

Southern University Board of Supervisors
10:00 A.M.
Saturday, May 25, 1991
J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University - New Orleans

MINUTES

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

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry gave the invocation.

PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman	Mr. John J. Graham
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice-Chairman	Mr. Allen J. Hamilton
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry	Mrs. Nina Hebert-Marchand
Atty. Edselle Cunningham	Dr. James Meza, Jr.
Mr. Curley M. Dossman	Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
Mrs. Pearlle H. Elloie	Dr. Jenny D. Phillips
MR. Patrick Fontenot	Mr. Alaric Richard
Rev. Joe R. Gant	Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

Mr. Mack Abraham

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
Vice-Chancellors M. Bartley, C. Cunningham, S. Gilliam, J. Hoffman, A. Jefferson, W. Moore, J. Robinson, L. Williams, and M. Yates
Messrs. T. Butler, C. Lewis, and L. McGhee

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS: Interchange agenda items 6 and 7
Add: Report by Atty. W. DeCuir

**AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 1991
REGULAR MEETING AND THE MAY 23, 1991 SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE BOARD**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the minutes of its April 27 regular meeting and May 23 special meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: RECOMMENDATION TO FILL POSITION FOR CHANCELLOR OF
S.U & A&M COLLEGE**

Mr. Sensley advised that this item would be discussed in an executive session.

Mrs. Elloie spoke to support holding the discussion in open session. One reason she gave for making this request was to continue the process used by the Search Committee of having the discussion in an open forum.

Mrs. Elloie offered this suggestion in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Dr. Meza.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 8 yeas, 6 nays, 3 abstentions.

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mrs. Hebert-Marchand, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the recommendations of the Search Committee and the President.

The motion carried. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 1 abstention.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Dr. Phillips, the Board reconvened into open session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Spikes reported that the Search Committee recommended three names as a result of a long exhaustive search.

The three names in alphabetical order were:

- Dr. Douglas Covington
- Dr. Josephine Davis
- Dr. Leslie McLemore

Dr. Spikes recommended the appointment of Dr. Douglas Covington as Chancellor of Southern University at Baton Rouge for Board approval.

A motion was offered by Dr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Elloie, to approve the President's recommendation.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 9 yeas, 8 nays.

Mr. Sensley appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Board members to continue the search for a Chancellor for the Baton Rouge campus and to submit its recommendation at the June Board meeting.

The following Board members were appointed to the Committee:

Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Chairman
Mr. Curley M. Dossman
Mr. Patrick Fontenot
Mr. Allen Hamilton
Dr. Jenny Phillips
Mr. Alaric Richard
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

A discussion ensued relative to the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee -- to make a recommendation of a person for Chancellor or to recommend a procedure to be used in selecting a Chancellor.

A motion was offered by Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, that the Ad Hoc Committee be empowered to recommend a procedure that the Board will follow in selecting a Chancellor.

The motion carried. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 1 nay.

The President advised that the three finalists were in New Orleans awaiting the Board's final decision. She asked the Board to provide instructions on what to communicate to the candidates.

Mrs. Elloie suggested that the candidates be informed that the Board had not made a decision on the selection of a Chancellor. The Board's gratitude and best wishes should also be extended to the candidates.

President Spikes asked Mr. Mohamed Eisa to inform the candidates of the Board's action.

AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

The report was tendered by the Chairman, Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the recommendations for tenure and promotions for the Baton Rouge campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the preliminary plan for reduction in force at SUSBO.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the submission of a letter of intent to the Board of Regents for the development of a Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Athletic Committee

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

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and upheld the action by Chancellor Gex in terminating Mr. Harold Hunter as Coach, Women Basketball Team at SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by Mrs. Pearlie H. Elloie.

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the engagement letter with Bruno and Tervalon, CPA firm, for the auditing of the Schedules of Federal Financial Assistance of the Southern University System for the period July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the following proposals submitted by SUNO:

- To enter a cooperative agreement with the Alamonaster - Michoud Industrial District and to operate an Industrial Center external to the SUNO campus
- To establish an Advanced Technology Institute at SUNO

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the resolution authorizing the Administration to continue to negotiate a favorable settlement of sewer user fees and related matters at SUBR.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Student Affairs Committee

The report was submitted by the Chairman, Mr. Alaric Richard.

The Committee's report contained informational items on the financial aid programs at SUBR and SUNO and concerns expressed by Board members in regards to the SUBR Baseball Team's participation in the NCAA regional playoffs.

The Committee also recommended that the Board receive a report from Atty. DeCuir on how to handle the request for overtime payment for financial aid personnel at SUBR as tendered by Atty. Sheldon Beychok.

The report was placed on the Board's agenda as item 12A.

On motion of Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board approved the report of the Student Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

- S.U. & A&M College: Forms 1 - 27
- SULC: Forms 28 - 30
- SUNO: Forms 31 - 58
- SUSBO: Forms 59 - 63

AGENDA ITEM 9: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved resolutions of condolences to the following families.

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Corine Spencer Family
- The Charles Butler, Sr. Family

AGENDA ITEM 10: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the amendment to Article VII, Section 2C of the Bylaws and Regulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amendment inserts the phrase "subject to the approval of the Board" at the end of the second sentence in that section.

AGENDA ITEM 11: CHANCELLORS' REPORT

SUNO

Chancellor Robert Gex made the following announcements:

- At its meetings on May 22-23, the Board of Regents approved a four-year computer information systems program for SUNO, to be implemented during the 1991 Fall semester. The program was approved by the Board of Supervisors approximately one and one-half years ago.
- On Friday, June 7, a special Congressional Hearing will be held at Dillard University in New Orleans on the need for reapproval of the higher education funding package. SUNO will host a reception for the congressional delegation. Members of the Board of Supervisors were invited to attend.

S.U. LAW CENTER

Chancellor Agnihotri tendered the following report:

- The Law Center has received a federal grant in the amount of \$247,000 for the next three years to expand the clinical legal education program. This will allow the Law Center to provide better opportunity and training for senior level students.
- The Law Center's Continuing Legal Education program has been successful and received compliments from the La. State Supreme Court. Future seminars are scheduled for Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans.

S.U. & A&M College

Dr. Wilbur Clarke reported on the reaccreditation or approval of eleven academic programs and the success of the University's baseball team.

The Honors College has received \$36,000 from Dow Chemical Company to equip the Honors dormitories with a computers for students.

Fourteen million dollars in new funds have been received for research. Approximately \$22 million dollars in research funds are expected this year.

The University expects to continue its involvement with 28 consortia, which includes educational institutions and corporations.

A motion was offered by Dr. Meza, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, that the President develop a resolution of commendation from the Board in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of University's academic and athletic programs systemwide.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUSBO

Chancellor Smith expressed his gratitude to the Board for approving the Reduction in Force plan for SUSBO.

Continuing, he advised that SUSBO has recently completed a review by SACS. SACS will act on the University's reaffirmation in June 1991. A positive response is expected from that agency.

Dr. Smith also reported on the positive manner in which the basketball team has been received by the student body, the Board of Regents' citation of the University's biological science program and a similar citation which is expected for the chemistry program.

The University is also experiencing a great deal of success in its Allied Health Programs, evidenced by the large number of students who are being employed at least one semester before they complete school. Additional support is expected from hospitals and other related areas during the next year.

The Aerospace Technology Center has drawn tremendous support from the Community. Bids have been received for the leasing of space to house the Center and occupancy is expected within the next 30 - 60 days. Accreditation of the program cannot be gained until a physical facility is obtained. Approximately 1.5 million dollars in equipment has been given to the University for the Center.

SYSTEM

As a follow up to Dr. Gex's report, Dr. Spikes advised the Board of the importance of the upcoming congressional hearings in attempting to prevent any loss of federal funds to the University, specifically in the area of financial aid.

Continuing, Dr. Spikes reported on the House Appropriations Bill's effect on the 1991-92 funding for the Board and System Administration. Three to four million dollars have been taken from the budget and positions have been reduced from 14 to 10.

The University is presently working to have these funds placed back in the Bill when it reaches the Senate.

Dr. Spikes also reported on the University's efforts to assist the Board of Regents in the development of a formula for a more equitable distribution of funds for higher education.

Board members were asked for assistance in getting legislative support for University funding.

AGENDA ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS

12a. Report from Atty. DeCuir

Atty. DeCuir was asked to report to the Board on the request from Atty. Sheldon Beychock relative to overtime payment for financial aid personnel at SUBR.

In response, Atty. DeCuir stated that in light of threatened litigation in regards to this matter, he would not make a public statement on the University's response. He indicated the need to verify the amounts indicated in the letter and subsequently report to the President.

12b. Recognition of the Chancellor Search Committee

Chairman Willie Sensley tendered the Board's appreciation to the Chancellor Search Committee for its work.

Dr. Meza suggested that a resolution expressing the Board's appreciation be sent to the Committee.

Mr. Mohamed Eisa, Chairman of the Search Committee was recognized. Mr. Eisa submitted the following statement to the Board Chairman from the Committee:

"Dear Mr. Sensley:

Since the Search Committee had recommended three candidates to the President and she made a recommendation to the Board, the Search Committee believes that it is the responsibility of the Board to inform the three final candidates about the decision made this morning regarding the status of their candidacy.

We thank you very much."

Dr. Spikes advised that she would inform the candidates of the Board's decision regarding the selection of a Chancellor.

The Chairman announced that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Chancellor Selection would convene in an emergency meeting at 2 P.M. following the Board meeting.

Dr. Meza asked that minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee be forwarded to Board members no later than Tuesday, May 28.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors