

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 A.M.

Saturday, February 22, 1997

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, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

The invocation was given by Atty. Edselle Cunningham.

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 J. Hamilton

Mr. Lawson Harvey

Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson

Mr. Reginald Joseph

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

Mr. Myron Lawson

Mrs. Nina H. Marchand

Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott

Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II

Vice Presidents Edward Jackson, Robert Johnson and Tolor White

Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Jerome Greene, and Marvin Yates

OTHERS

Attys. Winston DeCuir and Trevor Bryant

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 1997 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the January 11, 1997 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION  
DESEGREGATION CASE**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the Higher Education Desegregation Case, (USA vs. State of Louisiana, et. al., Case #80-3300A, USDC).

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- RECONVENTION -

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

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.



Rev. Gant announced that Dr. Stone was absent from the Board Meeting because of the illness of his sister-in-law who resides in California. Dr. Stone and his wife are expected to be in California for the next two - three weeks. The Board members' prayers were solicited for Dr. Stone, his wife and family.

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

**SYSTEM**

Dr. Tarver announced that positive comments were received from the House Education Committee whose members are conducting a sunset review of the Southern University System.

The President also advised that City National Bank was continuing to meet its \$200,000 Capital Campaign commitment to Southern University. During a recent luncheon with the Bank President and Chairman of the Board, two checks totaling \$70,000 were presented to President Tarver as payment towards the \$200,000 commitment. City National Bank is also providing office space for the University's Capital Campaign Staff.

SUBR

In addition to a written report submitted to the Board, the Chancellor introduced Dr. Ernest Walker, newly-appointed Dean of the College of Engineering and Dr. Frank Bosworth, Dean of the School of Architecture.

During the month of July, SUBR will host the AAU track meet where over 6,000 participants are expected as well as 6,000 support persons to attend.

SUNO

Vice Chancellor Patricia Harris thanked the Board for allowing Dr. Gex the opportunity to travel to the University of Missouri to accept the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

SULC

Chancellor Agnihotri reported that over 200 persons participated in Pre-Law Day at the Law Center. The activity was considered to be a success.

The Law Center has now satisfied all of its ABA requirements for full compliance and will not have to submit another report until the year 2001.

SUSBO

The Federal Aviation Administration visited the campus on Thursday, February 13. Preliminary reports indicate that the University will receive FAA approval of the Aerospace Technology Power Train Program.

Chancellor Greene publicly commended Chairman Gant for his participation in the Martin Luther King celebration at SUSBO. Mr. Michael Brown, son of the late Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown, was also one of the featured speakers at the MLK Celebration.

In closing, Chancellor Greene presented Mrs. Nina Marchand with a plaque recognizing her service as Board Chair for 1996.

(Ms. Hall entered the meeting.)

## AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board adopted the report of the February 21, 1997 meeting of the Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

The report contained the Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the following personnel action forms:

- System: Form 1
- SUBR: Forms 2 - 20, 29 - 30, 35 - 65 and 69 - 74
- SUNO: Forms 21 - 26 and 31
- SUSBO: Forms 27, 28 and 32 - 34, 66 - 68 and 75 - 77
- Board: Forms 78 - 83

### Finance and Business Affairs Committee

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board adopted the report of the February 21, 1997 meeting of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee, as amended to reflect a change in the recommendation from the Law Center to increase only out-of-state fees, effective Fall 1997. The recommended increase in tuition fees for in-state students was withdrawn by the Chancellor.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's report included the following recommendations for Board approval:

- BA-7 #6 at SUNO to provide funds of \$682,510 for computer acquisitions
- Tuition discounts for employees/dependents at SUNO for the 1997 Spring Semester
- Out-of-state fee increase, effective Fall 1997, SU Law Center
- Authorization for use of auxiliary surplus to fund the athletics program at SUNO
- Approval of an audit engagement letter with Bruno and Tervalon, CPAs, for audit of the athletics program at SUBR for the period ending June 30, 1997

Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the report of the February 21, 1997 meeting of the Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's report included the following recommendations for Board approval:

- The supplemental list of major repairs and re-roofing projects for campuses in the Southern University System
- Authorization to SUNO to investigate the possibility of providing student housing through the building of an apartment complex to house student athletes as well as some honors, graduates and foreign students.

Audit Compliance and Review Committee

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved the report of the February 21, 1997 meeting of the Audit Compliance and Review Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's report included the following informational items.

- General Purpose Financial Statements and Reports (Louisiana Legislative Auditor)
- Federal Grant Financial and Compliance Audit and Report (Bruno and Tervalon, Independent Auditors)
- Compliance Review Report (Louisiana Student Financial Aid Commission)

**AGENDA ITEM 8: CONTRACT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FOR ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM, SUBR**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the contract with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for the Alcohol and Violence Prevention Program at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Gerald D. Kimble is hereby authorized to perform all acts necessary to implement, maintain, amend, renew or execute said contract or provisions therein for the period, July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

AGENDA ITEM 9: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON DESEGREGATION PROGRAMS  
FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1997

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the quarterly status report on Desegregation Programs for the period of October 1 - December 31, 1997 be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 10: 1997 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, SUBR

Coach Casem presented the 1997 football schedule for Southern University - Baton Rouge. He announced that adjustments in the schedule were made in order to include five home games to generate sufficient funds to operate the annual athletics budget.

A motion was offered by Mr. Sensley, and seconded by Mrs. Marchand, for the Board to approve the 1997 football schedule, as presented, for Southern University - Baton Rouge.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of playing the S.U. vs. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff game in Shreveport. The Board was advised that the playing of the game in Shreveport would not have a negative financial impact on the athletics budget for 1997.

On a substitute motion by 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 1997 football schedule for Southern University be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the schedule may be amended to reflect the playing of the S.U. vs. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff game in Shreveport, if the necessary arrangements can be effectuated by the Board Chairman and Administration and agreed to by all appropriate parties.

#### AGENDA ITEM 10: RESOLUTIONS

##### Commendations

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. Jefferson, the Board approved a resolution of commendation to Mr. Patrick Fontenot for his service as a member of the Board of Supervisors from January 1991 to January 1997.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### Condolences

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer, the Board approved resolutions of condolences to the families listed below.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Robert "Hoover" Sensley
- Mrs. Ethel Guient
- Mrs. Nettie Howard
- Mr. Alonzo Harvey
- Mr. Walter Banks
- Mrs. Martha Beauchamp Thomas
- Mr. James Sylvester Thomas, Sr.
- Mrs. Carribel Beck Holmes
- Mrs. Gloria Morgan

#### AGENDA ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS

Chancellor Greene announced that his father was released from the hospital and was doing well.

Rev. Gant made the following announcements:

- Chancellor Greene was scheduled to represent the Southern University System in a meeting with President Bill Clinton on Monday, February 24

- Chancellor Gex was the recipient of a Distinguished Alumnus award from the University of Missouri.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors