AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Special Recognitions
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Public Comments
6. Action Items
   A. Minutes of the April 20, 2007 regular Board Meeting and the May 5, 2007 Special Board Meeting
   B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
      1.) Academic and Student Affairs
      2.) Athletics
      3.) Facilities and Property
      4.) Finance and Audit
      5.) Personnel Affairs and Policy
      6.) Legislative
      7.) Bond Project
   C. Resolutions
7. System and Campus Reports (Informational)
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment
The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Johnny G. Anderson. The invocation was given by Mr. John W. Joseph.

PRESENT
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Chair
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Mr. Richard Caiton
Atty. Warren Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.
Mr. Christopher Jackson
Mrs. Worlita L. Jackson-Williams
Mr. John W. Joseph
Mr. Louis Miller
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Elvin Pradia
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chair
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
System President/Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman (select) and Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.
AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Niobli Armali, former SGA President at Southern University - Baton Rouge, announced that he was removing his name from a resolution proposed by Student Board Member Christopher Jackson.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, President of the Faculty Senate at Southern University - New Orleans, spoke in favor of the reinstatement of academic programs at Southern University - New Orleans.

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Chancellor Ukpolo and staff presented, on behalf of the Southern University at New Orleans Campus, to Mr. John W. Joseph a framed copy of the title page of his book, “From Farmboy to First Black Mayor.”

AGENDA ITEM 4A: REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL AFFAIRS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mr. Joseph, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

• Sabbatical leave for Dr. Charles Vincent, Professor of History at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 2007 - May 2008

• Sabbatical leave for Dr. Khalid Alshibli, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 2007 - May 2008

• Interim appointment of Dr. Wesley Bishop as Associate Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs at Southern University - New Orleans, effective retroactive to January 1, 2007 at a twelve-month salary of $78,000.

- Appointment of Dr. Rickey Warner as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at Southern University - New Orleans, effective retroactive to March 31, 2007 at an annual salary of $80,000.

- Authorization to the S.U. Law Center Administration to conduct a focus search to fill the positions of Vice Chancellor for Institutional Accountability and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- Suspension of the rules of the Board of Supervisors to allow for the holding of a Special Board Meeting within less than the ten-day advance notice requirement.

The Special meeting will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

Mr. Anderson announced that at the conclusion of this Board meeting, he would temporarily relinquish his position as Chairman of the Board until such time as the work of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee and the Board was completed.

Mrs. Montgomery indicated that she had spoken to Mr. Myron K. Lawson by telephone and that he conveyed to her his desire to temporarily vacate the position of Board Vice Chairman.

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by the members of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, the Board accepted Messrs. Anderson and Lawson’s notices of their intent to temporarily relinquish their positions as Board Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, Atty. Dale N. Atkins and Mr. John W. Joseph were elected to temporarily serve as Acting Board Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Joseph expressed appreciation to Messrs. Anderson and Lawson for their actions and noted that all members of the Board are committed to doing what is
AGENDA ITEM 5: HONORS COLLEGE, SUBR

The Honors College at Southern University - Baton Rouge was spotlighted by the Dean, Dr. Beverly Wade and her staff.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

a. On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the minutes of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Committee Reports and Recommendations

(1.) Academic and Student Affairs Committee

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Atkins, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the Letter of Intent to offer a new option - Cyber Security - under the existing approved and accredited B.S. Degree in Computer Science Program at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the establishment and implementation of a tuition rate for electronic courses at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby
approved as follows:

· Tuition for Distance Education (electronic or on-line) Courses (E-Rate) is set at $537 per three hour course for both in-state and out-of-state, undergraduate and graduate students, effective Summer 2007.

· The tuition charge for e-courses bearing other than three credit hours are to be assessed on a pro rata basis.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the proposal submitted by Southern University - Shreveport for the expansion of its Aerospace Technology Program to a campus at the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BRMA) be and it is hereby approved.

The program is to be executed through a partnership established by Southern University - Shreveport with Southern University - Baton Rouge and BRMA.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the establishment of the Clyde C. Tidwell Endowed Professorship at the SU Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Spring 2007 Candidates for Degrees at the Southern University - Baton Rouge, Southern University Law Center, Southern University - New Orleans and Southern University - Shreveport Commencement Exercises be and they are hereby approved.
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that establishment of the Jack Binion Endowed Professorship in Hospitality at Southern University - Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Endowed Professorship Appointments at the Southern University Law Center, as listed below, be and they are hereby approved:

- Professor Michelle Ghetti - LA Outside Counsel Endowed Professorship
- Professor Evelyn Wilson - Horatio Thompson Endowed Professorship
- Professor Stanley Halpin - Kendall Vick Endowed Professorship
- Professor Okechukwu Oko - Dodson-Hooks Endowed Professorship
- Professor Ernest Easterly - B.K. Agnihotri Endowed Professorship
- Professor Russell Jones - Jesse Stone Endowed Professorship
- Professor Alfreda Diamond - Justice Revius Ortique Endowed Professorship

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Campus updates on accreditation
The Southern University System Strategic Plan for 2006/07 - 2010/11.

2.) Athletics Committee

In motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Pradia, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.
r. Carey Ash, President-elect of the Student Government Association on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus reported the support of the student body for the extension of the assessment of the Athletic Fee $25.00 for one year beyond the Spring 2007 semester.
U Administrators were requested to relay concerns of the Board regarding the slow progress of work and other problems existing on the South Campus of Southern University - New Orleans during a meeting with representatives of the Board of Regents, FEMA, and the La. State Facilities Planning and Control. The meeting is to be scheduled for the upcoming week.

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The Southern University - Shreveport Administration was requested to submit a facilities report regarding the plans for dormitories to the Committee at its next meeting.

4.) Finance and Audit Committee

In motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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his action was taken pursuant to the statement of student support issued by Mr. Carey Ash, SGA President on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

5.) **Legal Affairs Committee**
n motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.


6.) Legislative Committee

n motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mrs. Jackson-Williams,

Motion carried unanimously.

he report reflected the Committee’s receipt of 2007 and 2008 Federal and State Legislative Agendas from the System and the Campuses.

he SU Legislative Team was directed to examine proposed state legislation for the upcoming session that has the potential to negatively impact the Southern University System and to make concerns known to the Committee Chairperson so that the Board may act to take an official position on the legislation, as necessary.
he Legislative Committee will meet with the Legislative Team to discuss the Board’s positions on various bills identified in the report.

7.) Public Relations Committee

In motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Atkins,

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee’s report reflected its receipt of Public/Media Relations Office Expansion and Improvement Plans, as submitted by the Campuses.

The Campus Chancellors were requested to further review their plans and to fund these offices so that positive aspects of the University are projected and reported in local and national media.

8.) Bond Project Committee

In motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

Motion carried unanimously.

The report reflected an update received by the Committee on the SU System Bond Project and certain concerns registered in regards to significant delays in the progress of the work.
AGENDA ITEM 6C: RESOLUTIONS

n motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

The Frederica McGhee Family
The Lavar Dumas Family
The Norwood Cannon Family
The Marion L. Collier Family
The Robertine H. Bazile Family
The Eva Jackson Family

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

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AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

n motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.
secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors


chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1 30 p m
Friday April 20 2007
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University- Baton Rouge Campus

MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was convened by the Chairman, Mr John W Joseph. The invocation was given by Mr Joseph.

Committee Members Present
Mr John W Joseph Chairman
Rev Jesse B Bilberry Vice Chairman
Mr Richard Carton
Mr Christopher Jackson
Mrs Worlita Jackson-Williams
Mrs Lea P Montgomery
Mr Elvin Pradia
Mr Achilles Williams
Mr Johnny G Anderson Ex-Officio

Committee Members Absent
None

University Personnel Attending
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice President Tolor White and Kassie Freeman (select)
Chancellor Ray Belton Edward Jackson Freddie Pitcher Victor Ukpoko
and Leodrey Williams

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Board Counsel
Atty Winston DeCuir Sr

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Atty Winston DeCuir Jr administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Members listed below:

- Atty Warren A Forstall New Orleans 1st Congressional District
- Mrs Worlita Jackson Williams, Mansfield, 3rd Congressional District
  Mr Elvin Pradia, New Iberia, 4th Congressional District
Atty Cedric Upshaw administered the oath of office to re-appointed Board Member Antonio M Clayton Port Allen 6th Congressional District
AGENDA ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs Montgomery seconded by Mr Caiton the agenda was adopted as printed

Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Atty Domoine Rutledge President of the Southern University National Alumni Federation welcomed new and returning Board Members and made comments unrelated to an agenda item

Mr Terry Landry SBA President and Student Representative advised the Committee that he wanted to withdraw his support of the student resolution by Mr Chris Jackson

Dr S Trivedi Professor of Computer Science and former Faculty Senate President at Southern University Baton Rouge spoke in support of Item 5A

RECOGNITIONS

The Committee recognized the presence of Messrs Carey Ash and Jamal Landry SGA Presidents on the Southern University - Baton Rouge and Southern University-New Orleans campuses, respectively

AGENDA ITEM 5 ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Mrs Montgomery seconded by Mr Caiton the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board the following

A The Letter of Intent to offer a new option Cyber Security under the existing approved and accredited B.S Degree in Computer Science Program at Southern University - Baton Rouge

B Establishment and implementation of an electronic course tuition rate at Southern University - Baton Rouge as follows

Tuition for Distance Education courses (E-Rate) to be set at $537 per three-hour course for both in-state and out-of-state
undergraduate and graduate students effective Summer 2007

Charges for e-courses bearing other than three credit hours to be billed on a pro rata basis

C The proposal submitted by SU Shreveport for the expansion of its Aerospace Technology Program to a campus at the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BRMA) The program will be executed through partnership between SU Shreveport SU Baton Rouge and BRMA

D Establishment of the Clyde C Tidwell Endowed Professorship at the SU Law Center

E Spring 2007 candidates for degrees at the SU Baton Rouge SU Law Center SU New Orleans and SU Shreveport Commencement Exercises

F Establishment of the Jack Binion Endowed Professorship in Hospitality at Southern University Shreveport

G Establishment of the Jack Binion Endowed Professorship in Business at Southern University Shreveport

H Endowed Professorship appointments at the SU Law Center
Professor Michelle Ghetti LA Outside Counsel Endowed Professorship
Professor Evelyn Wilson Horatio Thompson Endowed Professorship
Professor Stanley Halpin Kendall Vick Endowed Professorship
Professor Okechukwu Oko Dodson Hooks Endowed Professorship
Professor Ernest Easterly B K Agnihotri Endowed Professorship
Professor Russell Jones Jesse Stone Endowed Professorship
Professor Alfreda Diamond Justice Revius Orfique Endowed Professorship

I Awarding of the Honorary Doctor of Public Policy Degree to U.S. Congressman James E Clyburn, the speaker for the Spring 2007 Commencement Exercises at SU Baton Rouge

AGENDA ITEM 6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The reports listed below were received by the Committee for information only
No action was needed

-Campus Updates on Accreditation
-Status of Initiatives toward the reinstatement of Five Core Academic Programs at SU New Orleans
-The SU System Strategic Plan for 2006/07 - 2010/11
AGENDA ITEM 7 OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr Williams seconded by Mr Carton, the meeting was adjourned

Secretary  SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman  SU Board of Supervisors
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Friday, April 20, 2007
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Athletics Committee was convened by the Chair, Mr. Tony M. Clayton

Committee Members Present
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. - Vice Chairman
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Christopher Jackson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Achilles Williams
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson Ex officio

Committee Members Absent
None

University Personnel Attending
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman (select)
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson
Freddie Pitcher Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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Board Counsel
Atty. Winston DeCuir Sr

AGENDA ITEM 3  ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the agenda was adopted, as amended

Motion carried unanimously

Amendment Item 5C Two-Year Employment Contract Extension for Head Men’s
Basketball Coach, SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 4  PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

AGENDA ITEM 5  ACTION ITEMS

A  On motion of Mr Nash, seconded by Rev Bilberry, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, the utilization of prior year Intramural Funds in the amount of $27,500 to support the acquisition of a bus for Intramural Sports and for use in collegiate Athletics at Southern University - Shreveport

Motion carried unanimously

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B  The Administration’s request to continue the previously approved Athletic Fee Increase of $25.00 beyond the Spring 2007 semester was deferred until the Board meeting on April 21

C  Employment Contract Extension for Head Men’s Basketball Coach, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, a two-year extension of the employment contract, with post-season incentives, but no change in salary, for Mr. Robert Spivery, Head Coach of Men’s Basketball at Southern University - Baton Rouge

The funds for the incentives will come from external sources. The new contract will end May 15, 2012

Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 6  OTHER BUSINESS
None

AGENDA ITEM 7  ADJOURNMENT
On motion of Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Jackson, the meeting was adjourned

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
BOND PROJECT AD HOC COMMITTEE
Friday, April 20, 2007
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University  Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The Bond Project Ad Hoc Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty Tony Clayton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Atty Tony M Clayton - Chair
Mr Myron K Lawson - Vice Chair
Mr Walter Guidry Jr
Mr John W Joseph
Mrs Lea P Montgomery
Mr Murphy Nash, Jr
Mr Johnny G Anderson, Ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Dr Ralph Slaughter System President
Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman (select) and Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton Edward R Jackson Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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BOARD COUNSEL
Attnys Winston DeCuir, Sr and Winston DeCuir Jr

AGENDA ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr Caiton, seconded by Ms Kiefer, the agenda was adopted, as printed

Motion carried unanimously
AGENDA ITEM 4  PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5  UPDATE ON SU SYSTEM BOND PROJECT

Committee Chair Tony Clayton stated that the Bond Project Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to keep the Board informed of the progress being made relative to all of the projects that are to be financed through the Bond project. He noted a concern that the stadium expansion project was experiencing significant delays due to the late completion of the soil testing and the report needed by the architect to establish the foundation standards needed to support the pilings for the project.

President Slaughter reported that the construction of the apartment-style dormitories was proceeding swiftly. He noted that the delays in the stadium construction are the result of the project architect not having completed the designs according to schedule and that to give special attention to this project plans on the others are being held up.

Atty. Clayton noted the following concerns that needed to be addressed.

The Foundation Board and the System President need to become more closely involved in the monitoring of the projects to ensure that they move forward according to the schedule and that set design and construction time lines are met. The completion of the soil testing must be addressed and the report completed and given to the architect. The soil testing report is needed to prepare the standards for the foundation pilings to support the end zone expansion.

Responding to concerns regarding the pace at which the projects are moving, President Slaughter observed that there may be a need to make changes in the current plans that might delay the project further. He said this may require the hiring of someone else to prepare the design plans for the stadium project. The President was charged with providing close oversight to the projects and authorized to make changes as required to move the projects along within the established time lines.

AGENDA ITEM 6  OTHER BUSINESS

NONE
AGENDA ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs Montgomery seconded by Mr Anderson the meeting was adjourned

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Friday April 20 2007
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee was convened by the Chair, Mr Walter Guidry

Committee Members Present
Mr Walter Guidry, Chair
Mr Louis Miller, Vice Chair
Mr Richard J Caton
Atty Tony M Clayton
Atty Warren A Forstall
Mr Christopher Jackson
Mr Myron K Lawson
Mrs Lea P Montgomery
Mr Johnny G Anderson, Ex officio

Committee Members Absent
None

University Personnel Attending
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman (select)
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson Freddie Pitcher Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

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Board Counsel
Atty Winston DeCur Jr

AGENDA ITEM ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr Miller seconded by Mr Lawson the agenda was adopted, as printed

Motion carried unanimously
AGENDA ITEM 4  PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

AGENDA ITEM 5  NAMING OF NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING, SUSLA

On motion of Mr Carton seconded by Mrs Montgomery the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from the Administration to name the new classroom building on the SU Shreveport Campus in honor of the late Dr Walter M Austin, the first Chief Executive Officer of the Campus

Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 6  OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Guidry voiced concerns regarding the slow progress of work on the Southern University at New Orleans South Campus the existence of numerous problems with facilities the quality of materials used for renovation and the cleanup of buildings He requested the administration to relay these concerns to the Board of Regents, FEMA and the La State Facilities Planning and Control Representative during the coming week

AGENDA ITEM 7  ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr Anderson, seconded by Mr Miller, the meeting was adjourned

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
Friday April 20 2007  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
2nd Floor J S Clark Administration Building  
Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus  

MINUTES  

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee was convened by the  
Chairman Mr Myron K Lawson  

Committee Members Present  
Mr Myron K Lawson, Chairman  
Mrs Lea P Montgomery Vice Chairman  
Atty Dale N Atkins  
Rev Jesse B Bilberry  
Atty Warren A Forstall  
Mrs Worlita Jackson-Williams  
Mr John W Joseph  
Mr Achilles Williams  
Mr Johnny G Anderson Ex-officio  

Committee Members Absent  
None  

University Personnel Attending  
System President Ralph Slaughter  
System Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman (select)  
Chancellors Ray Beilton, Edward Jackson, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and  
Leodrey Williams  
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Board Counsel  
Atty Winston DeCuir, Sr  

AGENDA ITEM 5 ACTION ITEMS  

On motion of Mr Joseph, seconded by Mrs Montgomery the Committee  
approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following
A. Fall 2006 Tuition Discounts and Fee Waivers for SU Baton Rouge employees, spouses and/or dependents

B. Engagement Letter for Bruno and Tervalon to provide for the examination of federal, state, local and private funded grants and contracts for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 for entities of the SU System.

C. BA-7 Number 4 revised to reflect the decrease amount in spending authority and self-generated funds for Southern University – Baton Rouge and the amended increase amount in spending authority and self-generated funds for the SU Law Center.

BA-7 Number 5 revised to reflect the amended budgeted and adjusted budgeted amounts in fiscal year 2006-2007, and to provide additional support documentation relative to Southern University’s share of Performance Incentive Funding.

BA-7 Number 6 revised to reflect the amended budgeted and adjusted budgeted amounts for fiscal year 2006-2007 and Southern University’s projected savings for personnel who retired under the provisions of Act 194.

D. Utilization by SU-Shreveport of funding previously allocated to support the Bond Issue for “debt service financing” for the Systemwide Bond Project.

E. Utilization of prior year Intramural Funds in the amount of $27,500 to support the acquisition of a bus for Intramural Sports and for use in collegiate athletics at SU Shreveport.

Continuation of the Athletics Fee increase of $25.00 previously approved for Spring 2007 to finance the Athletics Program for 2007-2008 was deferred until Board meeting on Saturday, April 21.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6 OTHER BUSINESS
None

AGENDA ITEM 7   ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev Bilberry seconded by Mr Joseph the meeting was adjourned

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Friday, April 20 2007
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee was convened by the Chair, Mr Murphy Nash, Jr

Committee Members Present
Mr Murphy Nash, Chair
Atty Dale N Atkins
Mr Walter Guidry
Mr Christopher Jackson
Mr Louis Miller
Mrs Lea Polk-Montgomery
Mr Johnny G Anderson Ex-officio

Committee Members Absent
None

University Personnel in Attendance
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman (select)
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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Board Counsel
Atty Winston DeCuir Sr

AGENDA ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Guidry, the agenda was adopted, as amended

Motion carried unanimously
AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs Linda Mosley and Atty Willie Zanders spoke in regards to Agenda Item 5

AGENDA ITEM 5 UPDATE ON MOSELY, ET AL UKPOLO, ET AL , NO 2007 02830, CDC/N O (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mrs Montgomery, seconded by Mr Miller, the Committee convened into an executive session to receive an update on the legal matter entitled 'Mosley, et al v Ukpolo, et al, No 2007 02830, CDC/orleans

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-RECONVENTION-

On motion of Mr Guidry, seconded by Atty Forstall, the Committee reconvened into open session

Motion carried unanimously Roll call vote 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

AGENDA ITEM 6 OTHER BUSINESS
None

AGENDA ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs Montgomery, seconded by Mr Anderson, the meeting was adjourned

Secretary SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Friday, April 20, 2007
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Legislative Committee was convened by the Chairman Ms Lea Montgomery

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Ms Lea P Montgomery, Chairman
Atty Tony Clayton, Vice Chairman
Atty Warren A Forstall
Mr Walter Guidry Jr
Mr John W Joseph
Mr Murphy Nash, Jr
Mr Elvin Pradia
Mr Achilles Williams
Mr Johnny G Anderson, Ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
NONE

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman (select) and Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpole and Leodrey Williams

BOARD COUNSEL
Atty Winston DeCuir, Sr

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr Guidry, seconded by Atty Clayton, the agenda was adopted, as printed

Motion carried unanimously
AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. FY 2008 Federal and State Legislative Initiatives, SU System

Mrs. Montgomery acknowledged that the Committee received the 2007 and 2008 Federal and State Legislative agendas from the System and Campuses. The following information was contained in the packages:

2007 2008 Federal Legislative Information
2007 Legislative Summary for the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (The full report was disseminated and is on file in the Board’s Office)

The Committee discussed various items contained in the report and the prospect of developing a position on certain legislation when needed.

The SU Legislative Team was directed to examine proposed State legislation that has the potential to negatively impact the Southern University System and to make concerns known to the Committee Chairperson so that the Board may act to take an official position on the legislation, as necessary.

Chairperson Montgomery requested that the Legislative Committee meet with the Legislative Team to discuss the Board’s positions on various bills identified in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None
AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Nash, the meeting was adjourned

Secretary SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman SU Board of Supervisors
PERSONNEL AFFAIRS AND POLICY COMMITTEE
Friday, April 20, 2007
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University    Baton Rouge Campus

MINUTES

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee was convened by the Chair, Atty Dale N Atkins

Committee Members Present
Atty Dale N Atkins, Chairperson
Mr John W Joseph, Vice Chairman
Mr Richard J Carton
Atty Tony M Clayton
Mr Myron K Lawson
Mr Louis Miller
Mr Murphy Nash, Jr
Mr Elvin Pradia

Board Chairman Johnny G Anderson recused himself from participating in the Committee’s deliberations

Committee Members Absent
None

University Personnel Attending
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Tolor White and Kassie Freeman (select)
Chancellors Ray Belton Edward Jackson Freddie Pitcher Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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Board Counsel
Atty Winston DeCuir Sr

AGENDA ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr Lawson, seconded by Mr Carton the agenda was adopted as printed

Motion carried unanimously
AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5 ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Mr. Lawson seconded by Mr. Caiton the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board the following:

Motion carried unanimously

A  Sabbatical leave for Dr. Charles Vincent, Professor of History at Southern University - Baton Rouge effective August 2007 - May 2008

   Sabbatical leave for Dr. Khalid Alshibli, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Southern University Rouge, effective August 2007 - May 2008

B  Interim Appointment of Dr. Wesley Bishop as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the Southern University - New Orleans Campus, effective retroactive to January 1, 2007 at a twelve-month salary of $78,000

C  Appointment of Dr. Rickey Warner as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at Southern University at New Orleans, effective retroactive to March 31, 2007 at an annual salary of $80,000

D  Authorization to the Southern University Law Center Administration to conduct a focus search to fill the position of Vice Chancellor for Institutional Accountability and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
AGENDA ITEM 5D REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE MARK FALCON REPORT (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr Pradia seconded by Atty Clayton, the Committee convened into an executive session under La Revised Statutes 42.6.14 to discuss investigative proceedings involving allegations of misconduct.

Motion carried unanimously Roll call vote 8 yea 0 nay 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-RECONVENTION/RECESS-

On motion of Atty Clayton seconded by Mr Joseph, the Committee reconvened into open session and recessed its meeting until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21.

Motion carried unanimously Roll call vote 7 yea 0 nay 0 abstentions

Mr Lawson exited the meeting during the executive session

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Saturday April 21 2007
9:00 a.m.

The Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee was reconvened by the Chair Atty Dale N Atkins

Committee Members Present
Atty Dale N Atkins, Chairperson
Mr John W Joseph, Vice Chairman
Mr Richard J Caiton
Atty Tony M Clayton
Mr Myron K Lawson
Mr Louis Miller
Mr Murphy Nash, Jr
Mr Elvin Pradia

Board Chairman Johnny G Anderson recused himself from participating in the Committee's deliberations

Committee Member Absent
Mr Myron K Lawson

University Personnel Attending
System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson Freddie Pitcher Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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Board Counsel
Atty Winston DeCuir Sr

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On motion of Mr Caiton, seconded by Mr Nash, the Committee reconvened into an executive session under La Revised Statutes 42 6 14 to discuss investigative proceedings involving allegations of misconduct

Motion carried unanimously Roll call vote 6 yeas, 0 nays 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Mr Miller entered the meeting

-RECONVENTION-

On motion of Atty Clayton, seconded by Mr Joseph, the Committee returned to open session
Motion carried unanimously Roll call vote 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

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On motion of Mr Pradia, seconded by Mr Joseph, the Committee recommends to the Board suspension of its rules to allow for the holding of a Special Board Meeting within less time than the ten-day advance notice requirement.

Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 6 OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr Caiton, seconded by Mr Pradia, the meeting was adjourned

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Friday, April 20, 2007
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J S Clark Administration Building
Southern University Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Legislative Committee was convened by the Chairman, Mr Achilles Williams

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr Achilles Williams, Chairman
Mr Chris Jackson, Vice Chairman
Atty Tony Clayton
Ms Lea P Montgomery
Mr Murphy Nash, Jr
Mr Johnny G Anderson, Ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman (select) and Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward R Jackson Freddie Pitcher Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams
Executive Vice Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

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BOARD COUNSEL
Atty Winston DeCuur, Sr

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr Guidry, seconded by Mr Nash, the agenda was adopted, as printed

Motion carried unanimously
AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Public/Media Relations Office Expansion and Improvement Plans, Campuses

The informational reports from the campuses on their Public/Media Relations Office Expansion and Improvement Plans were submitted to the Board (copies are on file in the Board’s Office)

Atty. Clayton expressed concerns about the status of the SUBR Public Relations Office and staff. In response, Chancellor Jackson stated that the campus is moving to implement a communications center that would combine all of the campus communications efforts.

Concerns were also expressed that the Campuses’ Public/Media Relations Offices are not appropriately staffed to ensure that they can do the work required to positively address the image of the University. The Chancellors were requested to review their plans and to fund these offices so that the University is projected positively in local and national media.

The reports were informational.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors
MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Acting Chair, Atty. Dale N. Atkins.

The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

PRESENT
Atty. Dale N. Atkins, Acting Chair
Mr. John W. Joseph, Acting Vice Chair
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Richard Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Christopher Jackson
Mrs. Worlita Jackson-Williams
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Elvin Pradia
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
System President Ralph Slaughter

BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winson DeCuir, Sr.
AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was amended to include the following.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Item 4A: Public Comments

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On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the agenda was further amended, as follows.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

AMENDMENT: Item 6A: Resolution regarding S.U. Graduation (Special Conditions)

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

a. Consideration of the Report of the Governor’s Special Counsel, Mark Falcon (Executive Session)

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board convened into an executive session, pursuant to LRS 42:6.1 to discuss the report of the Governor’s Special Counsel.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Atty. Clayton entered the meeting.

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Pradia, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the System President be and he is hereby directed to immediately turn over any information he may have to the University EEO Officer; and, to direct that office to conduct forthwith an investigation into that information in accordance with the Board’s Sexual Harrassment Policy.

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Atty. Clayton recalled the actions which had taken place prior to and following the report of the Governor’s Special Counsel. He also noted that the Board has acted deliberately and responsibly in working to arrive at a just decision.
REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR’S SPECIAL COUNSEL
(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mrs. Jackson-Williams, the Board convened into an executive session, pursuant to LRS 42:6.1 to discuss personnel actions relative to the report of the Governor’s Special Counsel.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the original motion under Item 5A was revised to direct the System President to turn over immediately any information he may have to the EEO/Human Resources Officer; and to direct that office to conduct forthwith an investigation into that information in accordance with the Board’s Sexual Harassment Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

This action was taken after the Board was advised that the Human Resources Officer also acts as the EEO Officer.

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On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Pradia, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 11 yeas, 3 nays: Bilberry, Caiton, Joseph; 0 abstentions.
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the President be and he is hereby placed on suspension or administrative leave with pay for a period of sixty (60) days, effective immediately. The President will return to work as President on July 5, 2007. During this period, the President is directed to cooperate with the investigation conducted by the EEO Officer.

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On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mr. Guidry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that Dr. Edward Jackson be and he is hereby appointed as Interim President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Pradia,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the directive issued to the System President to cooperate with the investigation conducted by the Human Resources/EEO Officer also extends to the Interim System President.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that Ms. Margaret Ambrose be and she is hereby appointed as Interim Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective until July 5, 2007.

AGENDA ITEM 6A: S.U. GRADUATION (SPECIAL CONDITIONS)

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Jackson,
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that any Southern University Campus, upon approval of the Chancellor, after due consideration of the student’s circumstance, may grant to a student who petitions to participate in commencement exercises, and who has six (6) or fewer credit hours remaining to complete all academic requirements for graduation, the privilege of such participation without the benefit of receiving an earned degree.

FURTHER RESOLVED that to be eligible to be considered for participation, the student must agree, in writing, to terms and conditions established by the Campus Administration and that he/she understands that such participation is symbolic only and does not by any means absolve him/her from completing all of the academic requirements to earn the degree that he/she is pursuing during a subsequent academic session.

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By consensus of the members present, the May 10-11 meetings were postponed. The next regular meeting of the Board will be announced by the Acting Chair once the dates are finalized.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Miller, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors