

Southern University Board of Supervisors
10:00 A.M.
Saturday, March 28, 1998
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd 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. Anne Z. Kiefer.

PRESENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman
Mr. Myron Lawson - Vice Chairman
Mr. Harrison Baptiste
Mr. David L. Bell
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell
Mr. Patrick Bell
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Warren Chretien
Ms. Mamye L. Hall
Mr. Lawson Harvey
Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.

ABSENT

Mr. Jason Brown
Mr. Louis Miller

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II
Vice Presidents Lawrence Couvillon and Tolor White
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Jerome Greene, Gerald Peoples; Chancellor Designate
Edward Jackson

Atty. Winston DeCuir

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Item 3A: Point of personal privilege, Mrs. Dottie H. Bell

AGENDA ITEM 3A: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - MRS. DOTTIE H. BELL

Mrs. Bell announced that via the SUSBO Alumni's 2nd Annual Radiothon, \$27,000.00 was raised on March 21 and subsequent pledges brought the total to approximately \$70,000. Chairman Gant and President Tarver were recognized for their contributions to the success of the fundraising activity.

AGENDA ITEM 4A: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 1998 BOARD MEETING

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

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

A typographical error on the vote relative to the employment contract for the Director of Athletics was noted for correction. The minutes should read: 11 yeas, 3 nays, 1 abstention.

**AGENDA ITEM 4B: REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
OF THE S.U. SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

The report of the Presidential Evaluation Committee was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Myron Lawson. Board Chairman Gant announced that President Leon Tarver II had received a very positive evaluation of his performance by the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Ms. Lawson,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4C: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

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

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Harvey,

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.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of personnel action forms 1 - 7 for the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus

- Approval for the establishment of an endowed professorship in the College of Business on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus

Other Recommendations:

- The Chancellors shall report at the next meeting on the projected dates for implementing web-based registration on their campuses
- The President is requested to establish a Systemwide Internet site with a working E-Mail system and to provide a status report to the Committee at its next meeting

Informational items received by the Committee included the following:

- A report on the Internet web-based Registration System on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus
- An update on the development of the newly-designed uniform performance evaluation instruments for University personnel at all levels

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.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of the Chancellor's response to the recommendations submitted by the Director of Athletics regarding game day parking. The Chancellor's

response reflected his concurrence with the following recommendations from the Athletics Director:

- To maintain season and reserved parking on lots A (RV), B, C, E and Sections of Lot D (F.G. Clark Activity Center parking) for season general parking and RV overflow.
- To maintain the fee of \$20.00 per game (plus \$125.00 utility fee, where required) for RVs.
- To increase the parking fee for Lot D to \$3.00 per game
- Approval of the 1998 football schedule

Other recommendations from the Athletics Director regarding game day parking did not receive the Chancellor's concurrence.

Other discussions/requests included the following:

- Update on the radio broadcast contract regarding the selection of game day radio announcers for the 1998 football season
- Request to the Administration to provide a report on its efforts to increase the number of RV parking spaces with hook ups to electrical outlets.
- Request to the SUBR Director of Athletics to provide the Alumni Federation with information to be distributed to Alumni through its media outlets about available parking for RVs.
- Athletic Directors are to be present at future Committee meetings when matters related to their programs are to be discussed.

The Board was advised that the SUNO Director of Athletics was not present at the meeting, as directed by the Board, because of the illness of his mother. The detailed athletics budget breakdown was submitted in accordance with the Committee's request.

Chancellor Peoples was requested to see that additional athletics budget information be made available to Mr. David Bell and other members of the Board, if requested.

- MR. MYRON LAWSON PRESIDING -

Executive Committee

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

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Chretien,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request by Mr. Derek N. Cole for a hearing by the Board of his grievance appeal be and it is hereby denied.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration's action regarding Mr. Derek N. Cole's grievance be and it is hereby upheld.

- CHAIRMAN GANT PRESIDING -

Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee

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

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

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 of the Committee.

The report contained information regarding the orientation session for the Board members which was held on March 26th to explain the Southern University

capital outlay/facilities planning process. The session was followed by a tour of several facilities on the Baton Rouge Campus. The tour will continue during the April meeting of the Committee.

The Committee's report also provided information concerning the presentation by architects, Burks-Kleinpeter, Inc. and Billes/Manning regarding the Physical Plant Master Plan Study for the Southern University at New Orleans Campus.

In response to a question posed by Rev. Gant, Mr. McGhee advised that the University has requested a proposal to have a space utilization study done for the SUSBO Campus and subsequently, to develop a master plan. Capital outlay funds in the amount of \$250,000 will be used for updating the Baton Rouge Campus Master Plan and the development of a space utilization and master plan for the Shreveport Campus.

The Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee will conduct tours of New Orleans and Shreveport facilities when the Board meetings are held on those campuses.

Finance and Business Affairs Committee

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

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

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.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of the request from the Administration to establish an endowed professorship in the College of Business on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus; and, to apply to the Board of Regents for funds in the amount of \$40,000 to match the \$60,000 funding provided by the Business and Industry Cluster.
- The President shall review and authorize, as he deems appropriate, the request to increase the Chancellor's Special Food Account at SUNO.

The President's decision shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

The Chairman of the Board was requested to look at the feasibility of meals associated with Board meetings on the New Orleans and the Shreveport Campuses becoming the responsibility of the Board. The Chairman's recommendation will be submitted to the Board at its April meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4D: GRADUATE PROGRAM SUBSTITUTIONS, SUNO

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Patrick Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request by Southern University at New Orleans to substitute the following programs for those originally proposed under the Desegregation Settlement Agreement be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Reaccreditation of the Master of Social Work in lieu of the Master of Addictive Disorders
- Master of Arts in Museum Studies and Cultural Preservation in lieu of the Master of Transportation

AGENDA ITEM 4E: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Patrick Bell, seconded by Mr. Harvey,

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

- Mrs. Ruby Johnson Joseph
- Ms. Patricia Ann Baptiste

- Mr. Howard Greene
- Army Col. (Retired) Leonce Gaiter
- Rev. Robert Terrell
- Mr. Ledell Gipson
- Mr. Joseph Marion, Sr.
- Miss Shandrieka Ann Fox
- Mrs. Blanche Leonard-Coleman

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that a resolution of condolences shall be sent to the families of the six children of the Larry Feast, Sr. and Roosevelt Feast who perished in a fire on Monday, March 23, 1998.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The President and Chancellors provided written reports regarding activities and developments within the Southern University System. Oral presentations by these officers are recounted below in summary form:

System

A document entitled, "Southern University System: Policy and Management System" was prepared by President Tarver. Copies of the report were disseminated to the members of the Board. Dr. Tarver advised that the document would be used to enhance the Administration's ability to manage decision making throughout the Southern University System. Board members were asked to peruse the document and to provide the President with the comments, suggestions or questions.

Baton Rouge Campus

- Chancellor Jackson acknowledged the assistance of Chairman Gant and other

members of the Board in the program commemorating Founders' Day on the Baton Rouge Campus.

- The Board of Regents approved the implementation of the Master of Science program in Urban Forestry, effective Fall 1998. A proposal to implement the Ph. D. program will be submitted for the Regents' approval in the Fall of 1999.
- Faculty and staff were recognized for their assistance in the University's student recruitment efforts. The next recruitment activity will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana. Joint recruitment efforts are scheduled with the Shreveport and New Orleans Campuses.

A marketing campaign will be initiated to enhance the University's recruitment drive. The proposal will be submitted for the President's approval.

- The S.U. Laboratory School recently hosted a local television station's weathernet program with approximately 30 East Baton Rouge parish teachers in attendance.
- Tentative timelines for disseminating information regarding the 1998 football season:

April 3: A news release will be mailed to seasonbook holders informing them of the 1998 football schedule, ticket prices, ticket office hours, and approved methods of ticket payment. The general public will be notified of dates for applying for seasonbooks.

April 17: Pocket size football schedules will be available for distribution. Seasonbook invoices will be mailed by this date.

May 5: Seasonbook payments will be accepted.

August 12: Announcement to general public of availability of individual football game tickets for purchase.

August 14 (or sooner): Seasonbooks will be mailed.

August 17: Public sale of individual football game tickets commences

SUNO

- The Board of Regents approved the Master in Computer Information Systems during its March 1998 meeting. Twenty-three students are presently enrolled and the first class is expected to graduate in the Spring of 1999.
- The documentary on the SUNO campus is three-fourths complete.
- The Annual High School Day, held recently on the campus, was attended by over 500 students and 13 local high school counselors.
- Dr. E.C. Harrison is assisting the University in preparing the campus' self-study in connection with SACS reaccreditation efforts.
- Dr. Leo Sams, retired Director of the Florida A & M University Foundation met with the SUNO faculty, staff, and students to talk about ways to build the institution into a great urban university. Dr. Sams also met with the Business Advisory group and advised them of the role it could play in this endeavor.
- The SUNO Knights won the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championship for 1998 in basketball.

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Board extend its congratulations to the SUNO Knights for winning the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championship for 1998 in basketball.

Motion carried unanimously.

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No oral report submitted.

SUSBO

- Dr. Leo Sams spoke with Chancellor Greene regarding strategies for enhancing the Shreveport Campus.
- A power-point presentation will be used as a part of the SUSBO student recruitment effort.

Chancellor Greene also reported on the campus' pending receipt of a \$1.5 million robot from a Fortune 500 company and the successful progress of the self study program.

Chancellor Greene was asked to provide a written report to Mrs. Dottie H. Bell pertaining to the 1998 Summer session schedules at SUSBO.

Mr. Lawson asked the President to develop a mechanism to provide for the use of uniform recruitment tools by the System, with individualized tools for the campuses and the Law Center.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Rev. Gant made the following announcements:

- Mr. Louis Miller's absence at today's meeting was due to death of a family member
- The Laboratory School's Boys Basketball Team won the 1998 State Championship title. This is the tenth state Championship title won by the Team. This title represented the sixth consecutive title under Coach Joel Hawkins.
- On Friday, April 24, the Laboratory School Boys Basketball Team and the University Women Track Team will be formally recognized by the Board for their achievements.

Other discussions/ announcements

- The Board was advised that award programs are held on the campuses to recognize the achievements of students and faculty. The Board's presence and involvement were invited.
- The Cooperative Extension Service held a very informative conference on the Baton Rouge campus on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27. The Conference organizers were commended by Chairman Gant.
- Board members were encouraged to view the construction going on the Baton Rouge Campus.
- Chancellor Designate Edward Jackson and Mr. Clayton Lewis were commended for their efforts which contributed to the success of the Founders' Day celebration on the Baton Rouge Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors