

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
9:00 A.M.  
Saturday, November 24, 1990  
City Club, 5th floor  
New Orleans, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

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

PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman  
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Mack Abraham  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Mr. Curley M. Dossman  
Mr. James L. Florent  
Rev. Joe R. Gant  
Dr. Robert Gaston  
Dr. E.C. Harrison  
Atty. Willie Hunter, Jr.  
Mr. Roscoe J. Moore  
Dr. James Meza, Jr.  
Mr. Gerald T. Peltier  
Mr. Alaric Richard  
Mr. Joe A. Terrell  
Mrs. Joyous Van Buskirk

ABSENT

Mrs. Pearlle H. Elloie

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President/Chancellor Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board  
Vice-President Tolor E. White  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, and Robert Smith  
Interim Executive Vice-Chancellor Wilbur Clarke  
Vice-Chancellors M. Bartley, C. Cunningham, S. Gilliam, J. Hoffman, W. Moore, J. Robinson, F. Williams, and M. Yates  
Messrs. T. Butler, M. Casem, C. Lewis, and L. McGhee  
Dr. L. Williams

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS:**

- Agenda Item 7f. Proposal for dormitory facility, SUNO
- 7g. Proposed football classics
- 11. Points of personal privilege - outgoing Board members

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 1991**

**a. Board Chairman**

Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Willie Sensley as Board Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Terrell.

There were no other nominations. A motion by Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mr. Moore, to close nominations was approved.

Mr. Sensley was re-elected by acclamation to the position of Board Chairman.

**b. Board Vice-Chairman**

Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham as Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Rev. Bilberry.

There were no other nominations. A motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Abraham, to close nominations was approved.

Mr. Higginbotham was re-elected by acclamation to the position of Board Vice-Chairman.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 1990  
BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the minutes of the October 27, 1990 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee**

The Committee's report was presented by Dr. E.C. Harrison.

A motion was offered by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Higginbotham for Board approval of the employment contract, as amended by the Committee, for S.U. System President Dolores R. Spikes.

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On a substitute motion by Dr. Gaston, seconded by Dr. Meza, the Board approved the employment contract for S.U. System President Dolores R. Spikes, as amended by the Committee and with an additional amendment to Section 9 to delete the clause, "removal of the President for cause."

The substitute motion carried. Roll call vote: 11 yeas, 5 nays.

That portion of Section 9, with the **original language**, appears below:

In the event of the abolition of the System Presidency prior to fiscal year 1995-96 or removal of the President for cause or any other reason beyond her control and upon her written request,  
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That portion of Section 9, with the **amended language**, appears below:

In the event of the abolition of the System Presidency prior to fiscal year 1995-96 or removal of the President for any reason, other than cause, beyond her control and upon her written request,  
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On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the resolution regarding candidates for degrees during the 1990 Fall Commencement.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by Mr. Peltier.

On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved tuition discounts for SUBR and SUSBO employees/dependents for the 1990 Fall semester.

Motion carried unanimously.



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On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and gave tentative approval of the deferred maintenance projects for the System, subject to the final review and action by the Board at its January 1991 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the addendum to the resolution, dated November 26, 1988, regarding execution of documents to include authorizing the President to enter into alliance and consortium agreements and other associations as specified in the addendum.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board shall be kept apprised of the various agreements entered by the President on the University's behalf.

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On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the food service contract between SUBR and Creative Food Management, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Mrs. Van Buskirk, the Board accepted the action of the Committee to delete the item regarding a finance plan for a dormitory facility at SUNO and to have it placed on the Board's November 24 agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Peltier seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the revised salary increases for SUSBO faculty.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the following BA-7s.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BA-7 #3, SUBR and SUNO**  
**#4, SUSBO**

These BA-7s incorporate into the campuses' operating budgets funds for faculty salary increases based on authorization received from the Division of Administration and the Board of Regents. These amounts are included in the operating budgets previously approved by the Board.

**BA-7 #4, SUBR and SUNO**  
**#3, SUSBO**

These BA-7s incorporate self-generated revenues as per the 1990-91 operating budgets which were previously approved by the Board.

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On motion of Mr. Peltier, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Desegregation Litigation Committee

The Committtee's report was presented by Mr. Joe A. Terrell.

Mr. Terrell extended the Committee's appreciation to Atty. William Jefferson for his able assistance as the Board's counsel in the desegregation litigation. The Committee's best wishes for success were offered to Atty. Jefferson in his newly-elected office to the U.S. Congress.

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mrs. Van Buskirk, the Board approved the report of the Desegregation Litigation Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

In his parting remarks, Atty. Jefferson recognized Southern University's contribution to his successful career and pledged his continued assistance to the University.

A Board resolution of commendation to Atty. Jefferson was read by President Spikes.

Student Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by Mr. Alaric Richard.

Mr. Richard noted the absence in the report of the Committee's discussion regarding immediate implementation of measures to correct attitudinal problems of the Financial Aid personnel on the Baton Rouge and New Orleans campuses.

On motion of Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Florent, the Board approved the report of the Student Affairs Committee, with the understanding that the Committee's discussion regarding immediate implementation of measures to address attitudinal problems would be included.

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Committee to Review System Staff Officers and Salaries

The Committee's report was presented by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation to fill vacant System positions as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the report of the Special Committee to Review System Staff Officers and Salaries.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7f: PROPOSAL FOR DORMITORY FACILITY AT SUNO**

Chancellor Gex reported on his meeting with members of the Kwantai Foundation and the architectural firm involved in securing housing facility for SUNO.

A resolution drafted for Board approval of this venture was reviewed. The resolution was amended upon Chancellor Gex's recommendation to incorporate language which would require prior



approval by SUNO before the submission of any contracts or agreements to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mrs. Van Buskirk, the Board approved the resolution, as amended, authorizing the Kwantai Foundation, Inc. to investigate the use of tax exempt bond financing for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a dormitory facility at SUNO, and providing for other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7g: PROPOSED FOOTBALL CLASSICS**

SUBR's participation in two football classics during the 1991 season was announced by President Spikes, as a part of the University's ongoing fundraising efforts. Both classics will provide guaranteed revenues in excess of the amounts usually generated by playing the games at home.

Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas were reported as the sites of these two classics involving Southern University against South Carolina and Tennessee State Universities, respectively.

The University's participation in these classics will reduce the number of 1991 home football games from 5 to 3.

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board authorized the Administration to finalize the contractual arrangements for Southern University's participation in the two football classics. Further, the Board authorized the revision of the 1991 football schedule to reflect the two events.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was advised of Athletic Director Casem's concern regarding the acceptance of the 1991 football schedule changes by the University's alumni and fans. Another concern expressed was limited student attendance at the Classics due to travel and lodging expense.

Final comments referred to the significance of the University's involvement in the two classics, specifically, as it relates to national recognition and additional revenues.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mrs. Van Buskirk, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

- S.U. System: Forms 1 - 2a
- S.U. and A & M College: Forms 3 - 9e
- SUNO: Forms 10 - 15c
- SUSBO: Forms 16 - 21

The Administration was reminded to attach vitae and other documents in support of future administrative personnel recommendations.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Terrell, seconded by Mr. Florent, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Commendations
  - Senator William Jefferson
  - The S.U. School of Nursing
  - Dr. Raymond Hicks
  - Dr. Johnny Vance
  - Mr. Willie Burton
- Condolences
  - The Earl Gray Family
  - The Walter Austin Family
  - The Sharon Crumpton Family
  - The Stonewall Hunter, Jr. Family

**AGENDA ITEM 10: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

- Responses to Board of Regents' Self-Assessment Questionnaire

The Board acknowledged receipt of the questionnaire and extended commendations to the Administration on the information contained therein.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: OTHER BUSINESS**

Points of Personal Privilege

Mr. Gerald T. Peltier issued a public statement in regards to the future appointment to the Board of persons who formerly held high administrative positions at the University. Mr. Peltier's statement in its entirety is on tape.

Other Board members whose terms will expire on December 31 tendered parting remarks.



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**AGENDA ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors