

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
10:00 A.M.  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1991  
BOARD ROOM, J.S. CLARK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - BATON ROUGE

MINUTES

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

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

PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman  
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice-Chairman  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Mr. Curley M. Dossman  
Mr. Patrick Fontenot  
Rev. Joe R. Gant  
Mr. John J. Graham

Mr. Allen J. Hamilton  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Mr. Roscoe J. Moore  
Dr. Jenny D. Phillips  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Alaric Richard  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

Mr. Mack Abraham

Dr. James Meza, Jr.

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, F. Williams, and M. Yates

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS:**

- Change Item 10 to Item 6 and re-number succeeding items

- Item 6: Reports
  - a. SUBR - Harvard University Collaboration
  - b. Merrill-Lynch "Teaching Excellence" Award
  - c. Update on legal matters
    - (1) Higher Education Desegregation Case
    - (2) Joffre T. Whisenton Case
    - (3) Kenneth J. Arenson Case
- 8: Personnel recommendations
- Add 8e: SUBR: Forms 58 - 60 and 63
- 8f: SUNO: Forms 61 and 62
- 9: Resolutions
- Add 9c: Resolution in support of Minority Research Center, SUBR
- Add 13a: Resolution from Faculty Senate, SUBR
- 13b: Announcements by Chancellor Gex, SUNO
- 13c: Appointment of Committee to Review the Grievance Procedures

**AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 1991 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Graham, the minutes of the March 23, 1991 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORTS**

a. SUBR - Harvard University Collaboration

Dr. Spikes reported on recent efforts by representatives of Southern University, the Louisiana Governor's Office and Harvard University to develop a collaborative relationship between the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Southern University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Three areas for collaboration have been identified and agreed to by the two institutions:

- (1) Faculty development opportunities for the SUBR's Master of Public Administration faculty, including (a) training in the case method of teaching and (b) access to the Kennedy School of Government Case Clearinghouse;



- (2) Curriculum development, including the enhancement of policy areas of study for the S.U. MPA program and the development of executive training and political leadership seminars; and
- (3) Case development research, in which the S.U. faculty would assume a fundamental role in providing case materials from the South, which could significantly supplement the existing case holdings at the Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Leon Tarver, Secretary, Louisiana State Department of Taxation and Revenue, detailed the Governor's support of this collaboration. He committed financial support in the amount of \$264,000 for the current year. These funds are being requested through legislative action this session.

Dr. Huey Perry, Interim Dean of the School of Public Policy reported that both the SUBR and Harvard faculties had responded favorably to this proposed collaboration.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the collaboration between SUBR and Harvard University, the funding related thereto, and authorized the Administration to submit the plan to the Board of Regents for its action.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Merrill-Lynch "Excellence in Teaching" Award

Dr. Jenny D. Phillips reported that representatives of Merrill-Lynch expressed an interest in providing financial support to Southern University in the form of an award recognizing teaching excellence of the faculty. For this year, Merrill-Lynch proposes awarding \$1,000 to the selected recipient. The details of the selection process are to be developed by the University.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board accepted this offer from Merrill-Lynch and directed the Administration to develop guidelines for selecting the recipient of the "Excellence in Teaching" Award.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, a resolution of appreciation shall be transmitted to Merrill-Lynch expressing the Board and University's appreciation for its support.

c. Update on Legal Matters

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board convened into an executive session to receive an update on the following legal matters.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (1) Higher Education Desegregation Case
- (2) Joffre T. Whisenton Case
- (3) Kenneth J. Arenson Case

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board authorized the President to disburse the sum of \$94,051.36 in the settlement of the Joffre T. Whisenton case.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Moore, in accordance with the request by counsel, the Board authorized said counsel to pursue the course outlined in the executive session relating to the desegregation case.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Athletic Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Curley M. Dossman.



On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved an amendment to the Capital Outlay Request to include renovation and repair to the track and field facilities at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's report also provided information on:

- the 1990-91 Athletic budget for SUNO
- an appeal by Mr. Harold Hunter, SUNO

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee

The Committee's report was presented by Mr. John J. Graham.

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the quarterly report on deferred and preventive maintenance projects at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the right-of-entry for construction, survey and exploration by the U.S. Department, Corps of Engineers. The Board also passed, by way of a resolution, a Declaration of Ownership of any objects of historic significance discovered in the area of construction and specifically requested that the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, turn over such objects to Southern University.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was given by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

BA-7 #6 - SUBR

BA-7 #5 - SUNO  
#6 - SUNO

BA-7 #5 - SUSBO

Descriptions of the BA-7s are provided in the Committee's report.

Other informational items included in the report were:

- Systemwide tuition discount policy
- Update on implementation of short-range solutions in the area of registration

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On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Evaluation of the President

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

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the evaluation of the President.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's report reflecting a favorable evaluation of System President Dolores R. Spikes.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized the Ad Hoc Committee to remain in place indefinitely for the purpose of modifying the instrument for evaluating the President.

Motion carried unanimously.

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In response to an inquiry from Chairman Sensley, Dr. Spikes reported that evaluation instruments are in place and are being used for other University employees. She asked the Board to review these instruments prior to requesting any changes.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Board/System: Form 1
- SU & A&M: Forms 2 - 19; 58 - 60; 63
- SUNO: Forms 20 - 54; 61 and 62
- SUSBO: Forms 55-57

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board approved candidates for degrees during the 1991 Spring Commencement on the three campuses and the Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously.



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On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board approved resolutions of condolences to the family of persons named below.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Alex Lewis
- Mrs. Constance L. Marcelle
- Mr. Carl McLendon
- Mr. James Ambroise, Sr.
- Mrs. Alma C. Rowley

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board approved a resolution in support of the development and implementation of a Minority Research Center of Excellence at Southern University - Baton Rouge.

Mr. Graham asked that the Board receive a copy of the National Science Foundation proposal.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: POLICY ON RESERVIST AND NATIONAL GUARD  
MOBILIZATION/ACTIVATION**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Board adopted the policy on Reservist and National Guard Mobilization/Activation for students in the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS**

This item was deferred until the May 1991 meeting of the Board.



**AGENDA ITEM 12: PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A report on the status of the University was given by President Spikes. The areas listed below were highlighted:

- a. Accreditation Vistits, SUBR
- b. Reductions in System positions proposed by the Division of Administration
- c. Annual Fundraising Campaign
- d. Problems with Deferred Payments and Accounts Receivable, SUBR
- e. Update on Chancellor's Search, SU & A&M College

The President also shared with the Board a communication from Miss Lisa Smith, a student of SU & A&M College. Miss Smith's communication was selected from among those received in response to a Board's resolution of commendation of Southern University students and staff on active duty in the Persian Gulf.

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Board members John J. Graham and Nina Hebert-Marchand were recognized for donating \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively, to the University's current fundraising campaign.

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The President and the Search Committee Chairman were asked to provide the Board with the information received by the Search Committee on the top fifteen applicants for the position of Chancellor of SU & A&M College.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution from the Faculty Senate

Dr. Raymond Lockett, President of the Faculty Senate, read a resolution passed by that body in regards to the search and selection of a Chancellor of SU & A&M College at Baton Rouge.

The Board's thanks were extended to Dr. Lockett and the Faculty Senate.

b. Announcements by Chancellor Robert Gex, SUNO

Chancellor Gex reported the following:

- (1) The SUNO Foundation Gala (Annual Scholarship Fundraiser) will be held on Saturday, May 4, 7 - 11 P.M. at the SUNO University Center. Invitations were sent to all Board members.
- (2) Miss Maya Angelou, noted author, social activist and speaker, will address SUNO Family on Monday, May 6, 11:00 A.M. All Board members were invited to attend.
- (3) SUNO's participation in selected economic development projects in New Orleans East:
  - (a) proposal to enter a cooperative agreement with Almonaster-Michoud Industrial District Area to operate a small business incubator
  - (b) proposal to establish a technology institute which will operate in conjunction with small business incubator

At the May meeting, SUNO will offer proposals and complete business plans describing each project.

Board members were asked to arrive at SUNO at 10:45 A.M. on Friday, May 24. At this time, they will be transported to the site of this project.

c. Appointment of Committee to Review the Grievance Procedures

Persons named below were appointed by the Chairman to serve as the Committee to Review the Grievance Procedure.

- Atty. Edselle Cunningham, Chairman
- Mr. Patrick Fontenot
- Dr. Jenny D. Phillips
- Atty. Winston DeCuir
- Mr. Thurman Butler


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The presence of Mr. Renee' Whatley, S.U. graduate, was recognized. Mr. Whatley is currently employed as a financial consultant with Merrill-Lynch and is a professional sports agent. He briefly described his efforts in assisting S.U. athletes interested in careers in professional sports.

The Board also recognized the presence of Mr. Kent Smith, newly-elected President of the Student Government Association at SU & A&M College. Mr. Smith will become the next student representative on the Board of Supervisors.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors