Athletics Committee  
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)  
Friday, April 20, 2007  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building 
Southern University - Baton Rouge

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
   A. Utilization of Prior Year Intramural Funds, SUSLA
   B. Continuation of the previously approved Athletic Fee Increase beyond Spring 2007
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

Committee Members
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman; Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr., Vice Chairman; Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry; Mr. S. Albert Gilliam; Mr. Chris Jackson; Mr. Myron K. Lawson; Mr. Louis Miller; Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Ex-Officio
April 3, 2007

Dr. Ralph Slaughter, President  
Southern University System  
4th Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

RE: Request to Utilize Prior year Intramural Funds

Dear Dr. Slaughter:

Southern University at Shreveport received the approval of your office and that of the Southern University Board of Supervisors to use prior year athletics surplus funds in the amount of fifty five thousand dollars ($55,000) to support the acquisition of a bus at the May 2006 meeting. To this date, the bus has not been purchased by the University because State Purchasing requested its vendors to submit new pricing. Upon the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, I am requesting that the projected cost for this vehicle be divided equally between Athletics and Intramurals (See Attachment). As indicated in Dr. Green's correspondence, it is our aim to develop an intramural program that will require transportation to and from other institutions and, therefore, warrant the cost-sharing as this request seeks.

Your favorable endorsement of this request is greatly appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns, feel free to call.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

BWP/lhb

Att.

xc: Mr. Tolor White, V.P. for Finance and Business Affairs & Comptroller  
Dr. Sharon Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
Mr. Benjamin Pugh, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs
April 2, 2007

Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor
Southern University at Shreveport
3050 Martin L. King Jr., Drive
Shreveport, LA 71107

Dear Dr. Belton:

RE: Request To Use Prior Year Intramural Funds

I am requesting approval to use prior year fund balance in the amount of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($27,500) to support the acquisition of a bus for Intramural Sports and for use in athletics. At this time, development of a successful Intramural Program at Southern University-Shreveport is needed to provide a stimulating environment that will in turn enhance students' ability to successfully achieve the recreational opportunity so vital to the over-all university experience. Safe transportation to and from intramural events will provide students with an opportunity to become involved in group and/or individual activities for social interaction, physical conditioning and psychological development.

The advantages of having suitable transportation for long-distance Intramural Sport trips cannot be overstated. Such advantages include:

- Safer vehicle
- More space prevents body cramps
- More luggage space for carrying equipment

Your support in ensuring that our students have the necessary transportation is appreciated. Accordingly, I am requesting your endorsement of this request for the use of prior year fund balance to purchase a bus for our students.

Sincerely,

Sharon F. Green Ed.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs
Drawings for the New Cultural and Heritage Center on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

Progress report on the renovation and refurbishing of the Southern University at New Orleans' South Campus.

Update on the Mills/Slaughter Property Donation

(4.) Finance and Audit Committee

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that authorization be and it is hereby granted to the Administration to use prior year athletics and SGA fund balances in the amounts of fifty-five thousand dollars ($55,000) to support the acquisition of a bus for the Southern University at Shreveport's Men and Women's Basketball Teams; and, forty thousand ($40,000) to purchase a van for the Student Government Association.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that approval be and it is hereby given to the Administration to pay health insurance for furloughed employees at Southern University at New Orleans, subject to the receipt of appropriate reviews and approvals.

Informational Item
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Ralph Slaughter, President
Southern University System

FROM: Edward R. Jackson, Chancellor
Southern University-Baton Rouge

RE: Maintenance of Athletic Fee

DATE: April 3, 2007

As you may recall, the Board of Supervisors approved an Athletic Fee Increase of $25.00 per student for the current Spring Semester. The SUBR Administration was asked to look for other possible income sources to finance the athletic program for 2007-08 before requesting a continuation of the Spring 2007 Athletic Fee.

We have made every possible effort to put together a plan to finance the athletic program for 2007-08 without the estimated $400,000 per year that is expected to be generated via the continuation of the Spring 2007 Athletic Fee. We have reduced the Athletic Budget as much as possible without jeopardizing our NCAA Certification and without causing irreparable harm to our Gender Equity Program. We are also holding firm on all expenditure increases. Still, the continuation of the Athletic Fee is absolutely essential to finance the Athletic Program for 2007-08. I am therefore requesting your approval and the approval of the Board of Supervisors for the continuation of the Spring 2007 Athletic Fee.

Should you have questions, please let me know.

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