

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
2:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 12, 2000  
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 called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

Present

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

Absent

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

University Personnel Attending

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

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Atty. Winston DeCuir

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

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**AMENDMENTS:**

- Move Item 7 to Item 3A: Special Presentation
- Delete Item 4c: Appointment of Director, S.U. Laboratory School

**AGENDA ITEM 3A: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Representatives of the Nu Gamma Omega Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Chancellor Edward Jackson. The funds are to be used for the new Student Medical Center on the Baton Rouge Campus.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION ITEMS**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

a. Minutes of the April 14, 2000 Board Meeting

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the April 14, 2000 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

b. Dean, College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's request to suspend the search and appoint Dr. Kirkland Mellad as Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences at SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of the appointment, July 1, 2000, and the annual salary of \$83,000, be and they are hereby approved.

c. Appointment of Director, S.U. Laboratory School

DELETED.

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**d. Professor Emeritus Title, SUBR**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the SUBR Administration's request to bestow upon Dr. Wilbur Clarke the title of Professor Emeritus be and it is hereby approved.

**e. Recommendation for Promotion, SULC**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Law Center Administration's recommendation for promotion in rank from Associate Professor to Full Professor for Mrs. Alfreda S. Diamond, effective Fall 2000, be and it is hereby approved.

**f. Recommendation for Promotion and Tenure, SUNO**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the SUNO Administration's recommendations for promotion and tenure, as listed below, be and they are hereby approved, effective Fall 2000.

**PROMOTION**

Byrd, Merry Lynn	Assistant to Associate Professor	English
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**TENURE**

Bopp, Alvin F.	Chemistry
Harrell, Evelyn B.	Social Sciences (Substance Abuse)
Miranda, Divina T.	Chemistry
Smith, James Donald	Social Work

**g. Strategic Plan and Proposal for the M.S. Degree in Engineering, SUBR**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Administration, that the Strategic Plan and Proposal for implementing the Master of Science Degree in Engineering, effective Fall 2000, be and it is hereby approved.

**h. Personnel Action Form #1, SUBR**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that personnel action form #1 be and it is hereby approved.

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i. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires for the Board and System Administration and the three campuses for the period of July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 be and they are hereby approved.

j. Resolutions

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that resolutions of condolences be extended by the Board to the following families:

- The Theresa Lewis Family
- The Alex Brandle, Sr. Family
- The Joyce Luter Family
- The Sankar Das Family
- The Elizabeth T. Smith Family
- The Kevin Mark Williams Family

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS**

The Board received information via written reports and/or oral presentations on the following items:

- Distance Learning
- Technology
- Higher Education Desegregation Quarterly Reports for the period, January 1 - March 31, 2000 (SUBR and SUNO0
- System and Campus Updates
- Changes from the existing operating budget for FY 1999-2000 to the recommended 2000-2001 budget
- Amendments to FY 2000-2001 Capital Outlay Recommendations

Due to illness, Mr. Huey Lawson, Director of Technology at SUBR, will make his presentation at the July Board meeting.

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The following comments and suggestions evolved from the presentations and reports:

- The University should seek to make its Distance Learning Programs self-sustaining

- The University should initiate efforts to compress the graduation checkout procedure on each campus. Responses from the Chancellors indicated various degrees of instituting a system to better facilitate students' at graduation checkout.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: UPDATE ON NATIONAL FINANCE CENTER, SUNO**

The Board was advised that the USDA's efforts to build a National Finance Center (NFC) on the SUNO's North Campus site are continuing. There is also an initiative to acquire 8-9 acres of additional land for SUNO. If this venture is successful, the Administration must determine where the NFC and new dormitories will be located.

University officials who are assigned to this project are Chancellor Joseph Bouie, Vice President Ralph Slaughter, Messrs. Larry McGhee and Curtis Lee.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Moved to Item 3a.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Administration was commended by several members of the Board of Supervisors for the various ceremonies honoring President Nelson Mandela during his visit to Southern University - Baton Rouge.

Mr. Sterling suggested that in the future as visitors/guest speakers of a magnitude similar to President Mandela visit a campus, closed circuit television should be used to link the other campuses. He also requested a report from the Administration on the proceeds from the Nelson Mandela Fundraising Banquet.

Mr. Caiton suggested that the University commission an artist to do a bust of Dr. Mandela for the lobby of Higgins Hall. Celebration of its unveiling can be shared with other campuses via teleconferencing. Mrs. Scott suggested selling videotapes of Mr. Mandela's visit to raise funds for his Children's Foundation.

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- The Administration is to provide an update on the status of Direct Deposit Payroll System.
- SUBR and SUNO should initiate plans for obtaining a radio station.
- SUBR and SUSH should consider and initiate actions to acquire additional land.
- Licensure of S.U. paraphernalia is being reviewed for selection of a Licensing Company.

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Mr. Sterling suggested that the Board consider the feasibility of separating the assignments of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

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A prayer was offered by Board Member Belton for Mr. Huey Lawson's speedy recovery and for the safe return of President Mandela and his traveling companions to their respective homes.

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Rev. Bilberry was presented with a cake to celebrate of his birthday.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors