITLE CHANGE ONLY                    | N/A           | \$60,278.00 | \$60,278.00  | State          |
| 3. Angela Turner     | Program Manager for Diversify LA          | New Position                         | Search        | —           | \$72,000.00  | Federal        |

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

| Name             | Position/Department                             | Personnel Action                     | Waived/Search | Salary       |              | Funding Source |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|                  |   |                                      |               | Previous     | Suggested    |                |
| 1. Sherlynn Hall | VC for Academic Affairs & Workforce Development | Existing Position<br>New Appointment | Search        | \$120,640.00 | \$125,000.00 | State          |

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

The board members are requesting an update on the Director of School of Education. Chancellor Pierre agreed to respond within the next month or so how they plan to move forward,

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following Personnel Committee)**  
**Southern University New Orleans**  
Millie Charles School of Social Work  
6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA

### **MINUTES**

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

#### **PRESENT**

Miss Dana Bailey, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Arlanda Williams

#### **ABSENT**

Ms. Maple Gaines

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

Upon the motion by Miss Dana Bailey and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

##### Resolutions

- Preston George Gray
- Charles Lloyed, Jr.
- Roederick C. White, Sr.
- John Kennedy III
- Tessie Prevost-Williams

##### Commendations

- Dr. Brenda W. Jackson
- Lieutenant Colonel David Marshall, Jr.
- The Harrison Family
- The Theus Family

Dr. Arlanda Williams added Dr. Xavier Hoy to the list.

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There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve the read resolutions/commendations and additions and Dr. Rani Whitfield second the motion.

Motion approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):**

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

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of the June 21, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
  
- C. Request Authority to Transfer Property to the Foundation (SUS)  
Atty Tony Clayton asked Mr. Alfred Harrell to give a brief summary of the property and where it is located.
  
- D. Request Approval of Resolution for Oil and Gas Mineral Lease (SUSLA)

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Myron Lawson thanked SUNO for hosting the meeting. Atty Domoine Rutledge commended Chairman Lawson and the team for a great retreat. He mentioned the retreat was great information but recommend having it for one and half days instead of one day. Atty Tony Clayton also commends Chairman Lawson on a great retreat. He mentions this was one of the better retreats with great information.

Atty Edwin Shorty gave his condolences to the Roederick White, Sr. Family. He mentioned he was a great colleague, friend, and mentor and he will be missed. Dr. Rani Whitfield gave his sentiments as well.

Ms. Ann Smith thanked the donor for the anonymous donation for the College of Business in the amount of \$10k. This was donated after the Ghana Trip to assist with scholarships for students.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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