

Southern University Board of Supervisors
10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 22, 1995
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, 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. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Mr. Patrick Fontenot, Chairman
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand, Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick Bell
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Warren Chretien
Atty. Edselle Cunningham
Rev. Joe R. Gant
Mr. Lawson Harvey

Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.
Mr. Elvin Sterling, Jr.

ABSENT

Mr. Allen J. Hamilton

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the agenda was adopted, with amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Delete Item 6: Video - Founder's Day - SUBR

Add Item 10A: Clarification of February 25, 1995 Board action regarding housing allowances

Add Item 10B: President's appointment to ACE's South African University Program

Add Item 14A: Report on meeting of the Governor's Pro-Action Commission on Higher Education

AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 1995 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the minutes of the March 25, 1995 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: VIDEO - FOUNDERS DAY, SUBR

Deleted.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS

System

President Spikes provided an update on matters listed below:

- Outlook for the continued level of federal funding of the University's Entitlement Programs
- The 1995 Conference of the National Association of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers
- State initiatives regarding implementation of the State's desegregation order
- Baton Rouge Community College Management Council
- Proposed bills affecting higher education during the 1995 Legislative Session

SUBR

Information was presented in campus newsletter which was distributed to the members of the Board.

SUNO

No report.

SULC

No report.

SUSBO

Chancellor Greene's presentation provided the following updates:

- Commencement exercises are scheduled for Tuesday, May 9. Atty. Thomas Todd is the keynote speaker.
- A chartering ceremony was held recently for a newly-established chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

AGENDA ITEM 7: RECOGNITIONS

Members of the Southern University Laboratory School's Boys Basketball Team, Coach Hawkins and his assistants received accolades from the Board in recognition of their efforts which led to the team's capture of the State Single "A" Championship titles in 1993, 1994, and 1995.

Tennis player Zina Garrison and her husband, Mr. Willard Jackson, were introduced to the Board by Congressman Cleo Fields.

A proclamation from the Board was presented to Ms. Garrison in recognition of her exemplary performance on the tennis court and her involvement in such noteworthy civic endeavors as the Congressional Classroom, sponsored by Congressman Fields.

AGENDA ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board convened into an executive session to receive an update on legal matters affecting the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The Chair announced that the Board received an update on legal matters while in executive session. No actions were taken.

- SUSPENSION OF THE RULES -

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board voted to suspend the rules to add the following item.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 1 nay (Rev. Gant)

Add Item 10C: Request for authorization to upgrade computer hardware, SUNO

AGENDA ITEM 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

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

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that personnel recommendations evidenced by the following forms be and they are hereby approved.

- SUBR: Forms 1 - 20; 58 and 59**
- SULC: Forms 21 - 23**
- SUNO: Forms 24 - 34**
- SUSBO: Forms 35 - 54**
- Coop. Extension Service: Forms 55 - 57**

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Mr. Cedric Upshaw to the position of Director of Continuing Legal Education at the Law Center, at a fiscal year salary of \$39,000.00 be and it is hereby approved.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that recommendations for promotion and tenure for Southern University - Baton Rouge and the Law Center be and they are hereby approved.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the requests by Southern University-Shreveport-Bossier Campus and Southern University - New Orleans Campus to submit promotion and tenure recommendations for action at the May Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the Committee's recommendation to defer action on recommendations submitted by the Administration for denial of promotion and tenure until after all appeals have been exhausted at the Campus and System levels.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request for approval of candidates for degrees for the 1995 Spring Commencement Exercises on the three campuses and at the Law Center be and they are hereby approved.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the subcontract between the Southern University Cooperative Extension Service and the Jefferson Housing Foundation be and it is hereby approved, subject to a memorandum of agreement developed by the Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs regarding the awarding of funds for the project.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the amended contract between SUBR and Bruno and Tervalo, CPA firm, in connection with the audit of the intercollegiate athletics program for the period ended June 30, 1994, be and it is hereby approved for an additional \$3,363.00 to cover the full costs of the audit.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the implementation schedule for the Cafeteria Plan Year be and it is hereby modified to begin July 1 of each year and to end June 30 of the next year.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's requests regarding changes in priorities in the Capital Outlay Bill as listed below be and they are hereby approved:

- (1) That steps be taken to have the \$1 million included in the current bill for capital outlay for 1995 - 96 changed from priority 3 to priority 1 and the description changed to Land and Buildings.**
- (2) That an additional \$1 million be placed in priority 5 and authorization be granted to have that sum moved to priority 1 for the acquisition of land and buildings on the south side of Harding Boulevard, as appropriate.**

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Elvin Sterling.

On motion of Mr. Sterling, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board ratified the Committee's action in requesting the Board Chairman to appoint a Committee that was convened following the Student Affairs Committee's meeting in an attempt to resolve the issues and concerns surrounding the proposed campus visitation policy for SUBR and to report its findings to the Board at the meeting on April 22, 1995.

Motion carried unanimously. Rev. Gant asked to have the Committee's minutes reflect his nay vote on this item.

The Board was informed that, pursuant to the aforesated motion, a meeting was held, with Board Chairman Fontenot, Committee Chairman Sterling, Board Members Nina Marchand and Frank Williams, Jr.; Chancellor Yates and two persons designated by him attending, in an attempt to resolve the issues surrounding the proposed campus visitation policy.

The Board was advised that this Committee failed to resolve issues surrounding the proposed campus visitation policy.

Dr. Yates was requested to report on his plans to bring the matters to a close.

The Chancellor advised the Board of his intent to convene on Monday, April 24, 1995, a Campus Committee to discuss the issue. He noted several variables which must be considered:

- security for dorms
- additional staff requirements
- responses of alumni, parents and students who may not favor dorm visitation
- increased cost and the impact on student fees

The Chancellor indicated that he would submit recommendations regarding the proposed campus visitation policy in the near future.

The report also included concerns registered by members of the SUBR student body.

On motion of Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board received the report of the Student Affairs Committee as informational only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ad Hoc Presidential Evaluation Instrument Committee

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

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the recommended Presidential Evaluation Instrument for use by the Board beginning in 1996 be and it is hereby approved.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Presidential Evaluation Instrument Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10: PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD'S BYLAWS

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board tabled this item until its regular meeting in May.

AGENDA ITEM 10A: CLARIFICATION OF BOARD ACTION ON FEBRUARY 25, 1995 REGARDING HOUSING ALLOWANCES

The following resolution was adopted by the Board to clarify its action on February 25, 1995 regarding housing allowances.

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the System President be and she is hereby authorized to report to the Chairman of the Board the results of her findings as they relate to housing and other allowances, cash and otherwise, to the extent to which this information is available for Louisiana Presidents and Chancellors, as of January 1, 1995.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to act on its behalf following his review and study of the findings and to authorize in writing the System President to take the appropriate action as directed by the Chair as a consequence of this motion.

AGENDA ITEM 10B: APPOINTMENT OF SYSTEM PRESIDENT TO THE ACE SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

Mr. Fontenot announced the appointment of President Spikes by the American Council on Education (ACE) as a Senior Associate to a historically black college in South Africa (University of the Northwest). This appointment entails two visits by the President, each two weeks in length, to South Africa during the coming year.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that President Spikes' appointment as Senior Associate to the University of the Northwest and her subsequent visits to South Africa, be and they are hereby approved.

Dr. Spikes reported that the project is funded by the Ford Foundation and the Agency for International Development (AID). No costs will be borne by Southern University.

AGENDA ITEM 10C: COMPUTER UPGRADE, SUNO

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby authorized to upgrade its computer hardware.

AGENDA ITEM 11: 1995 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the 1995 football schedule submitted by Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby ratified.

Mr. Fontenot reported that he was unable to reach Mr. Michael Jones in response to a communication regarding a Southern University football game in Shreveport during the 1995 Labor Day weekend.

AGENDA ITEM 12: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that resolutions of commendations from the Board to the following persons be and they are hereby approved.

- Mrs. Zina Garrison
- Ms. Chandra Rubin
- S.U. Laboratory School's Boys Basketball Team, Coaches, and Staff

FURTHER RESOLVED that resolutions of condolences to the families of persons named below be and they are hereby approved.

- Mr. Frank Reese
- Mr. Kevin Heno
- Mr. Timothy Williams

The Board's commendations were extended to Atty. Winston DeCuir in recognition of his appointment as a Baton Rouge City Court Judge by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Mr. Fontenot announced that President Spikes will be awarded an honorary doctorate degree on May 13 from Xavier University in New Orleans.

The Board members recognized the presence of the mother of Board Member Joe R. Gant.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Fontenot announced that the first meeting of the Baton Rouge Community College Management Council will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, May 8, 1995 in the Southern University Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room. The membership includes six members from Southern University Board of Supervisors and six from the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors:

Southern University Appointees

Mr. Patrick Fontenot
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Atty. Edselle Cunningham
Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

Louisiana State University Appointees

Dr. Milton Womack
Mr. Clarence Barney
Dr. Victor Bussie
Mr. Charles Cusimano
Mrs. Laura Leach
Mr. John Williams

Dr. Dolores Spikes and Allen Coppin are also to sit with the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 14: OTHER BUSINESS

a. Governor's Pro-Action Commission Meeting

Board Member Bell reported on a meeting of the Governor's Pro-Action Commission on Thursday, April 20 that he, along with Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Tolor White, attended.

The discussion by members of the Commission included the following:

- ▶ a re-emphasis of the Commission's goals
 - (1) to oppose any reductions in funding of higher education to disproportionate reductions at the time of budget deficits
 - (2) to do whatever is necessary to oppose any further cuts to higher education
- ▶ undertaking of a statewide campaign that would raise public awareness of higher education through the re-statement of its value
- ▶ current legislation that would dedicate funds for higher education or non-dedication of other funds. The Commission did not endorse any legislation but did in fact endorse the concept of insuring proper funding for higher education.

AGENDA ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors