

Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 A.M.
Saturday, March 22, 1997
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd 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 Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman	Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. - Vice Chairman	Mr. Reginald Joseph
Mr. Patrick Bell	Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Warren Chretien	Mr. Myron Lawson
Atty. Edselle Cunningham	Mrs. Nina H. Marchand
Ms. Mamye L. Hall	Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton	Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.
Mr. Lawson Harvey	

ABSENT

Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Item 9A: Request for authorization to submit an amended Capital Outlay Budget Request for acquisition of a facility, SUSBO

Item 9B: Grant award and request for authorization to submit an amended Capital Outlay Budget Request for renovation of laboratory space in Physics Department, SUBR

Revised Board Meeting Schedule

Rev. Gant announced that the Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meetings on May 30 - 31, 1997 in New Orleans. This new date was selected because there was an insufficient number of hotel accommodations available during the weekend of May 23 - 24.

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Special tribute was paid to Mr. Patrick Fontenot for his service as a member of the Board of Supervisors from January 1991 to January 1997. Mementos from the Board and Administration were presented to Mr. Fontenot by Chairman Gant, Vice Chairman Sensley, President Tarver, and Chancellor Greene.

Mr. Fontenot expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board and Administration. In recalling some of his experiences as a Board member, Mr. Fontenot shared his views on issues which are currently facing the University. In closing, he recognized various individuals who assisted him during his tenure on the Board.

The presence of several members of Mr. Fontenot's family was recognized by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 5: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 1997 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board approved the minutes of its regular meeting on February 22, 1997.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS

System

President Tarver provided an update on matters listed below:

- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) self-study instrument crafted by the System Administration in preparation for a reaccreditation visit in 1999-2000.
- Third party financing efforts to provide housing for student-athletes at SUNO
- Telecommunication services which are available or scheduled for implementation on the System Campuses
- The Sunset Review Hearing by the House Education Committee on March 13 and 14, 1997
- Inquiries by the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus relative to the University's current legislative needs

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- Update on the University's Capital Campaign. A formal presentation will be made at the April Board meeting, as requested by Mrs. Marchand.
- Beginning in April 1997, the President's Briefing Notes will be submitted to the Board on a monthly basis to provide information concerning the System
- Mr. Curtis Lee, newly appointed System Director of External Affairs was introduced to the Board.

In addition to written reports submitted to the Board, the Chancellors provided the following information:

SUBR:

- The University's Emergency Evacuation Plan will be submitted to the Board for information at the April 1997 Board Meeting
- Sandbagging efforts are underway on campus to stem the flow of rising water from the Mississippi River

At the request of Ms. Hall, a resolution of commendation will be sent from the Board to all agencies that assisted the University in evacuating students on March 18, 1997 as a result of a chemical leak from the overturned barge on the Mississippi River near the campus.

Ms. Hall announced that Ms. Tujuana Smith, SUBR student, was recently recognized by the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers as the Outstanding Bachelor Level Social Worker for the Year.

SUNO

No additional report.

SULC

The Law Center will observe its 50th Anniversary in October 1997. Various activities related to the Law Center's role and mission are planned to take place throughout the year. Sessions of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Louisiana State Supreme Court are scheduled at the Law Center as a part of the Anniversary activities.

SUSBO

- In an effort to augment its Direct Loan Program, the Campus has ordered a new computer to get on line with the Baton Rouge Campus in order to meet the seven-day turnaround time for writing checks as of July 1.

The Board Chairman requested the President to research the correct name of the Southern University Campus located in Shreveport.

AGENDA ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. ACADEMIC AND FACULTY AFFAIRS/PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson.

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, 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 that personnel recommendations exhibited on the following forms be and they are hereby approved.

- SUBR: Forms 1 - 15 and 18 - 22
- SUNO: Forms 16 and 23
- SUSBO: Forms 17 and 24

The following action was recommended by the Finance and Business Affairs Committee during the Board meeting relative to personnel action forms which were deferred by the Committee at its March 21, 1997 meeting:

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of late submitted personnel recommendations listed below.

Motion carried unanimously.

- SUBR: Forms 25 - 40
- SUSBO: Forms 41 and 42

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Lawson, 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 late submitted personnel recommendations listed below be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- SUBR: Forms 25 - 40
- SUSBO: Forms 41 and 42

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee which includes the following recommendations be and it is hereby approved.

- Proposal and letters of intent for the following programs at SUSBO:
 - a. Associate of Science Degree in Urban Forestry
 - b. Associate of Applied Science Degree in Avionics Technology
- Honorary Doctorate Degrees, SUBR
 - a. Vice President Albert Gore, Doctor of Science
 - b. U.S. Representative Maxine Waters, Doctor of Humane Letters
 - c. The Honorable William Gray, Doctor of Humane Letters

Athletics Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Warren Chretien.

On motion of Mr. Chretien, 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 employment contract for Mr. Tommy Green as Head Coach of Men's Basketball at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract shall cover a period of two years, July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1999, with a third year option, if desired by both parties; the base salary for the position shall be \$50,000.00 annually, with a housing allowance of \$1,000.00 per month.

This action was taken by the Board subsequent to a statement by Atty. DeCuir advising the Board that he had reviewed the contract and found it to be in order.

Coach Tommy Green was presented to the Board. Coach Green expressed his appreciation for the appointment and pledged his best efforts in fulfilling the duties of the position.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors' for Southern University that the report of the Athletics Committee be and it is hereby approved.

Mr. Sensley requested a report on the athletics program at SUNO relative to the budget deficit situation, sufficiency of funding for the program and its compliance with the Title IX requirements.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

On motion of Rev. Gant, 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 request for a hearing on the grievance appeal by Dr. Deborah Smith, SUNO, be and it is hereby denied.

On motion of Rev. Gant, 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 notice of Dr. Robert Gex's retirement as Chancellor of the Southern University at New Orleans Campus be and it is hereby accepted.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Executive Committee be and it is hereby approved.

Rev. Gant announced the plan for the creation of a special fund for the Board of Supervisors in the Southern University Foundation. Funds will be obtained through private donations and will be used to purchase florals and other amenities which cannot be purchased with state funds.

Board Member Myron Lawson has consented to chair this fundraising effort.

The Chair will communicate with Board members to receive their input relative to this fund.

FINANCE AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Ms. Mamy Hall.

The followings items (Items 9A - C) which were deferred by the Committee at its meeting on March 21, 1997, were considered and the following recommendations were made to the Board:

Item 9A. IRS - Assessed Penalty

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the request by the Administration to pay an Internal Revenue Service penalty of \$123,736.02 assessed the University for failure to timely deposit Federal Employment Taxes for the periods ending March 31, 1996, June 30, 1996 and the quarter ending September 30, 1996.

This action was recommended taken with the stipulation that the University would

- (1) file a claim under the Errors and Omissions section of its policy with the Office of Risk Management; and
- (2) submit a request to the IRS for a rebated penalty which will give the University the opportunity to seek redress in tax court.

The Finance Committee was requested to monitor the tax penalty situation.

Item 9B. Addendum to contract agreement with University Community Development Corporation of Louisiana; amendment no. 2 to the contract

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Committee recommends to the Board the approval of an addendum to the Cooperative Agreement between the Southern University System and the University Community Development Corporation of Louisiana which states objectives and

performance measures; and approval of Amendment No. 2 to the contract which allows the Federal Government to increase the amount to be paid for each house purchased.

There is no change in the commitment amount for support costs of \$5417.00 that was made by each institution in the original Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the period January 1 - June 30, 1997.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9C. Use of SGA funds to purchase equipment, SUSBO

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the request from the Administration to use Student Government Association funds in the amount of \$16,006.30 to purchase intramural equipment and a new sound system for the Activity Center at SUSBO, subject to appropriate review by the Board's legal counsel.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The report included recommendations for Board approval of the following items:

- 1997 Spring Tuition Discounts for SUBR and SUSBO
- Engagement letter with Bruno and Tervalon, CPA Firm, for audit of federally-funded programs, grants and contracts for the period ending June 30, 1997
- Student Teaching Fee of \$200.00, effective Fall 1997, for Education Majors, SUNO

- Authorization to pay IRS - assessed penalty of \$123,736.02 for failure to timely deposit Federal Employment Taxes (Item 9A) and to seek tax rebate
- Approval of an Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement between the Southern University System and the University Community Development Corporation of Louisiana which states objectives and performance measures and Amendment No. 2 of the contract which allows the Federal Government to increase the amount it has agreed can be paid for each house purchased. (Item 9B)
- Authorization to the Administration to use \$16,006.30 of SGA funds to purchase intramural equipment and a new sound system for the activity center at SUSBO.

The report also included an update on the property inventory matter at SUNO.

AUDIT COMPLIANCE AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

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

Motion carried. 12 yeas; 2 nays: Hamilton and Marchand; 1 abstention: Joseph.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Office of the Internal Auditor be and it is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the System President, effective immediately.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board adopted the report of the Audit Compliance and Review Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

The report also included an informational report on the campuses' action plans for correcting deficiencies cited in audit reports for the year ending June 30, 1996.

SUNO Chancellor Search Committee

The Chairman announced that the Search Committee for the Chancellor of the Southern University at New Orleans would meet at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 27, 1997 in the Board's Meeting Room, J.S. Clark Administration Building, Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

The Committee will be composed of the members of the Board's Executive Committee, Board members who represent the area in which the institution is located, and the System President.

AGENDA ITEM 8: RESOLUTIONS

a. Commendations

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer, the Board approved the following resolutions of commendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Agencies which assisted in the evacuation of Southern University - Baton Rouge students on March 18, 1997 due to a toxic chemical leak from an overturned barge on the Mississippi River
 - Baton Rouge Red Cross
 - LSU - Baton Rouge

- The Mayor's Office
 - Louisiana State Police
 - EBR Parish Sheriff's Office
 - Baton Rouge City Police
 - Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
 - Baton Rouge City Transit Company
 - EBR Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness
- Boys' Basketball Team at the S.U. Laboratory School for winning the 1997 Louisiana State Championship title.

Chancellor Yates will arrange for the attendance of the members of the Laboratory School's Basketball Team, coaching staff and appropriate administrative personnel at the April meeting. At this time, resolutions of commendations from the Board will be formally presented to the Senior Team members and School officials.

- b. Condolences
- The Linda Hollis Family
 - The Matthew Causey Family
 - The Kevin Edmond Jordan Family
 - The Blanche White Family
 - The Lodgia Ellis Family
 - The Deola Robinson Family
 - The Dollie Mearidy Family
 - The Felton Shamlin Family
 - The Josephine Settles-Cantrell Family
 - The Ivory Ned Family
 - The Channie Edwards Family

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Request for authorization to submit an amendment to the Capital Outlay Budget Request to acquire a facility for SUSBO

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to submit to the Board of Regents an amended Capital Outlay Budget Request for the acquisition of an existing facility in downtown Shreveport.

SUSBO has developed a proposal for the acquisition of the Joe D. Waggoner Building, 500 Fannin Street in Downtown Shreveport, Louisiana. The purchase price of the facility is \$3,000,000.00 and renovation costs have been estimated at an additional \$2,000,000.00.

- b. Grant award and request for authorization to submit an amendment to the Capital Outlay Budget for renovation of Laboratory space in Physics Department, SUBR

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board approved the following resolution.

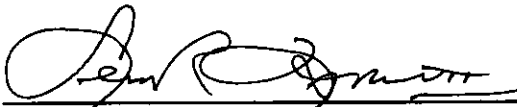
Motion carried unanimously.


RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to submit to the Board of Regents an amended Capital Outlay Budget Request for renovation of Laboratory Space in the Department of Physics at Southern University - Baton Rouge.

The Board was advised of the Baton Rouge Campus' receipt of a grant award from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$545,415 for the renovation project.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors


Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors