

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1992
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. Frank Williams, Jr.

The invocation was given by Rev. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Mr. Frank Williams, Jr. - Chairman	Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham
Mr. Curley M. Dossman - Vice Chairman	Mrs. Nina H. Marchand
Mr. Mack Abraham	Dr. James Meza, Jr.
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.	Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
Atty. Edselle Cunningham	Mr. Franklin Owens
Mrs. Pearl H. Elloie	Dr. Jenny D. Phillips
Mr. Patrick Fontenot	Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.
Rev. Joe R. Gant	Mr. Kent Smith, Jr.
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton	Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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, W. Moore, and J. Robinson (SUBR)
Mrs. G. Thompson
Messrs. T. Butler, M. Casem, L. McGhee, and D. Wade

AGENDA ITEM 3: CEREMONY HONORING FORMER CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A brief ceremony was held in honor of the following persons who have served as the three past Chairmen of the Board.

Rev. Lionel Johnson	-	1975 - 1984
Mr. Joe A. Terrell	-	1985 - 1989
Mr. Willie T. Sensley	-	1990 and 1991

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Each received a certificate recognizing his service to the Board and the University. Pictures of these former Board officers were unveiled and hung in the Board Room. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Frank Williams, the current Board Chairman, who was assisted by Vice Chairman Curley M. Dossman and President Dolores R. Spikes.

A ten-minute recess followed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Item 7g: Meeting with Board Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairs

Item 11f: Board: Form 79

11g: SUSBO: Form 80

Item 12a: Resolutions of commendations to Dr. E.C. Harrison and Dr. G. Leon Netterville

Item 12b: Resolution approving the establishment of Endowed Contractors' Educational Trust Fund Professorships in Construction in the College of Engineering and the School of Architecture - SUBR

Item 13a: Request for approval of BA-7, SUSBO

Item 13b: Authorization to Chancellor Gex to sign JTPA contracts

Item 13c: Point of Personnel Privilege - Mr. Moore and Dr. Stone

AGENDA ITEM 5: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11 AND 17, 1992 BOARD MEETINGS

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the minutes of the January 11 and 17, 1992 Board meetings were approved.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: PRESENTATION OF MR. MILTON WOMACK, CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

In his presentation to the Board, Mr. Milton Womack described the activities and objectives of the Foundation in its efforts to raise funds for Southern University. The 1991-92 goal of this body is to raise \$500,000, forty percent of which will be allocated for scholarships. The efforts of the Foundation will be geared towards financial sources which have not been tapped by the University.

AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

The Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee's report was presented 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 grading scale change at the Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Phillips, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved promotion and tenure recommendations for SUBR faculty who appealed successfully in 1990-91.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved SUNO's recommendation to award an honorary degree to Mr. Louis Westerfield.

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Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the submission to the Board of Regents of a proposal for an Associate Degree program in Jazz Studies at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board approved the report of the Academic Affairs and Personnel Policy Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the October 10, 1992 football game with the University of Winston-Salem to be played in Shreveport, La.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other items in the report provided information concerning the recruitment of football players and a ten-year master football schedule.

The Board recognized the presence of the 1992 football coaching staff.

- Mr. Percy Duhe, Defensive Coordinator
- Mr. Grover Perkins, Defensive Backfield Coach
- Mr. Tony Knox, Defensive Line Coach
- Mr. Archie Cooley, Offensive Coordinator
- Mr. Roderick Foppe, Wide Receiver Coach
- Mr. Billy Long, Offensive Line Coach
- Mr. Derek Price, Strength Coach

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the report of the Athletic Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

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c. Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Atty. Edselle Cunningham.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the permit for surveys and possible Revetment Stone Bank and/or Articulated Concrete Mattress Repair Work on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the submission to the Board of Regents of an amended 1991-92 Capital Outlay Project list which will include funds to replace the elevators in Boley Hall and Jones Hall Dormitories on the Baton Rouge campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the submission to the Board of Regents of an amended 1991-92 Capital Outlay Project list which will include funds for land acquisition for the SUNO campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and reaffirmed its support for Chancellor Robert Smith.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board approved the report of the Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Jenny D. Phillips.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the engagement agreement between the Southern University System and Bruno and Tervalon (CPAs) for auditing all federally funded grants, contracts and student financial aid programs for the period of July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the Depository and Borrowing Resolution and Agreement from City National Bank to complete implementation of changing the signatories names to include new Board Chairman. The signature authorization is for the Board's special bank account. The Board further approved, upon the Committee's recommendation, a general resolution to facilitate handling the name change in the future.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and accepted the report on the external audit of federally funded programs at the University.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved out-of-state fee waivers for SUSBO students from states in its service area who meet and continue to meet the academic standards and other requirements of the University.

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Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the committee's recommendation and approved the Administration's request to adopt a change recommended by the Division of Administration for the award of the lease/purchase agreement for acquisition and financing of the computer mainframe.

Motion carried. Dr. Meza abstained.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Ad Hoc Search Committee for the Head Football Coach

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham.

A motion was offered by Mr. Higginbotham and seconded by Mrs. Elloie that the Board authorize the Ad Hoc Search Committee to engage the services of an executive search firm to identify candidates for the head football coach's position at SUBR at a cost not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

Several Board members spoke in favor of the motion. A synopsis of their comments follow:

1. This action received a favorable response from Board members when offered as a compromise solution during the discussion on selecting a head football coach at the special Board meeting in January.
2. This action represents a different approach to the search procedure used in the past and should be tried inasmuch as the old procedure was unsuccessful in the recent effort to fill the head coach's position.

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Board members who opposed the motion cited the following reasons:

1. Additional discussion and review of the proposed action should be taken before a final decision is made by the Board.
2. The University's integrity could be adversely affected if the Board votes to hire a search firm.
3. Funds which will be used to pay the search firm are needed to enhance areas of the Athletic program.
4. The usual search procedure should be continued because of the likelihood that the same candidates could be recommended under the new procedure using a search firm.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Higginbotham and seconded by Dr. Phillips, for the Board to vote to employ a search firm for the purpose of employing a head coach at SUBR.

The motion carried. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 5 nays.

Nays: Messrs. Fontenot, Moore, Sensley, Dossman and Dr. Stone.

Board Chairman Williams advised that a number of questions needed to be explored regarding the matter of employing a search firm. He suggested that the Ad Hoc Search Committee meet in a future session to identify those questions and bring back to the Board all information needed for making an intelligent decision on this issue. The Committee's charge is to explore all possibilities and bring forth a recommendation of a specific firm.

The original motion by Mr. Higginbotham was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board accepted report as corrected of the Ad Hoc Search Committee for the Head Football Coach.

Motion carried. Mr. Moore voted nay. Dr. Stone and Mr. Sensley abstained.

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f. Bayou Classic Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Nina H. Marchand.

The report provided information sought by the Committee regarding the Bayou Classic. Responses will be provided to the Committee at a later date.

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board approved the report from the Bayou Classic Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

g. Meeting with Board Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairs

The minutes of the meeting of the Board Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairs were provided to the members for informational purposes.

AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT, CHANCELLORS AND ATTORNEY

The Board received written reports from the Chancellors and the Attorney Winston DeCuir. The following are highlights of these reports:

Report from the Attorney

Atty. DeCuir announced that the final figures regarding overtime payments to Financial Aid Personnel will be presented to the Administration on Monday, February 24.

Responding to inquiries, Atty. DeCuir reported that efforts to finalize this matter were hampered by the amount of time needed to reconcile the difference in the number of hours the employees received in compensatory time from those hours remaining for monetary compensation.

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Other items in the written report from Atty. DeCuir included the status of the following:

1. Reduction in Force Plan, SUSBO
2. Sewer User Fee Controversy between S.U. and the City of Baton Rouge
3. Teacher Retirement System Repayment Demand (Milton and Enola Becnel)
4. Request for Ethics Commission opinion regarding proposed lease with City National Bank in Shreveport

SULC

Chancellor Agnihotri provided a status report on:

- the offering of a brief preceptorship to enhance examination skills to sixth semester SULC students.
- Expansion of Legal Writing Program.
- Plans for a week long summer program for lawyers in Paris during the summer of 1992.

The Board recognized the presence of Mr. Cedric Upshaw, President of the S.U. Student Bar Association.

SUNO

Chancellor Gex reported that:

- SUNO has expended all of the bond money allocated to that campus for equipment and library books. The Board and the President were asked to interact with the Board of Regents and the Legislature for a second allocation for next year.
- The spring semester 1992 enrollment's head count is approximately 4500 students, representing a continuing 6% growth in the student population. The completion rate is approximately 20%, slightly below the average in the State.
- SUNO has received a grant from HUD in the amount of \$500,000 per year for the next three years.
- SUNO won 10 games during the current basketball season.

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SUSBO

Chancellor Smith reported that:

- Approximately 50% of SUSBO students transfer to a four-year institution, which is a very high rate when compared with regional and national averages.
- A modest increase was realized in the enrollment for Spring 1992.
- SUSBO, in partnership with LSU-S, recently received a \$25,000 grant to develop articulation programs between the two institutions.
- Action by the Board of Regents prohibiting SUSBO from offering off-campus courses greatly inhibited that institution's enrollment.

Mrs. Carol Coltharp explained the Board of Regents' action in imposing the prohibition could have stemmed from SUSBO's overlapping into another institution's service area.

Dr. Spikes indicated that a proposal will be developed and submitted to the Board of Regents regarding courses the SUSBO and SUBR will offer in their respective service areas.

Other matters included in the Chancellor's written report were:

- Significant events and accomplishments
- Special problems
- Significant administrative or policy changes
- Academic spotlight
- Reduction in Force Plan

SUBR

Chancellor Yates' report provided information on the following items:

- University-wide Convocation on February 3
- Appointment of a blue ribbon committee to review the Laboratory School
- Campus highlights
- Efforts to reduce attrition rates

AGENDA ITEM 9: REPORT ON DORMITORY FACILITIES

The Board received a status report on housing on the Baton Rouge campus which included:

- The number of spaces available for student housing.
- Renovations to several dorms to date.
- The problem of vacancies caused by students who apply for housing and fail to occupy the rooms or occupy them for a limited time. This problem leads to a problem of overbooking rooms and causes the University to lose money.
- A reduction in force plan will be implemented in anticipation of a low occupancy rate due to the closure of two dorms for renovations in Fall 1992.

Chancellor Yates advised that efforts will be made to insure that construction will begin on the dates scheduled before the closure of dorms in order to reduce the problem of finding housing for students.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CODE OF ETHICS

Dr. Meza asked the Board members to review the document and to submit their comments or suggestions to the Board's Office. The document will be presented for Board action at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- S.U. Board and System: Forms 77 - 79
- SUBR: Forms 1 - 27
- SULC: Form 28
- SUNO: Forms 29 - 57
- SUSBO: Forms 58 - 76 and 80

Motion carried. Mr. Smith abstained.

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Dr. Phillips noted a form whereon the person's credential was listed as an "ABD". She asked that future recommendations indicate that a person is working to earn a doctorate degree rather than designate "ABD" as a degree.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Smith and Mr. Sensley's inquiry, Dr. Yates provided the rationale for the hiring of personnel in the Mass Communications Department as Adjunct Professors.

AGENDA ITEM 12: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board approved the following resolutions:

- Commendations to Dr. G. Leon Netterville and Dr. E.C. Harrison who will be honored at the S.U. Founders' Day
- Establishment of \$60,000 as an endowment and part of the Endowed Professorship Program at SUBR, specifically in support of an endowed Contractors Educational Trust Fund Professorship in the School of Architecture at SUBR and, authorization to the Board Chairman and System President to execute any documents required to obtain the matching amount of \$40,000 and otherwise complete the establishment of the \$100,000 endowment in conformity with the intentions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:3129.5.
- Establishment of \$60,000 as an endowment and part of the Endowed Professorship Program at SUBR, specifically in support of an endowed Contractors Educational Trust Fund Professorship in the College of Engineering at SUBR and, authorization to the Board Chairman and System President to execute any documents required to obtain the matching amount of \$40,000 and otherwise complete the establishment of the \$100,000 endowment in conformity with the intentions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:3129.5.

CONDOLENCES

- The Tina A. Metevia Family
- The Bradley G. Moore Family
- The Ruby Washington Family
- The Harold Dyer Family
- The Willie Mae Jackson Family
- The Steven Dawkin Family
- The Emily H. Taylor Family
- The Jesse Warren Family

AGENDA ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS

13a. Authorization to Chancellor Gex, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mrs Marchand, the Board authorized Chancellor Robert Gex to sign all contracts relative to agreements that SUNO has under the Jobs Training Partnership Act Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

13b. BA-7, SUSBO

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board approved BA-7 #3, SUSBO, to properly reflect funding in the appropriate functional categories and to redistribute funds as required after implementation of the RIF plan by the University.

Motion carried unanimously.

13c. Point of Personal Privilege - Mr. Moore and Dr. Stone

Mr. Moore and Dr. Stone registered concern for the impending review of the Law Center by a special Board Committee. The Board was encouraged to recognize the unique problems at the Law Center and the Law Center's need for the support of its governing board.

AGENDA ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors


Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors