

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 a.m.  
Thursday, May 9, 2002  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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.

PRESENT

Atty. John F.K. Belton, Chairman  
Ms. Lea Polk, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Harrison Baptiste  
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Mr. Bertel Dejoie  
Mr. S. Albert Gilliam  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. John W. Joseph  
Mrs. Anne Z. Keifer  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Avery Wilson

ABSENT

Ms. Angela Alexander

Mr. Louis Miller

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 Washington Marshall and Press Robinson

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Atty. Linda Clark, Board Counsel

### AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board received public comments relative to the current search and selection of a Chancellor for the S.U. Law Center from the following individuals:

- Ms. Michelle Ghetti, SULC Faculty
- Ms. Jessica Pulliam, SULC Student

### AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### AMENDMENTS:

- Item 11A(2A): Redesigned Teacher Education Curricula, SUNO
- Item 11C(4): Director of Student Union, SUBR (Leave of Absence)
- Item 11C(5 - 7): Director of Center for Information Technology, SUBR (Appointment) and Director of Center for Energy and Environment Studies, SUBR (Appointment)
- Item 11C(8): Director of Career Counseling and Placement, SUNO (Appointment)
- Item 11C(9): Chancellor and Tenured Professor of Chemistry, SUNO (Appointment)

- Item 11C(10): Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, SUNO (Appointment)
- Item 11C(11): Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Operations and Comptroller, SUBR (Appointment)
- Item 11E(2): Request to use prior year surplus auxiliary enterprises funds to complete work plan for preparing SUBR Residence Halls for Fall 2002 Semester
- Item 11E(3): Authorization to seek legislative approval to use interest earnings to cover cost of change order for Administration, New Science Classroom and Education Buildings Renovation, SUNO
- Item 11G: Resolution authorizing establishment of a SUNO Task Force

**AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2002 BOARD MEETING**

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INTERVIEW OF SULC CHANCELLOR CANDIDATES**

The following candidates for the Chancellorship of the S.U. Law Center were interviewed by the members of the Board. Certain portions of the interviews, where required by law, were held in executive session.

- Mr. Winston DeCuir
- Mr. Raymond T. Diamond
- Mr. John Pierre
- Mr. Arthur Stallworth
- Mr. Roederick White

Details of the interviews in open session are on tape.

The Board noted the objection to the executive sessions registered by Mr. Scott Dyer, local newspaper reporter.

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Board convened in an executive session to consider the candidates who were interviewed for the position of Chancellor at the SU Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. re-entered the meeting.

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, the Board reconvened into open session.

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

- RECESS -

The Chairman recessed the meeting of the Board of Supervisors until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2002.

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- RECONVENTION -

The meeting of the S.U. Board of Supervisors was reconvened by the Chairman, Atty. John F.K. Belton.

PRESENT

Atty. John F.K. Belton, Chairman  
Ms. Lea Polk, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Angela Alexander  
Mr. Harrison Baptiste  
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
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Mr. Bertel Dejoie  
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Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. John W. Joseph  
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Mr. Louis Miller

ABSENT

Mr. Avery Wilson, Student Member

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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### AGENDA ITEM 7A: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received by the Board. The items of the individuals and the agenda items they addressed are indicated below:

Item 11C : SUNO Chancellorship  
Dr. Atwood Luter, SUNO Faculty

Item 10: SULC Chancellorship  
- Mr. Niles Hammer, SULC  
Student  
- Atty. Donald Dobbins, SULC  
Alumnus  
- Mr. Roderick James, SULC  
SBA President

### AGENDA ITEM 9: CONSIDERATION OF SULC CHANCELLOR CANDIDATES (Executive Session)

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the Board convened into an executive session to continue its discussion of the candidates who were interviewed for the SU Law Center Chancellor's position.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- RECONVENTION -

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

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10: APPOINTMENT OF SULC CHANCELLOR**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board voted to abort the SULC Chancellor search in light of allegations of problems and concerns regarding the process; and, authorized the System President to open a new search to fill the position. Current candidates will be allowed to reapply for the position, should they desire to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 11: ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Academic and Student Affairs**

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that tenure and promotion awards recommended for the following SUBR academic personnel be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Promotion to Full Professor**

Cecil Duncan	Psychology
Murelle G. Harrison	Psychology
Valentine James	Ph. D., Public Policy
Yemane Ghebreiyessus	Agricultural Sciences
Robert Kelley	Curriculum and Instruction

**Promotion to Associate Professor**

Joycelyn Freeman Bonvillain	Psychology
J. Gregory Stacy	Physics

**Tenure**

Adrenrele Awotona	Architecture
Joycelyn Freeman Bonvillain	Psychology
Valentine James	Ph.D., Public Policy
J. Gregory Stacy	Physics

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**Denials of Tenure and Promotion**

No Board action was taken on promotion and tenure denials since there had not been sufficient time for the affected faculty members to file an appeal, should they desire to do so.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Polk, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.



RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Redesigned Teacher Education Curricula for SUBR and SUNO be and they are hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the SUBR Administration's request to eliminate the following academic programs, be and it is hereby approved.

- B.S. in Physical Therapy
- B.S. in Actuarial Science

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the SULC Administration's request to bestow upon Mr. Charles Hatfield an Honorary Juris Doctorate Degree at the Law Center's Commencement Services on May 11, 2002, be and it is hereby approved.

The award is to be given to Mr. Hatfield in recognition of his litigation efforts which helped to create the Southern University Law Center.

**AGENDA ITEM 11B: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 1C, BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the proposed amendment to Part 1C, Bylaws of the Board of Supervisors which relates to the selection of the Student Representative on the Board was deferred, pending an Attorney General's opinion on Act 93 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Motion carried unanimously.

## AGENDA ITEM 11C: PERSONNEL ACTIONS

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Ms. Polk, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Appointments:

- Phillip W.W.D. Rodgers, Sr. as Director of Financial Aid at SUBR, effective May 10, 2002, at an annual salary of \$65,000.
- Adrell L. Pinkney as Director of Student Activities and Organizational Affairs at SUNO, effective May 1, 2002, at an annual salary of \$40,301.
- Christopher L. Roger as Director of Technology, S.U. Agricultural and Research and Extension Center, effective May 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, at a salary of \$10,000 for the period.
- Michael Stubblefield as Director for the Center for Information Technology Innovation/Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering at SUBR, ½ time, effective June 1, 2002 to August 18, 2002 at a salary of \$11,388 for the period.
- Michael Stubblefield, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering at SUBR, ½ time, effective August 19, 2002 at a nine month salary of \$41,000.
- Michael Stubblefield as Director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, SUBR, ½ time, effective August 19, 2002 at a nine month salary of \$41,000.

Leaves of Absence

With Pay

- David Quiett, Director of Student Union, SUBR, effective April 3, 2002 to December 3, 2002, contingent upon the availability of funds for FY 2002-2003.

Without Pay (Extension)

- Joseph Marion, Director of Career Counseling and Placement, SUNO, effective May 14, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

**AGENDA ITEM 11C(9): APPOINTMENT OF A CHANCELLOR FOR THE SUNO CAMPUS**

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, the Board approved the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the System President, to waive the Chancellor Search process and appoint Dr. Press L. Robinson as Chancellor of the Southern University at New Orleans Campus and Tenured Professor of Chemistry, be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of this appointment shall become effective on May 13, 2002, with an annual salary of \$135,900 plus a housing/living allowance of \$25,000 for 12 months, payable in monthly increments.

**AGENDA ITEM 11C(10): APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR  
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,  
SUNO**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, to waive the search process and appoint Mrs. Gloria A. Thompson as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance at Southern University at New Orleans, effective July 1, 2002, at an annual salary of \$91,000.

**AGENDA ITEM 11D: 2002 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the tentative 2002 Football Schedule be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of Mr. Clayton, Director of Athletics Floyd Kerr and Head Football Coach Pete Richardson explained the procedure used in the scheduling of football games for the 2002 Season.

**AGENDA ITEM 11E: FINANCE ACTION ITEMS**

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that Administration's request to make a non-mandatory transfer of \$90,978.10 from Academic Enhancement Funds, plus any accrued interest due as of the date of payment owed by SUNO to the U.S. Department of Education, per the applicable Settlement Agreement, be and it is hereby authorized.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Administration's request to use prior year surplus funds in Auxiliary Enterprises in the amount of \$901,527 to complete projects in the Department of Residential Housing Work Plan for Residence Halls for the Fall 2002 Semester be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to make the transfer from the un-expended fund balance to a special budget for non-recurring projects.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Administration's request to seek legislative approval of interest earnings in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the cost of a change order for the Administration, New Science Classroom and Education Buildings Project on the SUNO Campus be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 11F: CONSIDERATION OF GRIEVANCE APPEAL  
HEARING REQUEST BY ERNEST WALKER,  
SUBR (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Board convened into an executive session to consider the grievance appeal hearing request submitted by Dr. Ernest Walker, SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Ms. Polk, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Board upholds the Administration's action regarding the grievance appeal filed by Dr. Ernest Walker, SUBR; and, that Dr. Walker's appeal to the Board for a hearing of his grievance be and it is hereby denied.

**AGENDA ITEM 11G: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Ms. Polk, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System do hereby grant unto the System President, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, full authority to appoint, empanel and charge a Task Force, comprised of administrators and other employees of the Southern University System, to act under his leadership to review and evaluate matters contributing to the presence of critical problems that have been identified at Southern University at New Orleans.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the System President is empowered and authorized to detail System employees; to utilize existing resources of the Southern University System; and to take actions that are deemed necessary to aid and assist Southern University at New Orleans to address and resolve critical issues related to NCATE accreditation of the College of Education and stabilization of the University's administrative organization and fiscal and programmatic infrastructures.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that expressions of condolences from the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby conveyed to the families named below:

- The Pearlie Martin Toole Family
- The Allene Martin Toole Family
- The Ledell Blakes Smith Family
- The Sandra T. Jones Family
- The Carrie Bell Hebert Family
- The Pearlie Mae Smith Durr Family
- The Lorraine Caiton Carter Family
- The Lionel Coleman Family

## AGENDA ITEM 12: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Updates on items indicated below were acknowledged by the Board, without discussion.

- Daktronics Agreement
- Bayou Classic Negotiations
- Capital Outlay Status Reports
- Higher Education Desegregation Settlement Reports for the period of January 1- March 31, 2002 (SUBR and SUNO)
- System and Campus Reports

## AGENDA ITEM 13: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Board and Administrators conveyed their appreciation to Mr. Avery Wilson and presented to him several mementos in recognition of his service as Student Board Member from September 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002.

The Board acknowledged athletic achievers in the following sports and presented to the team and their coaching personnel awards and certificates in recognition of their accomplishments.

- Baseball, SUBR
- Women's Bowling Team, SUBR
- Men and Women's Tennis Teams, SUBR
- Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Team, SUBR
- Men's Cross Country Team, SUBR
- S.U. Laboratory Girls' Track Team

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Dr. Barbara Carpenter, SUBR, was recognized by the Board for outstanding service to the community as the International Basileus of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. for the past six years. An award from the Board was presented to her by Mrs. Dottie Bell.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: OTHER BUSINESS**

Interim Chancellor Washington Marshall was requested by Board Chairman Belton to ascertain the veracity of public comments made to the Board by Associate Professor Michelle Ghetti relative to her being authorized to speak as the representative of the SULC Administration and Faculty. Mr. Marshall's report is to be submitted to the Chairman via the System President.

**AGENDA ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors