

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, November 24, 2000

Burgundy Rooms, 4th level

New Orleans, Louisiana

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.

Present

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. - Vice Chairman

Mrs. Dottie 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

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

Mr. Louis Miller

Ms. Lea Polk

Mr. Derek Russ

Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott

Absent

Mr. Harrison Baptiste

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

University Personnel Attending

President Leon R. Tarver II

Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter and Tolor White

Vice President and Interim Chancellor Press Robinson

Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Joseph Bouie, Edward Jackson and Chancellor-Elect Ray L. Belton

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Atty. Belton, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add to Item 6F: Resolution regarding the SUBR Fall 2000 Commencement Speaker

Item 6G: Agreement between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and
the Board of Directors for the S.U. - Shreveport Foundation

AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2001

A. Chairman

Atty. John F.K. Belton was nominated by Mr. Joseph for the Office of Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. D. Bell.

On motion by Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Miller, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Belton was elected to the Office of the Board Chairman for 2001 by acclamation.

B. Vice Chairman

Ms. Lea Polk was nominated by Mrs. Scott for the Office of Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Caiton.

Mr. Patrick Bell was nominated by Mr. Miller for Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Dejoie.

On a motion by Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Hall, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call vote produced the following results: L. Polk-10 (Lawson, Bilberry, D. Bell, Belton, Caiton, Hall, Joseph, Polk, Russ, Scott)

P. Bell - 4 (P. Bell, Dejoie, Kiefer, Miller)

Ms. Polk was elected to the Office of Vice Chairman for 2001.

Atty. Belton and Ms. Polk tendered their appreciation to the Board members for electing them to the Offices of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. They pledged their best efforts in fulfilling the

responsibilities of their elective offices.

Atty. Belton recognized the presence of his wife, children and mother-in-law.

AGENDA ITEM: 6A-G

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6A: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2000 BOARD MEETING AND THE
NOVEMBER 15, 2000 SPECIAL MEETING**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the October 27, 2000 Board meeting and the November 15, 2000 Special Board meeting be, and they are hereby, approved.

ITEM 6B: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Higher Education Desegregation Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Higher Education Desegregation Committee, that the proposed agreement on the Unsettled Desegregation Land Grant Issues of Agricultural Research and Extension between Southern University and Louisiana State University be and it hereby, approved, with implementation being conditioned upon the approval of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, and the System's receipt of funding required to implement the agreement.

Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the amendments to the Board's Complimentary Ticket Policy be, and it is hereby, approved.

Policy Amendments:
Stadium Box Seats - West Side
Board Members - 2
Board Chairman - 6

Stadium Box (7BE or 8BE)
Board Chairman - 8

Board Members - 2

Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the transfer of approximately 0.69 miles of LA.408 (Harding Boulevard) from its intersection with College Drive to the approach slab adjacent to the most westerly span of the railroad overpass bridge, be and it is hereby approved. The rights of ownership shall be transferred from the Department of Transportation and Development to Southern University. The reconstruction of that portion of LA408 to a three-lane facility shall be completed before the transfer takes place.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that SUNO be and it is hereby authorized to apply for funds from the LA. Stadium and Exposition District and to execute related necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Further, the Board of Supervisors authorizes Dr. Joseph Bouie, Chancellor, to execute a contract or contracts related to this application and to sign off on all requests for payments. The authority granted herein is subject to the review and advice of the Board's legal counsel and approval of the System President.

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The Committee's report also reflected the receipt of quarterly reports on major repairs and re-roofing projects, capital outlay projects, the status of dormitories and the School of Business and Social Work on the SUNO north campus.

The Administration was requested to: 1) conduct a study on ways to improve traffic conditions during the home football games on the SUBR Campus; 2) to provide a report at the January meeting on the erection of signs on the three campuses, using Grambling State University as a model; 3) Report cost projections for the signs at the February Board meeting.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the candidates for degrees at the Fall 2000 Commencement Exercises on the Southern University-Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans Campuses be and they are hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the joint Juris Doctorate and Masters in Public Administration (JD/MPA) - SULC/SUBR be and it

is hereby approved.

Finance Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the following BA-7s be and they are hereby approved.

- BA-7 No. 4 (Revised)-Increase in student fees for Southern University at New Orleans
- BA-7 No. 5 (Revised)-Due from the State Department of Secondary Education- Laboratory School Funds
- BA-7 No. 6 Funds allocated for internal fee adjustments

The Committee's report also reflected information relative to the procedures used by the Administration for the processing of invoice payments.

AGENDA ITEM 6C: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF "THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD"

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the proposed organizational structure of the Agricultural Extension and Research Programs administered by the Board as a separate campus or autonomous unit within the Southern University System, effective as of October 1, 2000, be, and it is hereby, approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the institution be administered by a Chancellor in accordance with Article VII, Section 6, of the Board of Supervisors' Bylaws.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration be, and it is hereby, authorized to make transfers of existing programs, personnel, and non-formula funding support, (both state and federal) to this institution, from other institutions in the System, with the approval of the respective campuses, effective as of October 1, 2000.

AGENDA ITEM 6D: REQUEST TO LA. BOARD OF REGENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION RESEARCH PROGRAMS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the Administration be, and it is hereby authorized to submit to the La. Board of Regents, a

request for recognition of the Southern University Agricultural Extension and Research Programs administered by the Board, as provided by L.R.S. 17:3216(6) as a separate institution or autonomous unit within the Southern University System.

AGENDA ITEM 6E: PERSONNEL ACTION FORM, CHANCELLOR OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the personnel action form for Dr. Ray L. Belton be and it is hereby approved.

The Personnel Action Form reflects the employment of Dr. Belton as Chancellor of the Southern University - Shreveport Campus, effective December 1, 2000 at an annual salary of \$100,000 plus an annual Housing/Living allowance of \$20,000.00.

AGENDA ITEM 6F: RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System join the Students, Administrators, Faculty and Staff of Southern University in recognizing Governor Murphy "Mike" Foster as Commencement Speaker at the Fall 2000 Commencement Exercises on the Baton Rouge Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 6G: AGREEMENT BETWEEN SU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SU AT SHREVEPORT FOUNDATION

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Directors of the SU at Shreveport Foundation and the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System be, and it is hereby approved.

Condolences

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

- The Ferbert Andrews Family
- The Cleveland Spurlock Family
- The Emma Robinson Henry Family

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Technology Update, Board and System
Mr. Jesse Smith provided a partial report on the status of technology implementation at the Board and System level. A full report will be tendered at the January 5, 2001 meeting.

- B. Radio/TV Licenses
Chancellors Jackson and Bouie provided a report on their efforts to procure radio and TV licenses for their respective campuses.
- C. Updates from the System and Campuses
Details are provided in the documents distributed by each entity.

Dr. Jackson recognized the presence of Mr. Mohamed Eisa and his contributions to the SUBR Campus. Mr. Eisa retired after 30 years of service to SUBR.

Dr. Press Robinson was recognized for his service as Interim Chancellor at the Southern University - Shreveport Campus.

Dr. Robinson announced that the new acronym for Southern University at Shreveport, SUSLA, has the support of the Shreveport administrators, faculty, students and staff.

Dr. Belton, SUSLA Chancellor-Elect announced that a recommendation will be made to the Board in the near future to implement a tuition increase, effective Fall 2001.

Chancellor Agnihotri noted that Mr. John Belton was the first SU Law Center graduate to become Chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

- D. Collegiate Licensing Agreement, SU System
The Board was advised of the selection of Collegiate Licensing Company to license, market and police the use of Southern University trademarks and indicia.

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AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

The presence of Rev. Huey Lawson, father of Chairman Lawson, was recognized by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Bilberry offered the closing prayer.

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

