

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**

Friday, February 22, 2002

Science Lecture Hall

Southern University - Shreveport

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. John F.K. Belton. The invocation was given by Mr. John W. Joseph.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Atty. John F.K. Belton, Chairman  
Mr. Harrison Baptiste  
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Bertel Dejoie  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. Sam Gilliam  
Mr. John W. Joseph  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Louis Miller

**ABSENT**

Ms. Lea Polk, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Angela Alexander  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry  
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

President Leon R. Tarver II  
Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter and Tolor White  
Chancellors Ray Belton, Edward Jackson, and Leodrey Williams  
Interim Chancellors Press Robinson and Washington Marshall

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir  
Atty. Troy Humphrey

**AGENDA ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE.

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

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:       APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved.

- Increase of 3% in mandatory attendance tuition and fees at all S.U. System institutions, effective Fall Semester 2002, per authority granted by Act 1117, 2001 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
- Implementation of a student assessed fee of \$102.60 per semester and \$22.80 per summer month for extended basic cable television and broadband high-speed Internet services to each residence hall room on the SUBR Campus, effective Fall 2002

- Increase in parking fees on the SUNO Campus, effective March 1, 2002, as follows:

	FROM	TO
Students	\$10.00	\$25.50
Faculty and Staff	\$25.00	\$40.50

- Amendment to the original 2000-2001 professional services contract with Bruno and Tervalon, CPA Firm, to provide additional funds in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the expenses associated with an additional 167 hours required during the auditing process, due to internal problems and various audit issues encountered.

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The Committee's report also contained information pertaining to the Southern University Student Technology Fees and Budgets.

#### **RECESS**

The Chairman recessed the Board meeting until the remaining Committee meetings were held.

#### **RECONVENTION**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6A: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2002 BOARD MEETING**

#### **6B: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **6C: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the minutes of the January 11, 2002 Board Meeting be and they are hereby approved.

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Academic and Student Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved.

- Proposal establishing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance Program, SUBR
- Letter of Intent to establish an Electronic Business (E-Business) Program, SUBR
- Proposal establishing the Center for Information Technology, SUBR

Athletic Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, does hereby recognize the Jaguar Athletic Group as a private, non-profit corporation and support organization for the Department of Athletics at Southern University at Baton Rouge that is vested to offer its assistance in keeping with the provisions of applicable state laws, NCAA and SWAC rules and regulations, and provisions and rules imposed by other regulatory bodies to which the University and the Department of Athletics are bound to observe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bylaws, Regulations and all other founding credentials of the Jaguar Athletic Groups shall be presented to the President of the Southern University System within 30 days of this action for review by him, the Chairman of the Board's Athletics Committee, the Director of Athletics and the Board's legal counsel to insure the recognition of the

organization is in keeping with provisions of applicable state laws, NCAA and SWAC rules and regulations, and provisions and rules imposed by other bodies regulating the University and its Intercollegiate Athletics Program.

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The Committee's report also contained updates regarding negotiations for the Bayou Classic and with Daktronics for the erecting of scoreboards and marquee on the Baton Rouge Campus.

### 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 SUBR Administration be and it is hereby authorized to proceed with making and completing necessary arrangements for construction of the new Athletics facilities (housing for student athletes and Phase II of the A.W. Mumford Stadium development).

FURTHER RESOLVED that estimated costs for construction of the project be and they are hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that revenue sources as identified in the proposal be and they are hereby approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the third-party financing plan secured and arranged by and the through Southern University System Foundation to pay for the project be and it is hereby approved.

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The Committee's report also included updates on capital outlay projects, major repairs, re-roofing and ADA projects within the Southern University System.

### Executive Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved.

- No action is taken by the Board on the request from Dr. Melinda Bartley-Martin for a hearing of her grievance, pending further review by the System President.
- The action taken by the Administration regarding Dr. Kit L. Chin's grievance is hereby upheld and Dr. Chin's request for a hearing of his appeal is denied.

**Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved.

- Appointment of Ms. Mahailier L. Brown as Registrar, effective July 1, 2002 at an annual salary of \$44,100 (SUSLA)
- Appointment of Ms. Janice Sneed as Interim Director of Workforce Development, Vocational Education and Outreach Programs (SUSLA), effective February 1, 2002 at an annual salary of \$50,000
- Appointment of Dr. Press L. Robinson as Interim Chancellor - SUNO/System Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective February 11, 2002, at an annual salary of \$125,000 plus a housing/living allowance of \$20,000 for 12 months
- Appointment of Mrs. Vivian L. Kerr as Director of the Southern University Museum of Arts (System), effective March 1, 2002 at an annual salary of \$56,000
- Leave of absence for Dr. Geraldine J. Smith, Assistant Professor, College of Education (SUNO), effective retroactively to January 11, 2002 for 36 weeks.

- Salary adjustment for Mr. Flandus McClinton, Vice Chancellor for Administration (SUBR) from \$90,200 to \$100,200 annually, effective retroactively to January 1, 2002

#### Higher Education Desegregation Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Higher Education Desegregation Committee, that the Professional Legal Services Contract with the law firm of Bryan and Jupiter for the period of July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 for services provided relative to the settlement agreement in the case of the United States vs. State of Louisiana be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report also contained an update by SUBR and SUNO regarding their desegregation efforts during the period of October 1 - December 31, 2001.

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#### Commendations

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that commendations be and they are hereby extended to Atty. Alana G. Belton in recognition of her accomplishments as the first female and first African American to receive a mayoral appointment as Attorney for the City of Ruston, Louisiana.

#### Condolences

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that condolences from the Board be and they are hereby extended to the following families:

- The Rita Mae Henderson Pitts Smith Family

- The Honorable Carl J. Williams Family
- The Myra Marion Family
- The Jeffrey Buggs Family
- The Gary Anthony Bordenave Family
- The George Manuel, Jr. Family
- The Lucille Stephens Family
- The Carrie Bell Herson Family
- The Morris J. Reynaud, Jr. Family
- The Horace Dinkins, Sr. Family

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: STATUS OF LAW CENTER CHANCELLOR SEARCH**

President Tarver advised the Board that the deadline for receipt of applications to be considered for Chancellor of the S.U. Law Center is 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 22. At the time of the President's report, a total of ten applications had been received. The Board will be given a full report on the search at its next meeting in March.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8:       SYSTEM AND CAMPUS REPORTS**

During the report from the SUNO Campus, Interim Chancellor Press Robinson advised the Board of an anticipated budget shortfall of approximately \$1.5 million as a result of a decrease in Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 enrollments.

Following a number of questions posed to SUNO Administrators, several Board members expressed grave concern that the System President had not been apprised of the matter and that no countermeasures had been implemented to offset an impending deficit.

Interim Chancellor Press Robinson was requested to bring to the Board at its March 2002 meeting a recommended plan of action to be implemented in an effort to fully address this problem.

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On motion of Mr. Gilliam and seconded by Mr. Joseph, the System Administration was directed to advise SUNO personnel and student body of the Board's support of administrative actions taken by Interim Chancellor Robinson.

Oral and/or written reports from the other System entities are on file or on tape in the Board's Office.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

##### a. Resolution regarding the Bayou Classic

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the Administration was asked to send a resolution from the Board to Governor Mike Foster and members of the Louisiana Legislature requesting official state recognition and financial support for the Bayou Classic as is given to similar athletic competitions held in the state.

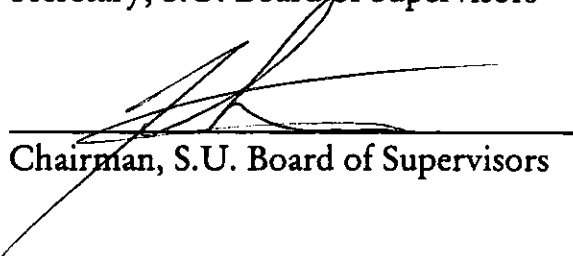
Motion carried unanimously.

#### AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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