

**Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 A.M.**

**Saturday, June 29, 1996  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting 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, Mrs. Nina H. Marchand.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Scott.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Nina H. Marchand, Chairman  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. - Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick Bell  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Mr. Patrick Fontenot  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall

Mr. Allen Hamilton  
Mr. Lawson Harvey  
Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson  
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Mr. Carlos White  
Mr. Frank Williams Jr.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

President Dolores R. Spikes  
Vice Presidents Tolor 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 Mr. Sensley, seconded by Ms. Hall, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS:**

- 8a: Special resolution
- 8b: Others
- 9b: Naming of new Executive Director of Alumni Affairs
- 9c: Special privilege - President Spikes

**AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 1996 BOARD MEETING**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the May 18, 1996 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION DESEGREGATION  
CASE (U.S.A. VS. STATE OF LOUISIANA, CASE #80-3300A),  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board convened into an executive session to receive an update on the Higher Education Desegregation Case.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**- EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

**- RECONVENTION -**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The Chair announced that while in executive session, the Board did not vote on any matters that were discussed.

**AGENDA ITEM 6A: REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS (ORAL)**

**SUSBO**

- The Aerospace Technology Program was recently certified by the Federal Aviation Administration. The accreditation will continue until SUSBO is otherwise notified.
- A total of 694 students are enrolled in Summer School. This is the largest enrollment in SUSBO's history.

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**Law Center**

No oral report.

**SUNO**

- A total of 2,025 students are enrolled in Summer School. This number represents a 10% increase over the 1995 Summer School enrollment and a 25% increase over 1994 Summer School enrollment.

**SUBR**

No oral report.

**SYSTEM**

- Abb Ainsley, consultant for the S.U. Foundation, spoke to the Board on the status of the Capital Campaign and the Board's role in this endeavor.
- The Board members were given a copy of a brochure published by the Kellogg Commission of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. The brochure addresses change in higher education, particularly in land-grant institutions.
- The proceedings of the recent Southern University Systemwide Conference on the Education of Minorities were distributed to the Board. The proceedings detail plans for the Administration to work toward improving the academic performance, retention and graduation rates of African Americans in the State's public schools.

Written reports from the System and Campuses were included in the mailout to the Board and are a part of the Board's Records.

**AGENDA ITEM 6B:           NAMING OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR  
ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

Dr. Spikes recommended Mr. John Woods of Dallas, Texas for the position of Executive Director of Alumni Affairs.

Dr. Spikes commended the Search Committee for its fairness in the selection process and she also indicated that the recommendation had the concurrence of the SUBR Chancellor and current Alumni Director.

The annual salary range offered for the position is \$42,000 - \$52,000 and has been agreed to by Mr. Woods.

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On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the President's recommendation to employ Mr. John Woods as Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, effective July 1, 1996 or as soon thereafter as possible, be and it is hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President be and she is hereby authorized to negotiate the salary to be offered to Mr. Woods within the range of \$42,000 - \$52,000 per year.

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Rev. T.J. Jemison was recognized and given permission to address the Board. Rev. Jemison voiced concern relative to the selection of the new Executive Director of Alumni Affairs. Noting the exceptional qualifications and many years of loyal service given to Southern University by Mr. Nathaniel Harrison, Dr. Jemison expressed dismay that Mr. Harrison was not selected by the Search Committee to fill the Executive Director's position.

**AGENDA ITEM 6C: SPECIAL PRIVILEGE - DR. SPIKES**

Dr. Spikes announced that she would leave the presidency of the Southern University System as of December 31, 1996. She recognized her family who attended the meeting and expressed her gratitude to those who have assisted her during her tenure as President.

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

Motion carried. Atty. Cunningham voted nay.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request by Dr. Dolores R. Spikes to resign her position as Southern University System President, effective December 31, 1996 be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee**

The report was presented by Mr. Lawson Harvey, Chairman of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bell, 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 listed below be and they are hereby approved.

**System: Forms 1 - 3  
SUBR: Forms 4 - 84  
SULC: Form 85  
SUNO: Forms 86 - 111  
SUSBO: Form 112 - 122**

Form 16, SUBR, was approved with the stipulation that the appointment is to comply with the guidelines of the Louisiana High School Athletics Association.

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On motion of Mr. Harvey, 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 Forms 123 and 124, SUBR, be and they are hereby approved.

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On motion of Mr. Harvey, 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 personnel action forms 125 and 126 (SUBR) and Form 127 (SUSBO) be and they are hereby approved.**

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On motion of Mr. Harvey, 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 promotion to associate professor and tenure for Dr. Lynn Douville, School of Social Work at Southern University at New Orleans, be and it is hereby approved.**

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On motion of Mr. Harvey, 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 appointment of Dr. Edward Jackson as Dean of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs and Professor, effective July 1, 1996 at an annual salary of \$73,000.00, be and it is hereby approved.**

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**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Ms. Ursula Shorty as Director of Financial Aid at Southern University at New Orleans, effective July 1, 1996 at an annual salary of \$37,000.00, be and it is hereby approved.**

Dr. Gex indicated his intent to review the salary recommended for the above position and to submit an adjusted salary, if such was found to be justified.

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Flanagan as Director of Financial Aid at Southern University - Shreveport/Bossier, effective July 1, 1996 at an annual salary of \$32,664.00, be and it is hereby approved.

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On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Dr. Jefferson, 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 degrees to be conferred upon approximately 223 prospective graduates who are to receive Associate degrees, Bachelor's degrees, and Master's degrees at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge on July 26, 1996, as submitted by the System President, upon the approval and recommendations of the Faculty, Council of Academic Deans and appropriate administrators be and they are hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the list of graduates may be supplemented or modified as is necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the Administration's request to conduct a focused search to fill the positions of Dean of the College of Education and Dean of the College of Engineering be and it is hereby approved.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Finance and Business Affairs Committee**

The report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee was presented by Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Mrs. Scott, 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 1996 Summer Tuition Discounts for SUNO employees, their spouses and/or dependents be and they are hereby approved.**

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On motion of Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Hall, 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 Systemwide policy on Registration Refunds be and it is hereby approved.**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Student Affairs Committee**

The report of the Student Affairs Committee was presented by Mr. Carlos White, Chairman of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Hall, 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 1995-96 Student Insurance Contract with Bankers Assurance United Life Company be and it is hereby extended for one (1) twelve month period in accordance with existing terms, conditions and rate schedule.

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On motion of Mr. White, 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 contract between SUBR and ARAMARK for management and consultant services related to the food service program, effective June 11, 1996 - June 30, 1998 with the option of the part of the University to renew the contract for three additional one-year periods, be and it is hereby approved.

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On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board adopted the report of the Student Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: RESOLUTIONS**

a. **Special Resolution**

By unanimous consent, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, in recognition of his distinguished tenure in office, Mr. Donald Carlyle Wade be and he is hereby designated as Executive Director Emeritus of Alumni Affairs for Southern University.

A more formal resolution will be presented to Mr. Wade at the July meeting of the Board.

**b.     Resolutions of Condolences**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be conveyed by way of a formal resolution to the families of persons named below.**

- **Mr. Marshall Harvey, brother of Board Member Lawson Harvey.**
- **Mrs. Annie O. Fisher Terrell, mother of Mrs. Patricia Handy  
          (President's Office)**
- **Mr. Joseph C. Hebert, uncle of Board Chair Nina H. Marchand.**
- **Mr. Ernest Vessel, Sr., father-in-law of Mrs. Henrietta H. Vessel (Board of  
Supervisors' Office).**
- **Mrs. Irene West, mother-in-law of Board Member Edselle Cunningham.**
- **Mrs. Martha Talbert, mother-in-law of Mr. Thurman Butler (System  
Director of Personnel Services).**

**AGENDA ITEM 9: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**a.     Schedule of Board Meetings**

The schedule of the July - November, 1996 regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors was announced.

**b.     Notice of Intent to Amend Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Supervisors**

The Board gave notice of its intent to amend Chapter II, Section 2 - 8, Subpart B.3.b. of the Regulations of the Board of Supervisors at the July 27, 1996 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Spikes's outstanding service to Southern University was acknowledged by several Board members and the President of the Student Government Association on the Baton Rouge Campus.

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Mrs. Marchand announced a Presidential Search Committee would be appointed in the near future, and Board Members Fontenot and Williams would serve as Co-Chairs.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chair, S.U. Board of Supervisors