

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, January 11, 2002

Ashford O. Williams Hall

Southern University - Baton Rouge

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 Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Atty. John F.K. Belton, Chairman

Ms. Lea Polk, Vice Chairman

Ms. Angela Alexander

Mr. Harrison Baptiste

Mrs. Dottie H. Bell

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Mr. Walter Guidry

Mr. Sam Gilliam

Mr. John W. Joseph

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Louis Miller

Mr. Avery Wilson

ABSENT

Mr. Bertel Dejoie

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II

Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter, Tolor White and Press Robinson

Chancellors Ray Belton, Joseph Bouie, Edward Jackson, and Leodrey Williams

Interim Chancellor Washington Marshall

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board received public comments from the following individuals pertaining to Item 6E:

- Dr. Millie Charles, Dean of Social Work, SUNO
- Dr. Shirley Salem, SUNO Faculty Member
- Mr. Osceola Free, SUNO Student

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the amended agenda was adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4A: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2002

Atty. DeCuir administered the oath of office to Atty. Belton and Ms. Polk who were re-elected to the Offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2001 BOARD MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 13, 2001 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Baptiste,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the November 23, 2001 Regular Meeting and the December 13, 2001 Special Meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board adopted the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and A & M College, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the following items be and they are hereby approved.

- Designation of Dr. Eula Masingale as Dean/Professor Emeritus (College of Agriculture, Family, and Consumer Sciences, SUBR)
- Appointment of Dr. Jimmy Lindsey to the J.K. Haynes/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship in Education, SUBR
- Adoption of the Sabbatical Leave Policy for Southern University at Shreveport.

The Committee's report also included updates given by Dean Ivory Toldson and Chancellor Joseph Bouie, respectively, on the process used by the Colleges of Education at SUBR and SUNO Campuses to improve the performance of students on the PRAXIS Examination.

Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A & M College, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, the following resolutions be and they are hereby approved.

- Authorization to the Administration to execute the Settlement Agreement between SUBR and Mr. Tommy Green, former Men's Basketball Coach. The agreement provides for Mr. Green to receive a total of \$95,000 payable in monthly installment over a two-year period.

- The Committee received a special presentation regarding the newly-established Jaguar Athletic Foundation
- An update on current negotiations involving the Bayou Classic.

Executive Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and A & M College, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that the following action be, and it is hereby approved.

- In consideration of the findings of the System Administration, that the tenure and/or promotion application requirements and procedures for faculty at Southern University at New Orleans do not conform to the criteria for attaining tenure and/or promotion that is published in the SUNO Faculty Handbook, the Administration of Southern University at New Orleans is hereby directed to implement an appropriate process to bring the application requirements and procedures for attaining tenure and/or promotion in line with the published criteria appearing the in the Faculty Handbook.

Further, all mandatory deadlines, applications, reviews, notification, appeal procedures, the probationary period and notification of the terminal year contracts for SUNO faculty in their mandatory year for applying for tenure and/or promotion in academic year 2001-2002, and all other official acts applicable to faculty members that are dependent upon the tenure and/or promotion process are authorized and declared to be held in abeyance until such time as the System President, in consultation with System and SUNO Administrators and faculty, as appropriate, approve for publication and distribution the revised tenure and/or promotion criteria and/or application requirements and procedures that satisfy this mandate.

The deadline for accomplishing the above decrees will be set by the System Vice President for Academic Affairs, in consultation with appropriate SUNO officials, with the approval of the System President.

Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and A & M College that the report of the Facilities and Property Committee be and it is hereby received.

The Committee's report related to its tours of SUBR Dormitory facilities and the site of the 2002 Spring Registration.

Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and A & M College, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the following items be and they are hereby approved.

- Professor Washington Marshall as Interim Chancellor of the SU Law Center, effective October 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, at an annual salary of \$150,000 and a monthly housing allowance of \$1,666.67.
- Leave of absence for Mrs. Carolyn B. James, SUBR, effective November 19, 2001 and continuing for 29 weeks.
- Adjustment in annual salary for Ms. Patricia Flanagan, Director of Financial Aid, SUSLA, effective January 1, 2002, from \$40,000 to \$44,100.
- Appointment of Dr. Beverly Nash as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Asst. Professor of Education, SUSLA, effective January 7, 2002, at an annual salary of \$65,000.
- Appointment of Ms. Redell Hearn as Director of Museum Studies and Cultural Preservation/Asst. Professor, SUNO, effective January 7, 2002, at an annual salary of \$68,000.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by the other members of the Board, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- To name the auditorium in Ashford O. Williams Hall on the campus of the Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Baton Rouge in honor of Mr. Tolor E. White for his efforts in obtaining recognition of the Research and Agricultural Center as a separate entity of the Southern University System.
- Condolences to the following families:
 - Mrs. Aldonia B. Tousant
 - Mrs. Evira Thompson Drew
 - Mr. Rudy Vicks
 - Mr. Booker T. Barnes
 - Mr. Alvin Roche', Sr.

AGENDA ITEM 5D: LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and A & M College System that the System Administration's request to amend the legal services contract for Atty. Winston DeCuir to increase the amount payable for the current contract period by a total of \$60,000, be and it is hereby approved.

The current contract is for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2002.

**AGENDA ITEM 5E: CONSIDERATION OF THE PERFORMANCE AND
CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF THE CHANCELLOR
OF SUNO**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the Board convened into an executive session to consider the performance and continued employment of Dr. Joseph Bouie as Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Mr. Joseph seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions - Rev. Bilberry departed the meeting during the executive session.

Chairman Belton announced that no action was taken by the Board while in executive session.

It was moved by Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that the employment of Dr. Joseph Bouie as Chancellor at Southern University at New Orleans be terminated, effective 30 days from the date of the approval by the Board.

Following discussion on the original motion, a substitute motion was offered by Ms. Polk and seconded by Mr. Caiton, that the Board uphold its December 13, 2001 action directing the System President to investigate the outstanding allegations against Dr. Joseph Bouie, Chancellor of the SUNO Campus, conduct an evaluation of his performance as Chancellor, and submit a report and recommendations to the Board at its February 2002 meeting.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 3 yeas (*Mr. Caiton, Ms. Polk, Mr. Wilson*) 9 nays, and 1 not voting (*Chairman Belton*).

The Board then considered the original motion by Atty. Clayton.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 9 yeas, 2 nays, (*Mr. Caiton and Ms. Polk*); 1 abstention (*Mr. Wilson*); and 1 not voting (*Chairman Belton*).

**AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORTS FROM THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT AND CAMPUS
CHANCELLORS**

AGENDA ITEM 7: BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE (JANUARY -JUNE 2002)

The reports and meeting schedule are on file in the Board's Office.

No action was taken by the Board on these items.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Polk, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors