

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 25, 1998  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Dottie H. Bell.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman  
Mr. Myron Lawson, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Harrison Baptiste  
Mr. David Bell  
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell  
Mr. Patrick Bell  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

Mr. Jason Brown  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall  
Mr. Lawson Harvey  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson  
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

President Leon R. Tarver II  
Vice Presidents L. Couvillon, R. Slaughter, and T. White  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, J. Greene, G. Peoples; Chancellor Designate E. Jackson

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Atty. Winston DeCuir

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

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4A: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 1998 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Harvey,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the March 28, 1998 meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 4B:           EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DR. LEON R. TARVER II, S.U. SYSTEM PRESIDENT (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board convened into executive session to discuss the employment contract for Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, S.U. System President.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

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

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

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On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Chretien,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the employment contract for Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, President of the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved, effective July 1, 1998.

**AGENDA ITEM 4C: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Committee's report was presented by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Lawson Harvey.

A motion was offered by Mr. Harvey and seconded by Mr. Brown, for Board approval of the Committee's report.

The following substitute motion was offered by Mr. D. Bell, seconded by Ms. Hall, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee, as amended to reflect the following recommendations, be and it is hereby approved.

- Approval of personnel action forms 1 - 7 and 31 - 33 (SUBR); and, forms 8 - 30 and 34 (SUNO)
- Approval of candidates for degrees at the 1998 Spring Commencement Exercises on the three campuses and the Law Center
- Ratification of the Administration's action in submitting the following applications for endowed professorships at Southern University - Baton Rouge:
  - Dr. G. Leon Netterville/Kellogg Professorship
  - Mrs. Barbara Dixon/Kellogg Professorship
  - Dr. J.K. Haynes Professorship
  - Dr. Jesse N. Stone/City National Bank Law Professorship
- Approval of promotion and tenure recommendations submitted by the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus and for the late Marilyn Joy Clemons, effective April 15, 1998, at the S.U. Law Center
- Defer action on other recommendations for promotion and tenure submitted by the S.U. Law Center
- Approval of the appointment of Dr. Brenda Birkett as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective July 1, 1998, at an annual salary of \$98,000. Dr. Birkett will retain her position as a tenured professor of Accounting at Southern University - Baton Rouge.
- Acceptance of Dr. Jerome Greene's letter of resignation as Chancellor of the Southern University - Shreveport/Bossier Campus; and, approval of his request for an appointment as a tenured professor in the area of public administration and allied health with administrative duties. The faculty/administrative position is a 12 month appointment at an annual salary of \$65,800.
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The Committee also received an informational report on expanded summer school offerings on the Southern University - Shreveport/Bossier Campus.

**Athletics Committee**

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

On motion of Mr. Chretien, seconded by Mr. Harvey,

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Athletics Committee, which includes the following recommendations, be and it is hereby approved.**

- Approval of the employment contract for Mr. Herman Hartman as Head Coach of Women's Basketball at Southern University - Baton Rouge. The contract covers the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000, with a third-year option, and provides for an annual salary of \$46,000.

The Committee also received informational reports pertaining to:

- A five-year improvement plan for Women's basketball
- Game day announcers for the 1998 football season at Southern University - Baton Rouge
- RV parking spaces with electrical outlets at Southern University - Baton Rouge
- Tentative 1998-99 Men and Women's Basketball Schedules at Southern University - Shreveport/Bossier

#### Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

The report noted that the general maintenance and preventive maintenance schedules were provided to Mr. Lawson Harvey for his review.

Rev. Bilberry announced that several Board members had expressed concerns during the Committee's tour of Baton Rouge Campus facilities. Rev. Bilberry requested the members to place their concerns in writing and submit them to him.

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Baptiste,

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee be and it is hereby approved.**

#### Finance and Business Affairs Committee

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

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A motion was offered by Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to approve the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

The following substitute motion by Mr. Lawson which was seconded by Mrs. Scott, was approved unanimously.

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee, which includes the following recommendations, be and it is hereby approved, as amended.**

- Ratification of the Administration's action in submitting to the Board of Regents the applications for matching funds for the following endowed professorships on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus
  - Dr. G. Leon Netterville/Kellogg Professorship
  - Mrs. Barbara Dixon/ Kellogg Professorship
  - Dr. J.K. Haynes Professorship
  - Dr. Jesse N. Stone/City National Bank Law Professorship
- Approval of the request for an increase of \$14,300 in the SUNO Chancellor's Special Food Account to provide funds necessary to host essential and important University-sponsored events during the 1998 Spring semester.
- Approval of the request from MetLife Insurance Company to expand its product offerings to employees of the Southern University System.
- Authorization to Southern University System President, Leon R. Tarver II, to approve, in collaboration with the Board's counsel and the President of the Louisiana State University System,
  - (1) a contract for lease to the appropriately selected responsive bidder/vendor for space/operation of the retail section of the college bookstore for the Baton Rouge Community College; and
  - (2) any capital improvements that are deemed appropriate to effectuate the bookstore lease contract.
- Approval of the Student Technology Fee proposal for the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus. Effective Fall 1998, students will be assess a \$5.00 per student credit hour fee, with a maximum fee of \$60.00 per semester, for a full-time student.
- Approval of the per student resident fee of \$1,190 per semester for housing in the new Women's residence hall that will open in the 1998 Fall semester.

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As an informational item, the Committee was advised by the Board Chairman that the current practice relative to the payment of meal expenses for Board meetings in New Orleans and Shreveport would continue.

**Student Affairs Committee**

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Jason Brown.

The report contained information regarding the following items.

- Systemwide Internet Site with E-Mail System
- Internet Web-based Registration, Campuses and Law Center
- Recruitment Tools used by the campuses and the Law Center
- A meeting that is planned between Chancellor Edward Jackson and Mr. Jason Brown to attempt to resolve problems encountered by Mr. Brown with Southern University Campus police.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. P. Bell,

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that resolutions of condolences to the following families be and they are hereby approved.**

- The Florence Blossom Family
- The Charles Thomas Treadway Family
- The Louis C. Wright, Jr. Family
- The Marilyn Joy Clemons Family
- The Kendra West Family
- The Wonzon Gallaway Family
- The Nathaniel Benjamin Williams Family

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5A: SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

In addition to the written report submitted from the System, the President advised that Senate Bills 1 and 2 were passed by the Louisiana Legislature during the 1998 Special Session. These bills created a system and governing board for the state community colleges and technical schools.

**AGENDA ITEM 5B: CHANCELLORS**

In addition to their written reports, Chancellors Jackson and Peoples reported on the searches to fill administrative positions presently vacant on their campuses.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Messrs. David Bell and Lawson Harvey presented to Chancellor Peoples a donation of \$3,000.00 to assist the SUNO Track Team in meeting expenses associated with their participation in post-season competition. President Tarver donated an additional \$1,000.00.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. P. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors