

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Sr. The invocation was given by Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham.

PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice-Chairman
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Edselle Cunningham
Mr. Curley M. Dossman
Mr. Patrick Fontenot
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand
Dr. James Meza, Jr.
Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
Mr. Kent Smith, Jr.
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

Mr. Mack Abraham
Mrs. Pearl H. Elloie
Rev. Joe R. Gant
Dr. Jenny D. Phillips

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

President Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board
Vice-President Tolor E. White
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Robert Smith and Marvin Yates
Vice-Chancellors C. Cunningham, S. Gilliam, J. Hoffman, T. Jones, and W. Moore
Acting Vice-Chancellor A. Moyer
Messrs. T. Butler, M. Casem, L. McGhee, and D. Wade

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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AMENDMENTS:

Add. 5a. Swearing in of Mr. Kent Smith, 1991-92 student Board member and point of personal privilege

5b. Update on desegregation litigation and discussion of appropriation of funds for legal representation

11f. SUBR: Forms 29 - 35, 40 - 45 and 62

11g. SUNO: Forms 36, 37, 46 and 52 - 57

11h. SULC: Forms 38 and 39

11i. SUSBO: Forms 58 - 61

11j. CES: Forms 47 - 51

14b. Resolution regarding reimbursement of actual expense of employees for November Board meeting

14c. Constitutional Amendment No. 3

14d. Study related to fringe benefits for College/University faculty and staff

AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 24, 1991 BOARD MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Moore, the minutes of the August 24, 1991 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore requested that the minutes reflect his nay vote on Item 7a regarding the SUSBO Faculty Senate President's request to speak on the RIF plan.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: SWEARING IN OF MR. KENT SMITH, STUDENT BOARD MEMBER AND POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Kent Smith, student Board member for 1991-92, was administered the oath of office by Atty. Winston DeCuir.

Mr. Smith expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Mr. Smith also called attention to a list of student concerns regarding conditions on the Baton Rouge campus. A copy of this list was provided to each Board member.

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Miss Tonika Goins, at the request of Mr. Smith, spoke to the Board. Ms. Goins indicated the students' intent to have these concerns addressed administratively and through lobbying of the legislature for additional funding.

**AGENDA ITEM 5B: UPDATE ON HIGHER EDUCATION LITIGATION AND
DISCUSSION OF FUNDS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Atty. Trevor Bryan, representing the firm of Bryan, Jupiter, Lewis and Blanson addressed the Board. Atty. Bryan recounted a previous Board discussion regarding the desegregation case wherein the Board was advised of the Ayers v. Mississippi case presently docketed for the October 1991 term of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Board subsequently agreed to have filed on the University's behalf an amicus brief in the Ayers case. A special Board Committee was charged with the responsibility of meeting with the law firm to develop a budget for funding the continued litigation in the Higher Education Desegregation Case.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, the meeting was recessed for five minutes.

-RECONVENTION-

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the meeting was reconvened.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board authorized the Administration to enter into a contract with the law firm of Bryan, Jupiter, Lewis and Blanson in the amount of \$40,000 for the present phase of litigation.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN URBAN FORESTRY,
SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the letter of intent for the proposed baccalaureate degree program in Urban Forestry at SUBR.

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On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board directed the University Administration to reimburse employees for actual expenses incurred for lodging, while in attendance at the Board meeting on November 29 and 30, 1991 in the City of New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was advised that Mr. Tolor White will submit a proposal for payment of these expenses at the October Board meeting.

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board voted unanimously to go on record as opposing State Constitutional Amendment No. 3.

On motion of Dr. Meza, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board voted unanimously to support a study by LSU related to increased fringe benefits for college and university faculty and staff. This study will be at no cost to the Southern University Board and System.

AGENDA ITEM 15: REVISIONS TO BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS

This item was tabled to give additional time to Board members who wish to make other suggestions for revisions to the Bylaws and Regulations.

The Board members were asked to submit their suggestions to Mr. Higginbotham, Chairman of the Bylaws and Regulations Committee.

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the effective date of October 1, 1991 previously approved by the Board for implementation of the Systemwide Grievance Procedures and the Presidential and Chancellor Search Policy was changed to coincide with the date the revisions to the Bylaws and Regulations are approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 16: PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION FORM AND PROCEDURES

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, this item was tabled to allow the incorporation of additional suggestions made during the meeting.

The following suggestions were offered by Dr. Meza:

- In items 8, 9, and 10, change spokesman to spokesperson for continuity
- In accordance with the organizational charts, reflect the President's responsibility for the direct supervision over the Chancellors and other programs and personnel; i.e.,:
 - * Alumni Affairs
 - * Cooperative Extension
 - * Personnel
 - * International Programs
 - * University Relations
 - * Facilities and Planning
- Include this supervisory responsibility in the rating factors on the Evaluation Form

Dr. Meza and other members were asked to place suggestions in writing and submit to them Dr. Phillips, Chairman of the Governance Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 17: STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES IN THE S.U. SYSTEM

The Board was advised of the Governance Committee Chairman's meeting with members of the Administration to obtain information regarding the current student grievance procedures. No changes in the procedures were recommended at this time.

Mr. Fontenot requested Board members to submit suggested changes in the procedures to Dr. Phillips.

AGENDA ITEM 18: LAW CENTER ACCREDITATION REPORT

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board received the report.

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Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 19: CONSIDERATION OF HEARING APPEALS

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board voted unanimously to notify Dr. Annis Tarver that, upon review of the documents contained in her file, the Board declined jurisdiction in her case and thereby affirmed the decision rendered at the administrative level.

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Administration's recommendation regarding Mrs. Joycelyn Brunswick and declined jurisdiction in the appeals process.

AGENDA ITEM 20: REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS

The Chancellors gave an enrollment report for the 1991 Fall Semester for their respective campus.

SUBR: 9,914 (792 increase over 1990 Fall)

SUNO: 4,300 (approximate 10% increase over 1990 Fall)

SULC: 336 (30 less than 1990 Fall in order to improve student/teacher ratios)

SUSBO: Stable Enrollment

AGENDA ITEM 21: OTHER BUSINESS

In response to an inquiry from Rev. Bilberry, Chairman Sensley advised that the Board's future meeting schedule would depend upon the availability of funds. If no additional funds are found, a one-day meeting per month will be scheduled each month.

Mr. Sensley advised the Board of the receipt of a letter from Mr. John Graham announcing his resignation from the Board. Mr. Graham explained that other duties and responsibilities severely restricted his ability to serve on the Board.

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board voted unanimously to send a resolution of commendation to Mr. Graham.


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AGENDA ITEM 22: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, the meeting was adjourned.



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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors