SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1990

BOARD ROOM, J.S. CLARK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - BATON ROUGE CAMPUS

#### MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.

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

### PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. Mr. Curley M. Dossman Mrs. Pearlie H. Elloie Mr. James L. Florent Rev. Joe R. Gant Dr. E. C. Harrison
Atty. Willie Hunter, Jr.
Dr. James Meza, Jr.
Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
Mr. Gerald T. Peltier
Mr. Joe A. Terrell

Mrs. Joyous Van Buskirk

### ABSENT

Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice Chairman

Mr. Mack Abraham
Dr. Robert Gaston
Ms. Alethea Skinner

### UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President/Chancellor Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board Vice-President Tolor E. White Chancellors Robert Gex and Robert Smith Interim Executive Vice-Chancellor Wilbur Clarke Vice-Chancellors O. Bell, S. Gilliam, W. Moore, and M. Yates Messrs. T. Butler, C. Lewis, and L. McGhee

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Atty. W. DeCuir and W. Jefferson

### AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

#### AMENDMENTS:

- Item 6c. Add to Desegregation Litigation Committee's report an executive session re update on desegregation case and Whisenton lawsuit
  - 6d. Delete Facilities, Property, and Grounds Committee's report
- ADD: 7d. SUBR: Forms 25 40
  - 7e. SUNO: Forms 41 55
  - 7f. SUSBO: Forms 56 59; 62, 64 70 Delete Form 63, SUSBO
  - 7g. SULC: Forms 60 and 61
  - 10a. Request for approval to establish positions to administer Drug/Alcohol Education program on each campus
  - 10b. Location of June Board meetings
  - 10c. Point of Personal Privilege Mrs. Van Buskirk
  - 10d. Request for approval of right-of-entry

# AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 1990 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Dr. Harrison, the minutes of the April 28, 1990 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6: COMMITTEE REPORTS

# a. Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the Purpose Statements for SUBR, SUNO and SUSBO with suggested language changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Florent, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, upheld the Administration's decision regarding the appeal of Mr. Gregory DeCastro.

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On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus for Dr. Jewel Prestage and the title of Professor Emeritus for the individuals named below:

Dr. Thelma Cobb - English

Dr. Walter Craig - Music

Dr. T. Leroy Davis - Music

Mrs. Frances Marsh Ellis - Music

Dr. Noel Gray - History

Dr. Paul Lin - Philosophy

Dr. San Su Lin - English

Motion carried unanimously.

The presence of these persons was acknowledged by the Board. The absence of Dr. Davis due to illness was noted. It was noted that Dr. Jewel Prestage would be present at the July Board meeting. The Board's commendations were extended to each person.

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On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the report of the Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

### b. Athletic Committee

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Florent, the Board received the report on the 1989-90 Athletic Income and Expenditure Projections at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the increase in student athletic fees for SUBR from \$30 to \$70 per semester, effective Fall 1990, for full-time undergraduate, graduate and law students who are enrolled on campus and for part-time undergraduate who are enrolled on campus.

Further, the Administration was authorized to study the impact of a mandatory or an optional assessment of an athletic fee for part-time graduate students and to present its recommendation to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration was requested to provide the Board with a list of exemptions from the Athletic fee assessment. It was further suggested that the exemption should be so indicated on the ID cards issued to affected students.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Peltier, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the amended contract for Mr. Ben Jobe, head coach of the Men's Basketball Team at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Florent, the Board received the report on the 1989-90 Athletic budget for SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by M. Terrell, the Board received the report on the 1989-90 Intramural Athletic Activities at SUSBO.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Peltier, the Board approved the report of the Athletic Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

# c. Finance and Business Affairs Committee

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the letter of engagement to obtain the services of Bruno and Tervalon, CPA firm, to audit the records of the SUBR Athletic Department for the year ended June 30, 1988.

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On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Florent, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the following BA-7s.

BA-7 #4 Board and System Administration BA-7 #4 and #5 S.U. and A & M College

BA-7 #4 and #5 SUNO BA-7 #5 and #6 SUSBO

Motion carried unanimously.

A correction was made to reflect travel funds for Board members' attendance at meetings on the BA-7 #4 for the Board and System Administration.

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On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, gave preliminary approval to the 1989-90 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire for the S.U. System, as of May 9, 1990.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board, accepting the Committee's recommendation, approved the concept (which includes fundraising) reflected in the proposal from the Advisory Council for the College of Business.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

# d. Desegregation Litigation Committee

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss litigation regarding higher education desegregation and the Dr. Joffre T. Whisenton lawsuit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

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Open Session

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terrell announced that no decisions were made in the executive session.

On motion of Atty. Hunter, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board received the report of the Desegregation Litigation Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

# AGENDA ITEM 7: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board approved personnel actions listed below.

- SUBR: Forms 1 17 and 25 40
- SUNO: Forms 18 23 and 41 55
- SUSBO: Forms 24, 56 59, 62, 64 70
- SULAC: Forms 60 and 61

Motion carried unanimously.

### AGENDA ITEM 8: RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Dr. Harrison, the Board approved resolutions of condolences to the families named below:

- Mr. Elliot DeLoch
- Mrs. Rose Whitfield

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A resolution of commendation was presented to Miss Lisa Smith, immediate past president of the Student Government Association at SUBR.

# AGENDA ITEM 9: INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT, SUSBO

On motion of Mr. Florent, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board accepted SUSBO's response to the Inspector General's report.

In light of the success cited by Dr. Spikes with respect to the task force's work at SUSBO, Mr. Sensley suggested establishing similar groups to review the operations of the SUNO and SUNO and the Law Center.

#### AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Drug/Alcohol Education Programs

On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board authorized the Administration to establish positions to administer federally mandated Drug and Alcohol Education programs on each campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

### b. June Board Meeting Location

The Board was unable to reach a consensus on holding the June Board meeting in Shreveport. It was subsequently suggested that the Chairman and the President develop and submit to the Board several options from which to select a date for the Board to meet in Shreveport.

### c. Point of Personal Privilege

Mrs. Van Buskirk described legislation pending in the current session which could generate additional funds for higher education. HCR #1 by Rep. Kimble seeks to suspend exemptions on  $2\phi$  of the State's sales tax, generating \$200 million. She asked the Board to go on record in support of one additional cent which would increase additional revenues to \$300 million dollars.

Mrs. Van Buskirk also called to the Board's attention HB1684 which could provide \$142 million through a refinery tax. Of this amount, \$40 million would be dedicated to fund pay increases for college faculty.

Several members spoke to oppose any action by the Board to unilaterally endorse legislation before deliberating with other higher education officials, and members of the Legislature -- specifically, the Legislative Black Caucus.

At the Board's invitation, Ms. Carol Coltharp gave a brief report on the meeting scheduled by the Board of Regents with key higher education leaders, in an attempt to reach a consensus on what legislative measures can be supported. Ms. Coltharp re-

ported the latest public opinion poll indicated support of additional taxes, if they are dedicated to higher education.

Mr. Peltier registered concern for endorsing additional taxes absent a guarantee that Southern University would receive a fair share of the additional revenues.

Mr. Sensley was asked to appoint a Committee of three Board members to work with the Administration in determining, through dialogue with higher education officials and legislators, appropriate legislation to be endorsed by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Dr. Harrison, the Board authorized the appointment of three members to work with the Board Chairman, President and her staff to look at any means that would generate additional revenues for higher education, in general, and Southern University, in particular. This will include meetings with higher education boards, legislators in general and specifically, the Black Caucus. The Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Board once a decision has been made.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sensley appointed the following members to the Committee:

- Mr. Joe A. Terrell
- Mrs. Joyous Van Buskirk
- Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry

## d. Right-of-Entry

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board granted to the United States of America (Department of the Army) a right of entry on the Baton Rouge campus for Mississippi River - Overbank and Sedimentation Surveys.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors