

Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 a.m.
Friday, November 26, 1999
Burgundy Rooms
4th level, Hyatt Regency Hotel
New Orleans, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. Prayers were offered in memory of Mr. Gerald T. Peltier, former S.U. Board Member and Mr. Robert Piper, Athletics Director at Grambling State University.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Mr. Harrison Baptiste
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell
Mr. Patrick Bell
Atty. John F.K. Belton
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Jr.
Mr. Bertel Dejoie
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Ms. Mamye L. Hall
Mr. John W. Joseph
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Louis Miller
Ms. Lea Polk
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott
Mr. Elvin Sterling

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II
Vice Presidents Press Robinson, Ralph Slaughter and Tolor White
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, James C. Brown, Edward Jackson, and Gerald Peoples

Atty. Winston DeCuir

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

- Item 9A: Request for approval to award Honorary Doctorate Degree, SUNO
- Item 15A: Request for increase in student-imposed sports/activity fee, SUSH
- Item 15B: Request for approval to operate the University Bookstore as an auxiliary enterprise and to establish its operating budget pending the successful bidding and awarding of bookstore contract, SUNO
- Item 15C: Request to appropriate and transfer additional funds and for approval to increase the budget for construction costs of new Student Health Infirmary, SUBR
- Item 16E: Request for approval of Work Force Development Budget Request

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Harvey Lawson was recognized by the Board and Administration for his services as a member of the Board from January 1995 to June 1999.

Mr. Harvey made brief remarks of appreciation and pledged his continuing support to Southern University.

Messrs. W.E. Tucker and Peter Moncrieffe were recognized by the Board and Administration for their financial contribution of \$1 million each to the Southern University System Foundation to assist the University in the development of its small business incubation and entrepreneurial programs.

Mr. Tucker made brief remarks of appreciation. Mr. Moncrieffe was unable to attend the meeting.

A resolution from the Board and Administration was present to Dr. Nthato Motlana Harrison, Chancellor of University of Northwest in South Africa.

Representatives from the General Motors Corporation presented to the University, the fifth and final installment (\$40,000) of a \$200,000 grant from the Company. Continuing financial support from General Motors was promised.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

- Board Vice Chairman Bilberry presiding -

a. Board Chairman

Mrs. Dottie Bell placed Mr. Myron Lawson's name in nomination.

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the nominations for the Office of Board Chairman were closed and Mr. Myron Lawson was re-elected to the office by acclamation.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Board Chairman Lawson presiding -

b. Board Vice Chairman

Mr. Miller placed Rev. Jesse Bilberry's name in nomination for the Office of Vice Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Mr. P. Bell, the nominations for the Office of Vice Chairman of the Board were closed and Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. was re-elected to the office by acclamation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawson and Rev. Bilberry expressed their appreciation to the members of the Board for re-electing them to their respective offices.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 1999
BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. D. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the October 22, 1999, Board meeting were approved, with correction of names of families approved for resolution of condolences.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS, SYSTEMWIDE

On motion of Mr. P. Bell, seconded by Rev. J. Bilberry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following Endowed Professorships be approved and applications for matching funds be submitted to the Louisiana State Board of Regents for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

- The W.E. "Bill" Tucker Endowed Professorship
- The Peter Moncrieffe Endowed Professorship
- The Kellogg Endowed Professorship
- The Leonard Barnes/Kellogg Endowed Professorship
- The Emmitt Bashful/Kellogg Endowed Professorship
- The Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship
- The Ben Johnson, Sr. Endowed Professorship

**AGENDA ITEM 8: PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE ACADEMIC UNITS AS PRIORITY
AREAS OF EXCELLENCE, SUBR**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the proposal submitted by Southern University at Baton Rouge to formally designate academic units supporting newly implemented and proposed doctoral programs as priority areas for excellence be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The proposal was developed by the Baton Rouge Campus in response to a request by the Board of Regents.

The programs identified for Academic Excellence designation are

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Priority Area for Excellence</u>
Ph. D. in Public Policy	School of Public Policy
Ph. D. in Math/Science Education	Math/Science Education Designed Faculty
Ph. D. in Nursing	School of Nursing
Ph. D. in Material Science	College of Engineering Department of Physics
Ph. D. in Urban Forestry	College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences
Ph. D. in Environmental Toxicology	Department of Biology Department of Chemistry

**AGENDA ITEM 9: CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, 1999
FALL COMMENCEMENT - SUBR AND SUNO**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the 630 prospective graduates at Southern University - Baton Rouge and 222 prospective graduates at Southern University at New Orleans who are certified as eligible to receive Associate's Degrees, Bachelor's degrees and Master's degrees at the 1999 Fall Commencement Exercises be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 9A: REQUEST TO AWARD HONORARY DOCTORATE
DEGREE, SUNO**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that SUNO's request to award an Honorary Doctorate Degree to SUNO Chancellor Emeritus Emmitt G. Bashful at the SUNO Commencement on December 11, 1999, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF SUBR'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Statement of Purpose for the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 10A: APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM'S MISSION STATEMENT**

On motion of Mrs. Scott, seconded by Rev. Gant,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Mission Statement for the Southern University System be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 10B: APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD
AND SYSTEM'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 1998-2003**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Southern University Board and System's Strategic Plan for 1998-2003 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE
TERMINATION OF THE VOCATIONAL BUSINESS
EDUCATION PROGRAM, SUBR (Executive Session)**

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Mr. P. Bell, the Board of Supervisors convened into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter relative to the termination of the Vocational Business Education Program, SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Rev. Bilberry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's recommendations relative to the termination of the Vocational Business Education Program and program personnel, effective December 31, 1999 at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The SUBR Administration affirmed that efforts will continue being made to place the remaining program employees in a suitable position.

AGENDA ITEM 12: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS, SUSH

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. D. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that Personnel Action Form 1 for the Southern University-Shreveport Campus be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 13: PROPOSED POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT OF PART-TIME FACULTY, SUBR

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Scott,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the policy on Employment of Part-Time Faculty on the SUBR Campus be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 14: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE S.U. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BRYAN AND JUPITER

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the professional legal services contract which provides for Bryan and Jupiter Law Firm to serve as the Legal Counsel for the Board and University in the lawsuit entitled, "United States vs. State of Louisiana" for the period commencing July 1, 1999 and terminating on June 30, 2000, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- RECESS -

The Board recessed its meeting until 2:00 p.m.

- RECONVENTION -

A roll call by the Secretary established the presence of a quorum. All Board members were present.

**AGENDA ITEM 15: ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE
30, 1999**

The Annual Fiscal Report for the Southern University System for the period ending June 30, 1999 was presented for informational purposes.

**AGENDA ITEM 15A: REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN STUDENT-IMPOSED
SPORTS/ACTIVITY FEE, SUSH**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Scott,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request of the student body at Southern University at Shreveport for authorization to increase its students' Sports/Activity Fee from \$20.00 to \$50.00 for the Fall and Spring Semesters and to increase the Summer Session Sports/Activity Fee from \$18.00 to \$30.00 (payable one time only), be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the System President, in consultation with the Board's legal counsel, be and he is hereby authorized to establish the effective implementation date for the fee increase and assessment.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 15B: REQUEST TO OPERATE THE UNIVERSITY
BOOKSTORE AS AN AUXILIARY ENTERPRISE AND TO
ESTABLISH ITS OPERATING BUDGET PENDING THE
SUCCESSFUL BIDDING AND AWARDED OF THE
BOOKSTORE CONTRACT, SUNO**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the SUNO Administration's request to operate the University Bookstore as an auxiliary enterprise, be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to establish the Bookstore's operating budget pending the successful bidding and awarding of the Bookstore Contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 15C: REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER
 ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND TO INCREASE THE BUDGET
 FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF THE NEW STUDENT
 HEALTH INFIRMARY, SUBR**

On motion of Mrs. Scott, seconded by Mr. P. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the SUBR Administration's request to appropriate and transfer additional funds and to increase the budget for construction costs of the new Student Health Infirmary, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 16: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2000-2001 BUDGET
 REQUEST ADDENDA**

On motion of Mr. P. Bell, seconded by Mrs. D. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following addenda to the 2000-2001 Budget Requests for SU entities, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The budget request addenda included:

- A. Operating Plans
 - (1.) Baton Rouge (Law Center included)
 - (2.) New Orleans
 - (3.) Shreveport

- B. Sunset Review Budget Request
 - (1.) Baton Rouge (Law Center included)
 - (2.) New Orleans
 - (3.) Shreveport
- C. Information Technology Forms
 - (1.) Baton Rouge
 - (2.) Law Center
 - (3.) New Orleans
 - (4.) Shreveport
- D. Children's Budget Request
 - (1.) Baton Rouge
 - (2.) Shreveport
- E. Work Force Development Budget Request
 - (1.) Baton Rouge
 - (2.) Shreveport

AGENDA ITEM 17: RESOLUTIONS

a. Jaguar Nation

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded unanimously by the Board Members, the resolution establishing the "Jaguar Nation" was approved.

The resolution is on file in the Board's Office.

The Administration was requested to send commendations to the originator of the term.

b. Condolences

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby approved for the families listed below.

- The Alphredia Perkins Patin Family
- The Carl Nickerson Family
- The Doris Lerene Hall Harris Family

- The Michael Raymondo Lewis, Jr. Family.
- The Robert Hall Family.
- The Gerald T. Peltier Family.
- The Robert Piper Family.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 18: PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS' REPORT

The monthly updates from the President and Chancellors were presented and are available for review in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 19: MAJOR REPAIRS AND RE-ROOFING PROJECTS, CAMPUSES

Informational report.

AGENDA ITEM 20: STATUS OF CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS, SYSTEMWIDE

Informational report.

**AGENDA ITEM 21: HIGHER EDUCATION DESEGREGATION QUARTERLY
REPORTS, SUBR AND SUNO**

Informational report.

AGENDA ITEM 22: OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Amanda Larkins, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Media Services, was introduced to the Board.

Ms. Hall showed the Bayou Classic logo sign which was being displayed by New Orleans businesses supporting the Bayou Classic. She urged the Board and others attending the meeting to patronize these businesses during the weekend.

At Rev. Gant's request, the Board received an update on the status of the gymnasium at on the Shreveport Campus.

Mr. Caiton extended commendations to Ms. Sandra Samuels for her efforts in producing the videotape entitled, "Southern University on the Move."

Chairman Lawson extended the Board's appreciation to the SUNO family for its display of hospitality during the Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 23: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. D. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors