ANNUAL RETREAT

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THURSDAY, JULY 23 – FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009
1st Floor
Health and Physical Education Building
Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
Southern University at New Orleans, Louisiana

Agenda

Thursday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Breakfast 2nd Floor
H & PE Bldg.

9:00 a.m. SESSION I

Retreat Opening/Overview Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
SU Board Vice Chair
Retreat Chair

Invocation Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
SU Board Member

SESSION II
Board of Supervisors’ Dialogues

9:15 a.m. Interim System President Kassie Freeman

10:15 a.m. SU System Foundation Representative

11:00 a.m. Recess

11:30 a.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Technology Building
Tour of Housing Facility
SUNO LAKE CAMPUS

12:15 p.m. Return to Health and Physical Education Building
SUNO Park Campus

12:30 p.m. Lunch 2nd Floor, H & PE Bldg.
1:30 p.m.  
SESSION III  
“Building a Relationship with the Chamber of Commerce”  
Conversation with Representatives of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. Adam Knapp, CEO

2:45 p.m.  
Break

3:00 p.m.  
SESSION IV  
SU System Presidential Search  
SU Board Member Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Domoin Rutledge, Esq.  
Co-chairs, SU Presidential Search Committee

3:45 p.m.  
SESSION V  
“Pursuing Non-traditional Funding Sources in Light of the Current Economic Climate”  
Presenters:  
(30 Min.) Prof. John Pierre  
Vice Chancellor for Institutional Accountability and Evening Division (SULC)  
(20 Min.) Dr. Alma Thornton, Director  
Center for Social Research (SUBR)  
SU Board Member Patrick D. Magee - Facilitator

5:00 p.m.  
Recess

RECEPTION  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Lagniappe Terrace Room  
2nd Floor  
Sheraton Hotel  
500 Canal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana
Friday, July 24

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast

2nd Floor, H & PE Bldg.

8:00 a.m.  Retreat Reconvenes

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Retreat Chair

8:15 a.m.  SESSION VI

Town Hall Meeting
SU Faculty, Staff and Student Body
SU Board Member Myron K. Lawson, Facilitator
(Maximum 3 - 5 minutes per speaker; not more than 15 speakers.
All speakers must sign up prior to the Retreat to speak)

8:45 a.m.  SESSION VII

System and Campuses’ FY 2009 -2010 Reorganizational/Restructuring Plans – Final Drafts
Interim System President Kassie Freeman
Campus Chancellors
SU Board Member Walter Guidry, Facilitator

9:30 a.m.  SESSION VIII

Update from the SU Alumni Federation
Domoine Rutledge, Esq.
National President

Recess

11:00 a.m.  SU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

LUNCH (TBA)

1:00 p.m.  Recess

SESSION IX

The Future Direction of Higher Education in Louisiana – Performance-based Formula Funding;
The Post Secondary Education Review Commission (The Tucker Commission)
Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education - Presenter
SU Board Member Achilles Williams - Facilitator

2:00 p.m.  Board Retreat adjourns; Board Meeting reconvenes (if necessary)
Regular Session, 2009

ACT No. 309

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, BALDONE, BILLIOT, BROSETT, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CARTER, CORTEZ, DIXON, DOVE, DOWNS, FANNIN, FOIL, GISCALAR, GREENE, HARRISON, HENDERSON, HENRY, HINES, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LAMBERT, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, RICHARDSON, ROBIDEAUX, SCHRODER, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, TEMPLETT, THIBAUT, WHITE, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(j) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3138 and R.S. 36:651(N), relative to a comprehensive review of postsecondary education in Louisiana; to provide for the creation of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission and to provide for its composition, powers, duties, compensation, staffing and support, and funding; to require the commission to conduct a review of postsecondary education in the state and to provide for the scope of the review and a report thereon; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3138 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3138. Postsecondary Education Review Commission; creation, power and duties; report

A. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that postsecondary education is one of the most critical components of economic development in the state because it provides the human resources necessary for research, planning, innovation, and implementation of all economic development endeavors; however, the current economic climate of the nation and the world is imposing great stresses on postsecondary education in Louisiana, since available resources are being reduced while constitutional limitations make the postsecondary education sector one of the

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most vulnerable to state budget cutbacks. It is, therefore, of crucial importance to
find ways to maximize the use of available resources in order to obtain optimal
performance from the state's postsecondary education institutions. This can be
achieved most effectively by undertaking a complete review and analysis of
postsecondary education in the state to determine strengths and weaknesses and areas
for constructive change.

B. Creation; purpose. The Board of Regents shall create and establish a
commission, to be designated as the Postsecondary Education Review Commission,
to review postsecondary education in Louisiana. The purpose of the commission
shall be to review all aspects of postsecondary education in order to ensure that the
enterprise is operating efficiently, effectively, and in a manner that best serves
students, their families, and the state and to make recommendations for changes
necessary to ensure that the system is operating in that manner.

C. Composition. (1) The commission shall be comprised of nine members
as follows:

(a) The president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or his
designee.

(b) Two members appointed by the Board of Regents from nationally
recognized postsecondary education organizations or groups.

(c) Two members appointed by the governor.

(d) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

(e) The president of the Senate or his designee.

(f) The chairman of the Board of Regents or his designee.

(g) The president of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in
Higher Education or his designee.

(2) Each appointed member of the commission, including designees, shall
have attained at a minimum a postsecondary credential and shall have expertise in
postsecondary education. Appointing authorities shall ensure that the commission
is balanced as to types of educational experience and expertise and that the
membership is diverse.

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are additions.
(3) Appointed members and designees shall serve at the pleasure of the
appointing authority.

(4) Any vacancy in the appointed membership shall be filled in the manner
of the original appointment.

(5) Commission members shall be entitled to receive a per diem for
attendance at meetings of the commission and reimbursement for actual travel
expenses to attend commission meetings.

D. Scope of review. The review of postsecondary education undertaken by
the commission shall be comprehensive and may include governance, facilities, all
programs, funding, and any other issues that impact postsecondary institutions. The
commission shall also identify any rules or regulations that are barriers to achieving
administrative efficiencies.

E. Organization. The commission shall hold its first meeting by August 15,
2009, on the call of the chairman of the Board of Regents, and shall meet at least
once each month thereafter. The commission shall elect a chairman and a vice
chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary.

F. Administrative support; assistance; funding. (1) The commission shall
be housed at the offices of the Board of Regents, and the board shall provide
administrative support for the commission.

(2) The commission shall retain nationally recognized experts in
postsecondary education recommended by the Board of Regents to advise, research,
and provide any assistance the commission deems appropriate.

(3) The commission may call upon any postsecondary institution, board, or
system of the state for data and assistance, and all such institutions, boards, and
systems shall cooperate with the commission.

(4) The commission may create or appoint advisory committees or task
forces to act in an advisory capacity or to assist in its studies, composed of such
representatives of the public or private sectors as it deems appropriate.

(5) Funds necessary to staff the commission, retain appropriate outside
experts and consultants, reimburse or pay for travel of experts and consultants.
reimburse or pay for per diem and travel for commission members as otherwise
authorized in this Section, and pay any other expenses associated with the operations
of the commission shall be appropriated to the Board of Regents.

(6) The commission may accept grants, donations, gifts, monies, aid, facilities, and services from public or private sources for the purpose of completing its work and preparing and submitting its report as required by this Section and any such grants, monies, facilities, services, and donations, as well as the names of the donors thereof, shall be recorded in the record of the proceedings of the commission and such records shall be open to inspection by any person.

G. Report; termination of commission. The commission shall complete its work and submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Board of Regents at least forty-five days prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature. The Board of Regents shall review the report and submit the report and its comments to the legislature at least thirty days prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature. The commission shall terminate and all authority for its existence shall end on August 1, 2010.

Section 2. R.S. 36:651(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of Education

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N. The Postsecondary Education Review Commission (R.S. 17:3138) is placed within the Department of Education under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents and shall exercise and perform its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities independently of the department and as provided in R.S. 17:3138.

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Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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