

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Saturday, April 26, 1997**  
**Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building**  
**Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

The invocation was given by Rev. Gant.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. - Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick Bell  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall  
Mr. Allen Hamilton  
Mr. Lawson Harvey

Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson  
Mr. Reginald Joseph  
Mr. Myron Lawson  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

President Leon R. Tarver II, Secretary to the Board  
Vice Presidents Tolor White, Robert Johnson and Edward Jackson  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Jerome Greene, and Marvin Yates

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**Delete Item 8: Special presentation to S.U. Laboratory  
School's Basketball Team**

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**Point of personal privilege - Mrs. Marchand**

Mrs. Nina Marchand reported on the successful performance of the Southern University Track and Baseball Team during the SWAC Spring Sports event in New Orleans, including the 1<sup>st</sup> place won by Miss Ashel Botler in the 800-meter run. Miss Botler is the granddaughter of Board member Willie Sensley.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:      APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH  
22, 1997 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the minutes of the March 22, 1997 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:      REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT AND  
CHANCELLORS**

Presidential Briefing Notes and written reports from the Chancellors were presented to the Board. Copies are on file in the Office of the Board of Supervisors.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Committee's report was tendered by the Chairman, Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson. The report contained recommendations for Board approval of the following items:

- Personnel recommendations
  - SUBR: Forms 1 - 7, 17 - 21, and 54 - 65
  - SULC: Form 8
  - SUNO: Forms 9 - 14, 22 - 52 and 66
  - SUSBO: Forms 15 and 16, 53 and 67 - 69
- Candidates for degrees at the 1997 Spring Commencement Exercises, Campuses and Law Center
- Promotion and Tenure Recommendations: SUBR, SULC and SUNO
- Proposal and strategic plan for the Ph. D. Program in Biomedical Sciences, SUBR
- Letter of intent and proposal for the Manufacturing Sciences Program, SUSBO

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board approved the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Athletics Committee**

The report of the Committee, given by the Chairman, Mr. Frank Williams, Jr., contained the following items:

- a recommendation for Board approval of the five-year projected budget for the Department of Athletics at Southern University - Baton Rouge; and

- an informational report on budget concerns and funding for the Athletics Program on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus**

**At Dr. Jefferson's request, Mr. Tolor White provided additional details on funds that was transferred from the campus' auxiliary fund to subsidize athletics and other campus entities.**

**Following the report, Dr. Jefferson requested that additional information be submitted to Board members in the next two weeks that would reflect:**

- the total amount of auxiliary funds**
- a breakdown of auxiliary fund expenditures**
- programs in which auxiliary funds were utilized to offset a budget deficit.**

**These reports should cover the period from the 1994 - 95 fiscal year to the present.**

**On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board approved the report of the Athletics Committee.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- Vice Chairman Sensley presiding -**

**c. Executive Committee**

**The Committee's report, presented by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, contained a recommendation from the Committee to the Board to grant the appeal hearing requested by Dr. Bryan Lewis, SUBR.**

**On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the report of the Executive Committee.**

Motion carried. Atty. Cunningham voted nay.

- Rev. Gant presiding -

d. Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report, presented by the Chairman, Ms. Mamye L. Hall, included the following items:

- Recommendations for Board approval

- Increases in Fees/Fines, effective Fall 1997
  - Traffic and parking
  - Housing
  - Campus dining
- Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires
- Ratification of increased payment to the IRS in the amount of \$7,254.93
- Change in processing tax-sheltered annuity contributions collected by Massachusetts General Life Insurance Company

- Informational reports

- Recommendations for addressing problems related to the University's financial structure, System
- Property Inventory, SUNO
- Finance Matters, SUNO

During the ensuing discussion concerning parking on the Baton Rouge Campus, the Chancellor announced plans for constructing a multi-level parking facility within the next three years to alleviate some of the parking problems.

**Several Board members, speaking in support of this action, suggested that the construction of this facility should begin at the earliest possible time.**

**The Chairman requested Chancellor Yates to submit the Board meeting in May a report and projections regarding the construction of the parking facility.**

**On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the report and recommendations of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**The Board recognized the presence of U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu at the meeting. Sen. Landrieu was visiting the campus to announce a \$200,000 federal grant to the Young Leaders' Academy for extending its program of mentoring young boys. Sen. Landrieu spoke to the Board and pledged her full support to the Southern University System.**

**Chairman Gant and President Tarver welcomed Senator Landrieu to the meeting.**

**e. Audit Compliance and Review Committee**

**The Committee's report, presented by the Chairman, Mr. Patrick Bell, contained an update on the Administration's actions taken to date to correct deficiencies identified in various audit reports.**

**On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the report of the Audit Compliance and Review Committee.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**- Vice Chairman Sensley presiding -**

**f. Search Committee for Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans**

**The Committee's report, given by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., included the following items:**

- Recommendations for Board approval**
  - The Advisory Committee and its Role**

- Search Timetable (Tentative)
- Position Description

The report was amended to include the Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the estimated budget of \$20,550.00 for the Chancellor Search.

- Informational reports
  - Search Committee's Charge
  - Presidential/Chancellor Vacancy Procedures
  - Reporting Guidelines
  - Future Committee Meetings

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board approved the report of the Search Committee for Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, as amended to include the estimated budget for the Chancellor's Search.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:      REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The Board received a status report on the University's Capital Campaign by Mr. Abb Ansley. Details are on file in the Office of the Board of Supervisors.

**AGENDA ITEM 8:      SPECIAL PRESENTATION - S.U. LABORATORY  
SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**DELETED.**

**AGENDA ITEM 9: RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCES**

On motion of Mr Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved resolutions of condolences to the families named below:

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- Mr. Robert Lynn Williams**
- Mr. Carl Stewart**
- Mr. Edward Lee Rowan, Sr.**
- Ms. Mattie Martin**

**AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS**

**At the Chair's request, communication written by Dr. Willie Banks to President Tarver was read by Mrs. Henrietta Vessel. In his letter, Dr. Banks praised Ms. Carol Ware and Ms. Christine Day for the professionalism and courtesy extended to him as a visitor to the Admissions Office on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.**

**The Board's commendations were orally extended to Ms. Ware and Ms. Day.**

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**Rev. Gant reminded the Administration of the need to timely submit documents for mailout of materials for the Board's meeting on May 16 - 17, 1997.**

**AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the meeting was adjourned.**



**Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors**



**Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors**