

**Southern University Board of Supervisors
11:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 17, 2002
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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.

PRESENT

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

Mr. Bertel C. Dejoie
Ms. S. Albert Gilliam
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Roderick James
Mr. John W. Joseph
Mrs. Anne Z. Keifer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson

ABSENT

Mr. Harrison J. Baptiste

Mr. Louis Miller

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

Atty. Linda Clark, Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Professor Michelle Ghetty, S.U. Law Center faculty member, expressed her confidence in the Board's desire to select the most experienced person to hold the

Chancellorship position at the Law Center. She further indicated that members of the Law Center faculty would be in prayer during the Board's deliberations.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Change Item 9B to read: Informational presentation on private off-campus housing proposal for SUBR

Add:

- Item 9B(8): BA-7 #6, SUSLA
BA-7#6, SU System
- Item 9E: Personnel Affairs and Policy Items
 - (1.) Director of Retention and Transition Services, SUBR (Appointment)
 - (2.) Associate Professor of Law, SULC (Leave of Absence)

AGENDA ITEM 5: INTERVIEW OF S.U. LAW CENTER CHANCELLOR CANDIDATES

Persons who are named below were interviewed by the members of the Board for the position of Chancellor of the S.U. Law Center. Portions of the interviews were held in an executive session. In those instances, the Board's actions, including motions and roll call votes to hold executive sessions, are on file in the Board's Office.

CANDIDATES
(In order of Interviews)

Professor Leonard Birdsong, Atlanta, GA
Professor Russell Jones, Baton Rouge
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Baton Rouge
Judge Freddie Pitcher, Baton Rouge
Professor Roederick White, Baton Rouge

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Chairman recessed the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on the following day.

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AGENDA ITEM 8: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Professor Evelyn Williams, S.U. Law Center faculty member, urged the Board to select an academician to fill the position of SULC Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 9A-C

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

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Minutes of the September 20, 2002 Board Meeting

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the minutes of the September 20, 2002 meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

B. Finance Items

(1.) PRIVATE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING PROPOSAL, SUBR

Chancellor Jackson reported on plans by a private, non-University entity to construct an apartment complex at the intersection of Harding Boulevard and Scenic Highway to offer housing to Southern University -Baton Rouge Campus Students.

Representatives from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality were in attendance at the meeting and advised the Board that tests performed by the agency indicated that the site was environmentally safe.

After extensive questioning of a DEQ Representative by Board Member Clayton regarding the accuracy of the DEQ tests, the Board took the following action.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Administration was directed to obtain the services of Environmental Protection Agencies at the local, state and federal levels, to conduct additional investigations of the site proposed for construction of the off-campus apartment complex.

Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives of the North Baton Rouge Business Community attending the meeting were assured of the Board's support for the project once environmental tests confirmed the safety of the site.

(2.) CORRECTED AUDIT FEE, FY 2002-2003

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the corrected fee of \$98,500 for Bruno and Tervalon accounting firm to conduct an independent audit for the S.U. System entities for the fiscal year 2002-2003 be and it is hereby approved.

(3.) REVISED OPERATING BUDGETS, FY 2002-2003 AND FY 2003-2004
BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FORMULA INSTITUTIONS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the revised FY 2002-2003 Operating Budgets and the FY 2003-2004 Budget Requests for Formula Institutions be and they are hereby approved.

(4.) FY 2003-2004 BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE BOARD AND SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATION AND THE AGRICULTURAL AND RESEARCH AND
EXTENSION CENTER

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the FY 2003-2004 Budget Requests for the Board and System Administration and the Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and they are hereby approved.

(5.) FY 2003-2004 OPERATIONAL PLANS, SYSTEM AND CAMPUSES

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the FY 2003-2004 Operational Plans for the S.U. System and Campuses be and they are hereby approved.

(6.) FUNDING NEEDS FOR PROGRAM ACCREDITATION AND REDESIGN, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to seek additional funding for accreditation and redesign of programs at SUNO in the minimum amount of \$5,789,016 over a five-year period.

(7.) PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS

- GROUP DENTAL POLICY
- LIFE, ACCIDENT, DISABILITY, HEART, STROKE, ETC.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that payroll deduction authorizations to allow American Heritage/Allstate Life Insurance Company and Starmount Life Insurance Company/Always Care to offer voluntary insurance plans to Southern University employees be and they are hereby approved.

(8.) BA-7s, SUSLA AND SYSTEM

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

- BA-7 #6: Special allocation of funds (\$216,789) from the Board of Regents for a share of community college pool funds for the Shreveport Campus
- BA-7 #7: Special allocation of funds (\$283,442) from the Board of Regents for management board performance and quality operation, teacher education redesign and graduate student stipends

C. Academic and Student Affairs Items

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

Motion carried unanimously.

(1.) HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE AWARD, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the SUBR Administration's request to award the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Dr. Johnetta B. Cole who will serve as speaker for the Fall 2002 Commencement be and it is hereby approved.

Dr. Cole, President Emerita of Spelman College and Emory University, is widely recognized for her contributions as a leader in the field of higher education administration.

(2.) CERTIFICATE OF TECHNICAL STUDIES PROGRAMS, SUSLA

- Polysomnography
- Child Development
- Day Care Administration

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Letters of Intent and Proposals to implement the following Certificate of Technical Studies Programs be and they are hereby approved.

- Certificate in Polysomnography
- Certificate in Child Development
- Certificate in Day Care Administration

(3.) PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE DENIALS, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that promotion and/or tenure for faculty members named below be and they are hereby denied.

Promotion and/or Denials

Alonzo Johnson	-	Computer Science
Guang - Lin Zhao	-	Physics
Amadou B. Guisse	-	Mathematics
Horace Smith	-	Mathematics
Curtis Mustiful	-	Curriculum Instruction
VerJanis Peoples	-	Curriculum Instruction

D. Resolutions

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Guidry, resolutions of condolences to the families listed below were approved:

Motion carried unanimously.

- The David Terrell, Sr. Family
- The Douglas Henderson Family
- The Clinton Thompson Family
- The Dorsey Summerfield, Sr. Family
- The Bridgette Chappell Family
- The Mildred Walker Family

E. Personnel Affairs and Policy Items

On motion of Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

(1.) **Director of Retention and Transition Services, SUBR (Appointment)**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the appointment of Dr. Jaquator Hamer as Director of Retention and Transition Services at SUBR, effective October 28, 2002 at a 12-month salary of \$60,000 be and it is hereby approved.

(2.) **Leave of Absences, Associate Professor of Law**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the request from Atty. Okechukwa Oko, Associate Professor of Law for leave without pay, effective retroactively to August 15, 2002 for 36 weeks, be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CONSIDERATION OF SULC CHANCELLOR CANDIDATES (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Board convened into an executive session to consider the five candidates who were interviewed for the position of Chancellor of the S.U. Law Center.

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

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Ms. Polk, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board reconvened into open session.

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

AGENDA ITEM 11: APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR, S.U. LAW CENTER

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the System President, that the appointment of Atty. Freddie Pitcher as Chancellor of the S.U. Law Center, effective January 1, 2003 be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary for the Chancellor position be set in accordance within applicable guidelines established by the Louisiana State Board of Regents and other related agencies.

AGENDA ITEM 12: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPDATES

Informational reports were received from the System and Campus Heads on the following items:

- Monthly System and Campus Updates
- Distance Learning Program
- Direct Deposit Process

AGENDA ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors