

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
10:45 a.m.
Thursday, July 10, 2003
Champions V Meeting Room
Hotel Intercontinental
222 West Loop South
Houston, Texas

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. S. Albert Gilliam. The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Mr. S. Albert Gilliam, Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Vice Chairman
Mr. Johnny Anderson
Atty. John F.K. Belton
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. John W. Joseph
Ms. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Ms. Lea Polk
Mr. Frank Taylor, Jr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Angela J. Alexander
Mrs. Dottie Bell
Mr. Bertel C. Dejoie
Mr. Louis Miller

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Leon R. Tarver
Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter, Tolor White and Victor Ukpolo
Chancellors Edward Jackson, Press Robinson, Ray Belton, Leodrey Williams, Freddie Pitcher, Jr.

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

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AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. S. Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, offered comments relative to Agenda Item 5.

The rationale for holding a Special Board Meeting in Houston, Texas was provided by Board Chairman Gilliam. He noted the recent action by the Louisiana Legislature which authorized Louisiana public colleges and universities to implement an Academic Excellence Fee, effective Fall 2003. In order that Southern University students could be timely notified of the new fees, it therefore was necessary for the Board to act expeditiously. After consultation with Board Counsel, who advised that no discernible Louisiana Laws prohibited the Board's holding a meeting outside of the State of Louisiana and the standard of accessibility had not been abridged, a decision was made to convene the Special Meeting concurrently with the Board's Annual Retreat on July 10 in Houston, Texas. Both System President Tarver and Board Counsel Winston DeCuir collaborated the Chairman's statements.

Several Board Members spoke in favor of and in opposition to holding the meeting outside of Louisiana.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Atty. Belton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FEES, S.U. CAMPUSES

- 5A: FACILITIES USE AND MAINTENANCE FEES, SUNO
- 5B: AUTHORIZATION TO USE PRIOR YEAR AUXILIARY ENTERPRISE FUNDS, SUNO
- 5C: AUTHORIZATION TO USE ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT FEES, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Belton, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board approved the following resolutions.

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Motion carried. Atty. Clayton voted "No" on 5a because he believed that the Board did not meet the State's accessibility requirements.

5: Academic Excellence Fees, SU Campuses

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that an Academic Excellence Fee for students attending the institutions under the Board's management and supervision be and it is hereby approved, effective Fall 2003.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount charged shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per credit hours per semester (academic session), not to exceed one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per semester.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee shall not be a cost that is payable by the State on behalf of any student who is the recipient of an award under the Tuition Opportunity Program for Student (TOPS).

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee shall be paid by all students. However, a criteria approved by the Board shall be established for waiving the fee increase in cases of financial hardship as determined by the Board. Information regarding such waivers, along with the criteria and procedure for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to making a final decision concerning attendance.

FURTHER RESOLVED that proceeds from the Academic Excellence Fee shall be used to promote academic excellence at the institution by enhancing instructional programs; however, no proceeds shall be used to pay the salary of any University or University System Administrator.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration's recommendation to exempt the S.U. Law Center students from the Academic Excellence Fee assessment at this time because of previously approved fee increases, effective Fall 2003 be and it is hereby approved.

Mr. Guidry requested that the Administration provide to the Board at its August meeting a detailed report of expenditures of the Academic Enhancement Fee, by Campus.

5a. Facilities Use and Maintenance Fee, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, in accordance with HB#1556 (Louisiana Legislature 2003 Regular Session) that an increase in the Facilities Use and Maintenance Fee at SUNO be and it is hereby authorized, effective Fall 2003 Semester.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of such fee shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60.00) per semester for full-time undergraduate and graduate students; and, shall be applied proportionally for part-time students and summer sessions.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee shall not be a cost that is payable by the State on behalf of any student who is a recipient of an award under the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee increase shall be paid by all students; however, a criteria approved by the Board shall be established for waiving the fee increase in cases of financial hardship as determined by the Board. Information regarding such waivers along with the criteria and procedure for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to making a final decision concerning attendance.

FURTHER RESOLVED that no proceeds from the Facilities Use and Maintenance Fee increase shall be used to pay the salary of any University or University System Administrator.

5b. Prior Year Auxiliary Enterprise Funds, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the requests from Southern University - Baton Rouge to use prior year Enterprise Surplus Funds in the amount of \$333,000 to cover extra-ordinary items of expenditures which were incurred in FY 2002-03 be and they are hereby approved.

5c. Academic Enhancement Fees. SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the request from S.U. Shreveport to use prior year Academic Enhancement Fees in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to complete renovations of its Dental Hygiene Clinic at the Downtown Metro Center be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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



Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors



Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors