GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
(FOLLOWING THE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE)
FRIDAY, MAY 23, 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 Items
   a. Repeal of the Regulations of the Board of Supervisors: Section 4-6A – Supervisor Emeritus Title
   b. Adoption of Board Member Emeritus Policy
   c. Amendment Bylaws of the Board of Supervisors - Part 1-C: Membership

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Members
Mr. Achilles Williams (Chair); Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert (Vice Chair);
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Atty. Dale N. Atkins,
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.; Atty. Tony M. Clayton,
Mrs. Mary R. Doucet, Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery,
Mr. Myron K. Lawson (Ex officio)
regulations of the System, to continue as members, may do so.

C. United States Civil Service Retirement System.

Personnel of the Cooperative Extension Service who are required to become members of the United States Civil Service Retirement System shall be members of that System.

D. Old Age and Survivors Insurance (Social Security).

In specific cases, persons who are ineligible to participate in one of the three retirement plans mentioned above may contribute to and participate in OASI (Social Security).

Section 4-5. Conditions of Retirement.

Eligibility for retirement shall be in accordance with the provisions of the respective retirement systems.

Section 4-6. Emeritus Titles.

A. Supervisor Emeritus

The title of Supervisor Emeritus shall be conferred by the Board of Supervisors from time to time, as the occasion arises, upon a former Trustee who has served one or more full terms and has rendered outstanding service and demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the Board and University System. Recommendations for Supervisor Emeritus designations shall be tendered to the Board for approval by the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee shall also recommend to the Board the criteria and procedures to follow when considering designation of
the *Supervisor Emeritus* Title.

Supervisor Emeriti will be entitled to receive notices and minutes of all Board meetings, as well as invitations to Board and University - sponsored functions.

The conferring of this status shall ordinarily be in a public ceremony so that appropriate acknowledgment from the Board and Administration can be given in appreciation of the recipient's distinguished trustee service.

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B. Professor Emeritus

The Board, at its discretion, may elect to confer the title of *professor emeritus* on persons with academic rank who, upon retirement from the University, have attained the rank of professor and who have made outstanding contributions to the University.

The President, with the assistance of the Chancellors, shall appoint a system-wide committee to formulate system-wide procedures and criteria for conferring of the title of *professor emeritus*.

If feasible, the holder may be granted such amenities as office space, secretarial services and research facilities. The holder will be granted use of the library, free passes to cultural events, free parking privileges, and consideration for appointment to University advisory councils and committees.

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* Item 5b

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM — BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROPOSED BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS POLICY

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Objectives of Policy

1. To confer board member emeritus status on former or retired Southern University System—Board of Supervisors members in recognition of their contributions to the University System.

2. To offer privileges to former or retired Board Members as a means of keeping them affiliated with the University System, maintaining a special relationship with them and expressing gratitude for their service to the Southern University System.

Criteria for Selection

The Southern University System—Board of Supervisors will make decisions to confer the designation of Board Member Emeritus on an individual basis. Former or retired board members who have faithfully and distinguishably discharged their duties will be considered for this designation. The designation of Board Member Emeritus will be publicly announced in the form of a Board of Supervisors’ resolution.

Emeritus Privileges

Emeritus designees shall be:

1. Recognized by a Board resolution of emeritus Board status and be presented with a framed resolution;

2. Invited to attend all Board meetings, University System activities and special events;

3. Forwarded a schedule of all Board meetings;

4. Forwarded a notice of and materials (including minutes) related to all Board meetings;

5. Given library privileges;

6. Given an Internet account to include e-mail, Telnet, World Wide Web, and other emerging protocol; and

7. Maybe listed in the emeritus status in publications where sitting Board Members are cited.

* Revised Since 1st posting
The proposed amendment should read as follows:

1. **Board Member Emeritus**

   The Board of Supervisors has established the category of Board Member Emeritus to honor and acknowledge distinguished service by a Board Member to the University System at large and to enable the Board to benefit from the continuing involvement of valued individuals in the Board’s activities and decision-making.

   After leaving Board membership, a board member who has served [one full six year term or two full terms] and who has provided outstanding service shall be eligible for nomination as a Board Member Emeritus. Terms of service need not be sequential. Election to Board Member Emeritus status shall be by majority vote of the Board, upon nomination by the Executive Committee. A Board Member Emeritus shall serve for a term of [two years or four years] and may be re-elected without limit.¹

   Board Members Emeriti shall be entitled to receive the schedules and notices of Board meetings, to attend and speak at all public meetings, to request minutes of meetings of the Board, to participate in all Board functions, may be called upon to assist the Board and the President in those matters where the individual’s interest, experience and expertise will best serve the University System and is eligible to be appointed by the Chair to serve on any of the Board’s select advisory committees. They shall have the power to vote in meetings of any committee on which they serve, but they shall not be counted as a member of the Board of Supervisors for any purpose. The number of emeritus positions is discretionary with the Board.

¹ The italic print is inserted to emphasize that the time periods should be either be recommended by the Governance Committee or selected the Board.