

Southern University Board of Supervisors
10:00 A.M.
Saturday, March 25, 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
Mr. Warren Chretien
Atty. Edselle Cunningham

Mr. Lawson Harvey
Dr. Andrea Jefferson
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton
Mr. Elvin Sterling
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add: Item 8A: Discussion with Dr. Dolores R. Spikes regarding the results of her 1995 evaluation by the Board of Supervisors (Executive Session)

Item 9A: Report by Mr. Patrick Bell on the meeting of the Governor's Pro-Action Commission on Higher Education

Item 9B: Point of Personal Privilege

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 1995
BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board adopted the minutes of the February 25, 1995 Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS

Reports from the President and Chancellors provided briefings on the following matters:

System:

- Opportunity for settlement of the issue of the University's land grant status in the desegregation lawsuit
- Efforts to get support for the University's needs during the 1995 regular session of the Legislature
- Proposed legislation for the planning and establishment of the Baton Rouge Community College

SUBR

- Successful activities associated with 1995 Founders' Day Celebration
- Written updates
 - Recognition of 69 employees for their years of service
 - Recognition of accomplishments by SUBR employees Terral Jackson and Alvin Batiste

SUNO

- Commendations to Coach Earl Hill and members of Men's Basketball Team for winning the NAIA Men's Division I Basketball Championship and for advancing to the NAIA playoffs

Vice Chairman Marchand asked the Board to offer commendations to Coach Hill and the SUNO Men's Basketball Team as well as the Women's Track and Field Team and Coach Artis Davenport for winning the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championship.

SULC

- Commencement exercises, scheduled for 2 P.M. on Saturday, May 13, 1995. Atty. Johnnie Cochran will be the speaker.

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- The Law Centers' partnership with a sister African law school in a project which is a part of the globalization of legal principles and theories in an effort to help nations around the world.
- Memorandum of agreement with Counsul General of Israel was entered into by the Law Center, Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport

SUSBO

- Commencement exercises, 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 9, 1995.

AGENDA ITEM 6: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

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

Mr. Fontenot announced that the person recommended for termination on Form 71 (Board) had tendered to him prior to the start of the Board meeting a letter requesting a hearing before the Board. Form 71 is a part of Item 4 (Personnel Recommendations) in the Academic Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee's report.

A motion was offered by Mr. Fontenot and seconded by Mr. Sensley, that the Board vote on whether to grant the request for a hearing.

Roll call on the motion produced the following vote:

11 nays - Bell, Bilberry, Chretien, Cunningham, Harvey, Jefferson, Kiefer, Sensley, Williams, Marchand, Fontenot

0 yeas, 0 abstentions.

The vote was unanimous to deny the request for a hearing.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- System: Forms 1 - 3
- SUBR: Forms 4 - 44
- SUNO: Forms 45 - 50
- SUSBO: Forms 51 - 70
- Board: Form 71 (Termination)

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 from the SUBR Administration to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. William (Bill) Cosby at the 1995 Spring Commencement Exercises be and it is hereby approved.

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the following resolution, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for Southern University do hereby authorize Mr. Gerald Kimble, Director of Drug Abuse Education and/or his successor in office, to negotiate on terms and conditions he may deem advisable, a contract or contracts with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for Southern University Parents Still Care Program grant; and to execute said documents on behalf of the University, subject to the approval of the Chancellor and the System President; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Gerald Kimble is hereby given the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend or renew said approved documents for the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

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FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution was passed by a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors present and voting in accordance with the Bylaws and Regulations of the Board on the 25th day of March, 1995.

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the President's request to return to the Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure Policies proposed changes in the University's promotion and tenure policies so that recommendations may be added to include the Laboratory School faculty; and librarians and counselors, as well as, changes that are warranted as a result of the Tenure and Promotion hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Sensley, 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 policy on required disclosure of outside employment by employees of the Southern University System be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall be forwarded to the required state agencies for approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this policy shall be governed by the date of its approval by the State Ethics Commission.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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b. 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 Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendations and adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the salary principles, as proposed by the System President, be and they are hereby approved.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Harvey, 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 1995 Spring Semester Tuition Discounts for employees/dependents/spouses at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

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 that the Board of Supervisors for Southern University do hereby signify its approval of the Administration's effort to acquire use of the "Villa" to house students, and it also agrees to lend its support to the consummation of a guaranteed feasible, net lease arrangement, with the Southern University System Foundation or any other non-profit corporation, for the use of the property, provided that the agreed upon net lease is in the best interest of the University and the State.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to make all essential and necessary arrangements which are required to successfully consummate the guaranteed net lease arrangements with the Southern University System Foundation or any other non-profit corporation through the various Auxiliary Enterprise funds of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, subject to the approval of the Board and other required state agencies at the earliest possible date.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the 94 unit complex which is to be made available to the University through the Southern University System Foundation or other non-profit corporation, shall be designated as, "University Sponsored Housing" and afforded all of the benefits and privileges provided to campus facilities during the period of the lease, as authorized in Chapter VI, Section 6-1 and 3 of the Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to pursue, negotiate, arrange and execute other business arrangements with the Southern University System Foundation or other non-profit corporations which are designed and intended to enhance the University and to help it to achieve its mission in all of its functional areas, programs, and delivery of services to students, faculty, staff, and the general public on a perpetual basis and without time limit where permitted by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the University is also authorized to execute a direct acquisition of the "Villa" or any other properties adjacent to the University Campus, provided the University can obtain approval to acquire same through the State of Louisiana's Capital Outlay funding process.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southern University Board of Supervisors do hereby empower and authorize Tolor E. White, System Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs and Comptroller, to perform and execute all essential acts necessary to successfully acquire real properties adjacent to the Southern University at Baton Rouge Campus, as the properties become available, in keeping with the written request of Dr. Marvin Yates, Chancellor, dated March 22, 1995, as approved by the System President, Dr. Dolores R. Spikes.

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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 name for the institution responsible for the agricultural extension and research programs administered by the Board shall be the Southern University and A & M College System Ashford O. Williams Center.

FURTHER RESOLVED that System President is hereby authorized to seek legislative action for appropriations to be made to the Southern University and A & M College System Ashford O. Williams Center and the Southern University Law Center as separate and distinct institutions.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Student Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by Mr. Patrick Bell.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation to defer an SUBR Campus Visitation Policy until the April meeting of the Student Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried. Rev. Bilberry voted nay.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following policy shall be operative in reference to the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on University premises or in University facilities:

- (1) The President of the Southern University System and/or the Chancellor may grant permission to any person, group of persons or organizations to serve or permit the service of any alcoholic beverage within the confines of University facilities during social events consistent with this policy when it is deemed to their satisfaction that the user of the facility is both willing and capable of implementing this policy during and throughout the duration of said social event.
- (2) No alcoholic beverage shall be served to any person under the age of eighteen years nor shall any person under the age of eighteen years be permitted to consume any alcoholic beverage within the confines of University facilities.
- (3) The consumption of alcoholic beverages in the restrooms and hallways of University facilities is prohibited.
- (4) Order and decorum must be maintained at all times.
- (5) The service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at events other than social events is prohibited.
- (6) The President of the Southern University System and/or the Chancellor shall be the authority for enforcing this policy.
- (7) The University and those to whom permission is granted shall follow applicable state and federal laws.
- (8) This resolution applies only to closed events and does not permit the sale or purchase of alcoholic beverages.

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that this policy be and it is hereby effective March 25, 1995.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the report of the Student Affairs Committee.

Motion carried. Rev. Bilberry voted nay.

d. Ad Hoc Presidential Evaluation Committee

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the report of this Committee was moved to Item 8B.

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Motion carried unanimously.

e. Bylaws and Regulations Committee

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

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, proposed changes to the Board's Bylaws affecting Article VII, Sections 6A and B were deferred back to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Southern University System Administrative Structure for further review and recommendations to the Board at its April meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Commendations

- Coach Earl Hill and Men's Basketball Team, SUNO
- Coach Artis Davenport and Women's Track and Field Team, SUNO

Condolences

- The Moriano Molina Family
- The Francis Austin Family
- The Shirley Hill Rusley Family
- The Senika Fontenot Family

AGENDA ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the Board convened into an executive session regarding the following matters:

- to receive an update on the status of legal matters involving Southern University
- to discuss with Dr Dolores R. Spikes the results of her 1995 evaluation as President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote: 11 yeas: Bell, Bilberry, Chretien, Cunningham, Harvey, Jefferson, Kiefer, Sensley, Williams, Marchand, Fontenot

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0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION-

(Mrs. Scott entered the meeting)

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote: 12 yeas - Bell, Bilberry, Chretien, Cunningham,
Harvey, Jefferson, Kiefer, Scott, Sensley,
Williams, Marchand, Fontenot

0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Mr. Fontenot announced that the Board met in executive session to receive an update on legal matters and to discuss with Dr. Dolores R. Spikes the results of her 1995 evaluation as Southern University System President.

No actions were taken while in Executive Session.

AGENDA ITEM 8B: AD HOC PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Presidential Evaluation Committee and noted for the record, Dr. Spikes' receipt of a highly favorable evaluation by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

a. Governor's Pro-Action Commission on Higher Education

Mr. Bell reported on his attendance at a meeting on Thursday, March 23, 1995 of the Governor's Pro-Action Commission for Higher Education. The duties of this body are to prioritize and implement recommendations of the Higher Education Commission for the 21st Century. Proper funding of higher education was the primary focus of the meeting on March 23. A document produced by this Commission was shared with the Board at its February meeting and Mr. Bell will continue to keep the Board updated on future meetings of the Commission.

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b. Point of Personal Privilege

Mrs. Marchand's remarks were tendered during the SUNO Chancellor's report.

Chancellor Yates distributed copies of the 1995 football schedule and indicated a need to proceed with 1995 seasonbook sales. The schedule will be submitted for ratification by the Board at its April meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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



Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors



Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors