Finance and Audit Committee
(Following the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee)
Friday, April 25, 2008
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Item(s)
   A. Request from SULC to impose tuition increase and implement Operations Fee
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

Members
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson (Chair); Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery (Vice Chair);
Atty. Dale N. Atkins, Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr., Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.;
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Ms. E. Jean Ware, Mr. Achilles Williams;
Mr. Myron K. Lawson (Ex officio)
April 14, 2008

VIA HAND DELIVERY
Dr. Ralph Slaughter
President
Southern University System
J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Re: Request to: (1) Impose a Tuition Increase (2) Implement Operations Fee

Dear Dr. Slaughter:

By way of this letter, I am requesting that the Southern University Board of Supervisors, pass a resolution authorizing the Law Center to seek authorization for a tuition increase in the amount of $1,500, from the Louisiana Legislature during the 2008 Regular Session. The increase would be phased in over a three-year period, beginning with the 2008-2009 academic years. The increase would be prospective in nature, in that it would not affect students who are currently enrolled during this 2007 - 2008-academic years. Currently, our tuition, including fees, is $3,358 per semester or $6,716 per year.

Today we are two-years past our most recent tuition increase and the challenges of inflation, increased scholarship needs, and technological advancements, make it imperative that we receive additional funding to meet and overcome these challenges and not fall further behind our peer institutions. Self-generated funds appear to be the only means by which we can raise new dollars. Moreover, we have been asked by the Education Subcommittee of the State House Appropriations Committee to prepare for a 5% budget cut, instead of preparing for increased state funding. A budget cut of 5% would cause us to lose around $375,000.

We project that the initial year of the tuition increase would only generate approximately $75,000, which falls way short of making up for the projected cut. As a stopgap measure, we additionally request that we be allowed to implement the 2004 Operations

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fee that was approved by the Board pursuant to Act No. 788 of the 2004 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

This Act authorized the public post secondary education management boards to impose an operations fee for students attending institutions under the management and supervision of each board. The legislation provided that the contemplated fee should not exceed 3% of the total mandatory tuition and fee amount in effect on August 15, 2004. The Law Center deferred implementation of the authorized fee at that time because we were implementing the first phase of a three-year tuition increase. Applying the operations fee formula to our 2004 tuition and fees generates roughly $100,000 per year of new dollars. Should we be successful in our tuition approval request through the Board and the Legislature, we would consider dropping the operations fee once the tuition phase in is complete.

A fully funded tuition increase would allow us to add an additional $200,000 to our Scholarship Fund, and be able to divide approximately $400,000 between technology and personnel services. Our Law Center has made tremendous strides over the past several years and this funding request will assure that we continue to be competitive with our peer institutions. (See attached tuition for peer and state institutions).

I would appreciate you putting this matter before the Board of Supervisors for action at its April 25, 2008 meeting.

With kind regards, I am

[Signature]

Freddie Pitcher, Jr.
Chancellor - SULC
Southern University Law Center Comparison of Attendance Fees as of 2007 to 2008 Academic Year

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* Louisiana State University Law Center has a bill pending in the legislature seeking a $3,000.00 tuition increase over a three-year period.