# Southern University Board of Supervisors Friday, March 22, 2002 J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 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 Mr. John W. Joseph.

#### **PRESENT**

Atty. John F.K. Belton, Chairman

Ms. Lea Polk, Vice Chairman

Ms. Angela Alexander

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**

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer

Mr. Avery Wilson

# 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

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

### a. Minutes of the February 22, 2002 Board Meeting

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the minutes of the February 22, 2002 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

# b. Committee Reports and Recommendations

### (1.) Academic and Student Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved.

# Motion carried unanimously.

The awarding of an Honorary Doctorate of Public Policy to Atty. Johnnie L. Cochran at the 2002 Spring Commencement Exercises

Certification of Spring 2002 Candidates for Degrees on the three campuses and at the Law Center

Implementation by SUSLA of a Dual Enrollment Program for High School Students in the Parishes of Webster and DeSoto, effective Fall 2002

Approval of Letter of Intent and Proposals for New Academic Programs at SUSLA, effective Fall 2002

- Certificate of Technical Studies Program

Certificate in Construction Technology

Certificate in Histotechnology

Certificate in Paralegal Students

- Associate Degree Program

Associate of Applied Science in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology

Awarding of faculty tenure to Ms. Leetta Allen-Haynes, Associate Professor of Education, SUNO, effective Fall 2002

Academic Calendars for SUNO, effective Fall 2002 through Summer 2004

The Committee also received the following informational reports:

- a. Student Recruitment Efforts, by Campus
- b. Public Opinion Polling, Campuses
- c. Measures to Combat Drug-Related Problems, Campuses
- d. Update on the Board of Regents' Teacher Preparation Accountability System

# (2.) Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved:

The employment contract addendum for Mr. Earl Hill, Director of Athletics and Head Coach of Men's Basketball at SUNO, that includes compensation for Championship titles and other post-season awards, per the current contract; and an increase in housing allowance to the level comparable to that paid to other S.U. Head Coaches, contingent upon the availability of funds.

The new contract period is June 30, 2002 to June 30, 2005.

Additional details, including compensation and other incidentals are provided in the document on file in the Board's Office

Authorization to the Administration to make a one-time transfer of funds in the amount of \$233,700 from the prior-year Concessions and Vending Account to offset the shortage in net revenues for the S.U. vs. Tulane University football game which was played on September 29, 2001.

The transfer will be in addition to the \$75,000 in Concessions and Vending revenues which is annually transferred to the operating budget for the Department of Athletics.

The Committee also received reports on the status of Bayou Classic negotiations and funding of the scoreboard project for the SUBR Campus.

In addition, the Committee recognized athletes and coaching personnel from the Laboratory School and the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge and New Orleans for their outstanding athletic achievements during the 2001-2002 season.

# (3.) Finance Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and

Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the following actions be and they are hereby approved.

SUNO's Plan of Action to resolve an anticipated shortfall in the 2001-2002 operating budget

Tuition discounts for SUBR and SUSLA employees, dependents and/or spouses during the Spring 2002 Semester

Revised 2001-2002 System Revenue Fund Budget for SUBR

BA-7 #11 for SUSLA

Authorization to the Administration to advertise the Request For Proposals (RFP) for 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Development Projects on the SUBR and SUNO Campuses.

The Committee also received an informational report on the Southern University System's Extra Compensation Policy.

# (4.) <u>Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee</u>

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

Waiver of position vacancy announcement and appointment of Ms. Robyn Merrick as Director of Public Affairs, S.U. System, effective April 1, 2002 at an annual salary of \$56,000.

Appointment of Ms. Gloria F. Thompson as Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at SUNO, effective April 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002, at an annual salary of \$85,000, plus reimbursement of approved monthly expenses under the State Travel Regulations as follows:

Food: \$300 in lieu of paying the \$29.00 daily rate or \$638 monthly Lodging: \$1100 in lieu of paying the \$90.00 daily rate or \$1980 monthly

Leave of absence for Mrs. Gloria F. Thompson as Director of Internal Audit, S.U. System, effective April 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002

### (5.) Governance Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the report of the Governance Committee be and it is hereby received.

The report reflects the Committee's deliberations regarding a proposed change to *Part IC*, *Membership*, in the Board's Bylaws which would affect the selection and term of the student representative on the Board.

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This item was tabled until the May 2002 meeting so that input from the Campus SGA Presidents could be obtained.

#### c. Resolutions

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the following resolutions of condolences be and they are hereby approved.

- The Maximillian Johnson Family
- The Willie Durr, Sr. Family
- The Ora Nance Family
- The Joseph Senegal Family

# d. Resolution Approving Grounds Lease and Facilities Lease, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the terms of the Grounds Lease and S.U. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES, MARCH 22, 2002 PAGE 7

Facilities Lease for a portion of the SUSLA Campus for new student housing thereon, be and they are hereby approved, subject to any appropriate amendments made with the approval of counsel to the Board and Bond Counsel to the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority ("the Authority); and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the selection by the Corporation of Century Project Management Partnership, Ltd. as the developer of the Facilities and the selection by the Corporation of Century Campus Housing Management, L.P. as the initial management company to operate the Facilities upon completion be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary of the Board or the System President be and either is hereby authorized to execute the agreements and any certificates, documents or other items necessary to complete the lease of the land to the Corporation, the construction of the Facilities, the Management of the Facilities, the lease of the Facilities to the Board, the issuance of the Bonds and any other matters relating to the foregoing.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

The Board received an update on the search for a new Chancellor for the Law Center and the monthly Campus and System status reports. Details are on file and on tape in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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# AGENDA ITEM 8: 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