

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, September 17, 1994  
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. Patrick Fontenot.

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

The oath of office was administered by Atty. DeCuir to Mr. Elvin Sterling, Student Board Member, 1994 - 95.

Mr. Sterling offered remarks on his selection as the new student Board member and pledged his best efforts in fulfilling the responsibility of this position.

PRESENT

Mr. Patrick Fontenot, Chairman  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand, Vice Chairman  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Mrs. Etta H. Brew  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton  
Mrs. Emma P. Hartley  
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham  
Dr. James Meza, Jr.  
Mr. Elvin Sterling  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

Mrs. Pearl H. Elloie  
Rev. Joe R. Gant

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

President Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board  
Vice President Robert Johnson and Tolor White  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Jerome Greene and Marvin Yates

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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**AMENDMENTS:**

- 6a: Report from the President and Chancellors
- 6b: Informational report on 1994-95 Athletics Activities Budget and Basketball Schedule, SUSBO
- 6c: Report from the Task Force on Promotion and Tenure
- Delete Item 10: Financial and Compliance Questionnaires
- Item 12b: 1994 Fall Tuition Discounts, SUBR
- Item 13c: SUNO: Forms 42 - 44; 46 - 48; Delete Form 45
- Item 13f: SULC: Forms 37 - 41
- Item 13g: SUSBO: Continuing Education Appointment
- Item 14c: Resolution regarding asbestos litigation
- Item 15a: Point of Personal Privilege - Mr. Higginbotham

**AGENDA ITEM 5: MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19-20, 1994 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the minutes of the August 19-20, 1994 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6A: REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS**

System

Board Chairman Fontenot and System President Spikes extended commendations to individuals, groups and other donors for their efforts which led to the success of the 1994 Southern University Radiothon Fundraising Drive. Over \$151,807 in pledges were received.

Dean Bobby Phills, the faculty, staff, students and alumni from the College of Agriculture and Home Economics were lauded for their contribution of over \$9,000 during the drive.

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President Spikes recognized the presence of Dr. Sidney McNairy, Director of the Research Center for Minority Institutions at the National Institutes for Health. Dr. McNairy was instrumental in assisting Southern University in obtaining a \$5 million grant for the RCMI program. Dr. McNairy is a former SUBR Professor.

SUBR

Chancellor Yates reported that:

- (1) the campus received a \$100,000 grant from the Packard Foundation to improved the Biological Sciences Program
- (2) Dr. Sidney McNairy assisted the University in obtaining an additional grant of \$100,000 for the RCMI program
- (3) the S.U. Sharp Program recently received commendations during a program in Washington, D.C. The project is under the direction of Mrs. Norma Lewis.

SUNO

Chancellor Gex's report included information highlighted below:

- (1) 1994 Fall registration has been slow; however, the necessary figures are expected to be up by the 14th day enrollment report on September 19.
- (2) A freeze has been placed on non-essential expenditures because of low registration figures and tuition payments received to date, a number of unusual expenditures and anticipated mid-year budget cuts.
- (3) SUNO's 35th Anniversary will be celebrated during a Founders' Week Observance, beginning Sunday, September 18 - Friday, September 23.

SULC

No report.

SUSBO

Chancellor Greene reported that the 1994 Fall enrollment figures of 1275 reflect an increase of 16% over the 1993 Fall semester. Night and weekend classes have been instituted for this Fall. Additionally, negotiations are underway to include in-service training sessions.



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Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Anthony Molina and his wife, were recognized.

**AGENDA ITEM 6B: SUSBO BASKETBALL SCHEDULE AND ATHLETICS BUDGET, 1994-95**

The Board received the informational report on SUSBO's 1994-95 basketball schedule and athletic budget.

**AGENDA ITEM 6C: TASK FORCE ON PROMOTION AND TENURE**

Dr. Meza, Chairman of the Task Force on Promotion and Tenure, provided an update on the work of that body. The report contained recommendations for changes in the Bylaws and Regulations in regards to tenure and promotion. Approval was sought for these recommendations to be submitted to the Bylaws and Regulations Committee for study and action, as appropriate.

In response to an inquiry by Dr. Stone, the Administration advised that there was faculty input in the meetings of the Task Force through representatives from the Faculty Senate and/or the Tenure and Promotion Committee Chairs from the System units and that campus academic administrators also served on the Task Force.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS - SUBR**

The Community Service Program or (Center for Service Learning) at SUBR was highlighted. The program is under the direction of Dr. Barbara Carpenter who provided an overview of the program. Also recognized were members of the Board of Advisors and Staff Members for the Center for Service Learning.

The Board's commendations were extended to Dr. Carpenter.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: STRATEGIC PLAN AND 1995 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Meza, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Strategic Plan for fiscal years 1994-2000 and the 1995 Goals and Objectives of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby adopted.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: BA-7s**

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that BA-7s #1 as described below be and they are hereby approved.

**SUBR and SUSBO:** Funds to reconcile the 1994-95 Operating Budget and the 1994-95 Appropriations Bill

**SUNO:** Funds to provide for additional equipment purchases in Biology and Chemistry

**AGENDA ITEM 10: FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRES  
DELETED.**

**AGENDA ITEM 11: PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Chretien, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the recommendation for promotion submitted by SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: 1994 FALL TUITION DISCOUNTS, SUSBO AND SUBR**

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that 1994 Fall Tuition Discounts for employees/spouses or dependents from SUSBO and SUBR be and they are hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the personnel recommendations listed below be and are hereby approved.

S.U. System: Form 1

SUBR: Forms 2 - 36

SULC: Forms 37 - 41

SUSBO: Forms 42 - 44; 46 - 48

Appointment of Director, Continuing Education, pursuant to the opinion of Board Counsel

S.U. Coop. Extension: Form 53

**AGENDA ITEM 14: RESOLUTIONS**

a. Condolences

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board adopted the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the resolutions extending condolences to the following families be and are hereby approved.

- The Elizabeth Brandle Family
- The Joseph Washington, Sr. Family
- The Terry L. Honore' Family
- The Juanita Tate Family
- The Leon Jones Family
- The Marvin LaCour Family

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A certificate of appreciation was prepared for presentation to outgoing Student Board members, James Wilson.



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**b. Asbestos Litigation**

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the State of Louisiana, through its Division of Administration, should continue its program of identifying, quantifying and abating asbestos in the public buildings of the State including buildings occupied by or utilized by institutions under the supervision of this Board.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of Louisiana, through its Attorney General, should continue to investigate and prosecute, in the name of and for the benefit of the State of Louisiana; such claims as the Attorney General shall determine that the State possesses against asbestos product manufacturers, and any other entities, for the costs of abating asbestos in public buildings, including buildings occupied by or utilized by institutions under the supervision of the Board.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board and the institutions under the supervision of this Board shall cooperate with and provide reasonable assistance to the Attorney General and Gary, Field, Landry & Bradford, a Law Corporation, in their investigation and prosecution of the State's claims, and in their efforts to obtain recovery on behalf of and in the name of the State, against asbestos product manufacturers and other entities with respect to asbestos in buildings occupied by or utilized by institutions under the supervision of the Board.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that to the extent that this Board or any of its institutions shall have any interest in claims against asbestos product manufacturers or other entities for the cost of abating asbestos in buildings occupied by or utilized by institutions under the supervision of this Board, the Attorney General is authorized to represent those interests, and the contract by which he had retained Gary, Field, Landry & Bradford, a Law Corporation, to assist him is hereby approved by this Board.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commissioner of Administration for the State of Louisiana shall have the authority, with the Attorney General, to determine the purposes of the Board to be served by litigation, or by settlements or compromises, in its name in connection with claims for the cost of abating asbestos in buildings occupied by or utilized by institutions under the supervision of the Board, and the Commissioner of Administration is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Board any settlements or compromises of such claims which he and the Attorney General shall agree are in the best interest of the State and the Board.

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Atty. DeCuir advised that the resolution authorized a contingency contract; however, no costs would inure to the University. Any funds recovered as a result of the litigation would be placed in the State's General Fund to be used for an asbestos abatement program. He recommended that the University enter into the resolution.

**AGENDA ITEM 15: OTHER BUSINESS**

Point of Personal Privilege - Mr. Higginbotham

Noting the need for a program in the Business curriculum at the University that would teach effective skills of business management, Mr. Higginbotham asked the Board to support a resolution directing the three Campus Chancellors to look collectively at developing an entrepreneurial program as an adjunct to the current Business curriculum on each campus.

President Spikes asked the Board to allow the Administration time to discuss resources needs, relevant Board of Regents' requirements and to complete requirements for accreditation. She also noted that the attraction of good faculty through the use of Distinguished Professorships would be instrumental in developing new programs at the University.

Continuing, Mr. Higginbotham indicated that approximately 10-12 years ago during a football game Governor Edwards promised during a football game to help with enlargement of the University Stadium. Mr. Higginbotham asked Chairman Fontenot to designate University and Board Officials, to meet, whenever possible, with the Governor and asked that he keep his promise on stadium expansion including the Board and System Box enlargement before he leaves office.

Mr. Fontenot noted that Southern's Stadium, especially the Board/System Box, fell below the standards of those at other universities in the State. He promised to pursue funding for enlarging and enhancing the Stadium.

Dr. Stone recalled that the Governor did in fact fulfill his promise of enlarging the Stadium. However, plans were later changed by the University to provide additional sections on each end of the Stadium east and west side rather than to build a horseshoe section as originally proposed.

The Board was also advised that funds were included in a Capital Outlay Bill for stadium renovation but were vetoed by Governor Edwards' successor.

The President requested Mr. Larry McGhee to provide information on stadium renovation to the Board members prior to a meeting with the Governor.

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The Board recognized the parents of Mr. Elvin Sterling, the new student Board member.



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AGENDA ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors