

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, February 23, 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 Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham.

PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman	Rev. Joe R. Gant
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice-Chairman	Mr. Allen J. Hamilton
Mr. Mack Abraham	Dr. James Meza, Jr.
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.	Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
Atty. Edselle Cunningham	Dr. Jenny D. Phillips
Mr. Curley M. Dossman	Mr. Alaric Richard
Mrs. Pearlle H. Elloie	Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.
Mr. Patrick Fontenot	Mrs. Joyous Van Buskirk
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.	

ABSENT

Mr. John J. Graham

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 C. Cunningham, S. Gilliam, J. Hoffman, W. Moore,  
M. Yates, and F. Williams  
Messrs. T. Butler, C. Lewis, and L. McGhee

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

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

**AMENDMENTS:**

- 5a. Opinion regarding salary supplement request of Mr. Donald Wade
- 6e. Update on Joffre T. Whisenton case

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- 6f. Point of personal privilege - Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
- 7b. Personnel recommendations  
SUBR: Form 14, change effective date from 7/1/90 to 3/1/91
- 9a. Announcements regarding Board of Regents' Workshop and Board of Supervisors' Retreat

**AGENDA ITEM 5: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 1991 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the minutes of the January 26, 1991 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5a: OPINION REGARDING THE SALARY SUPPLEMENT REQUEST BY MR. DONALD WADE**

In connection with the request of Mr. Donald Wade, (Finance and Business Affairs Committee's report) the Administration requested Atty. Winston Decuir to provide an opinion on the legal and ethical concerns which might be raised.

Atty. Winston Decuir reported on his review and findings relative to Mr. Donald Wade's request for inclusion of his salary supplement paid by the Alumni Federation in his base salary. The request was brought to the attention of the Ethics Commission's attorney who advised that Mr. Wade's request was allowable within the statutes of that body.

Atty. Decuir was also asked to report his findings on the resolution which was deleted from the Finance and Business Affairs Committee's agenda on the previous day. The resolution reflected a policy statement on the inclusion of designated allowances and other salary supplements in the base salary of certain University officers.

In response, Atty. Decuir indicated the resolution was found to be in compliance with the Ethics Commission statutes. Inasmuch as the term benefits as reflected in the resolution have not been defined within said statutes, it was suggested that all requests regarding this issue on supplemental pay be submitted on a case by case basis for an advisory opinion by the Ethics Commission.



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Finally, Atty. Decuir indicated that an opinion regarding Mr. Wade's request will be requested from the Retirement System.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

The report noted the Committee's deliberations in Executive Session on the ABA's report regarding the Law Center.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Committee

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

As a part of the 1990 Bayou Classic report to the Committee, Mr. Clarence Cunningham provided a further itemization of reimbursable charges to the Superdome in the amount of \$159,561.

Additional information regarding this matter will be provided by Mr. Clarence Cunningham for the March 1991 meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized the President to approve what she deemed as acceptable Bayou Classic Television Rights Agreements, taking into consideration the comments of the Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration was requested to submit for the Board's review a copy of the final agreements.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities, Property, and Grounds Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Mack Abraham.

The report reflected the Committee's review of the status of Capital Outlay Projects in the System.

On motion of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board approved the report of the Facilities, Property, and Grounds Committee.

Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Pearlle H. Elloie.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Elloie, and seconded by Mr. Dossman, to approved the inclusion of the salary supplement provided by the Alumni Federation into the base salary of Mr. Donald C. Wade, the Alumni Director. The inclusion shall be effective for the 1990-91 school year and continue until Mr. Wade's retirement. The Federation will pay the subsidized salary amount and cost of fringe benefits to the University.

Mr. Abraham's remarks regarding this item were ruled out of order by the Chair.

The Chair's ruling was upheld by a roll call vote of 12 yeas and 5 nays.

A concern was raised by Rev. Bilberry relative to the Board's authority to make future changes in Mr. Wade's request, if it approved the request in its present form.

This question raised another concern relative to the accuracy of the minutes in reflecting the Committee's recommendation.

In response to both concerns, Mr. Higginbotham indicated his motion was to approve Mr. Wade's request, as submitted; and he added further that the Board has the authority to rescind or change its action at a later time.



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The motion to approve Mr. Wade's request was carried. Dr. Phillips voted nay.

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On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved BA-7 #5 for the Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

BA-7 #5 brings into the budget self-generated funds (Building Use Fees) in the amount of \$414,341 to be used for selected preventive maintenance projects approved during the Board's January 1991 meeting.

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On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation to allow the President to provide for the removal of hazardous waste at SUSBO by allowing SUSBO to substitute this as one of its Deferred Maintenance Projects for one already on the approved list.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Board discussed at length requests for information submitted by its members to the Administration. Of specific concern was the amount and frequency of the requests which sometimes place a burden on the Administration.

Several members supported the requests, noting the importance of members having sufficient information with which to make decisions on matters before the Board.

In a closing statement, Mrs. Elloie recognized the Board's need for sufficient information as well as the Administration's difficulty in determining the amount sufficient for each member. She suggested the Administration attempt to provide sufficient background information on all items submitted to the Board. Board members requiring additional information should make a request.

In clarifying her request for information on all University employees who receive salary supplements, Dr. Phillips amended her request by limiting the information requested to Administrators only.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6e: UPDATE ON JOFFRE T. WHISENTON CASE**

Matters discussed during an executive session at the January Board meeting have been implemented, Mr. DeCuir advised. Additionally, negotiations between the attorneys are underway, but have not been fruitful.

The appeal of the defendants is expected to be heard by the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals on March 26.

The strategy to be used by the Office of Risk Management in further prosecution of the case will be discussed in a forthcoming meeting with that Office's representative, the Board Chairman and the System President.

In closing, Mr. DeCuir reported the position of the Office of Risk Management as it relates to the judgement issued in the case. That Office has indicated that it does not insure salaries, and therefore, will not be responsible for that portion of the judgement. This amount would have to be covered by the University which may, in turn, seek an appropriation from the Legislature.

**AGENDA ITEM 6f: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mr. Roscoe Moore advised the Board of his efforts to gain legislative support for funds for the resurfacing of the track field at SUBR.

Continuing, Mr. Moore again raised the issue of new uniforms and the budget for the Marching Band. In support of new Band uniforms, he referred to the number of engagements in which the Band participates and distributed a copy of a newspaper article depicting the Band's participation in the 1991 Senior Bowl. Mr. Moore also noted budgets for bands at other State colleges and universities in support of increased funding for Southern University's band. He called upon the Board Chairman to assist in identifying a source for funds to support the Band.



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**AGENDA ITEM 7: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

S.U. System: Forms 1, 2 and 2a  
S.U. and A & M College: Forms 3 - 19  
SUNO: Forms 20 - 25  
SUSBO: Forms 26 - 29

**AGENDA ITEM 8: RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were approved unanimously by the Board.

**Condolences**

- The Lenetta Barnes Brandon Family
- The Delores Fenlon Family

**Commendations**

- Mrs. Susie Clarke Greene
- Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUISNESS**

a. Announcements of Board of Regents' Workshop and Board of Supervisors' Retreat

Members of the Board were reminded of the following activities:

- a. Board of Regents' Workshop - Wednesday, March 6 - Hilton Hotel - 9 A.M.
- B. Board of Supervisors' Retreat - Thursday, March 7 - Mayberry Dining Hall - 9 A.M.

Dr. Stone offered the following suggestions to enhance the success of the Board's Retreat:

- The President should be asked to submit on behalf of the University any proposed changes in the current Board regulations which she feels will enable her to strengthen (administratively) the S.U. System
- Each Board member should familiarize himself with the existing rules and be prepared to discuss any changes.

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Dr. Spikes announced that all campuses of the Southern University System are a part of a project called the Louisiana Space Consortium. The Consortium includes sixteen Louisiana institutions of higher education which have come together to strengthen aerospace research and education within the state. Southern University and LSU are the state's lead institutions on the project. Professor Diola Bagayoko was recognized for his efforts in getting the project funded.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Moore, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors