

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, March 28, 2003
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. S. Albert Gilliam.

PRESENT

Mr. S. Albert Gilliam, Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Vice Chairman
Ms. Angela J. Alexander
Mr. Johnny Anderson
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Roderick James
Mr. John W. Joseph
Ms. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Louis Miller

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Atty. John F.K. Belton
Mr. Bertel Dejoie
Ms. Lea M. Polk

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir

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AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add: Item 5B(6): Legislative Subcommittee's Report on
Statewide Tour

Item 5J: Proposed Name for SUSLA Administration
Building

Delete: Item 5D: Proposed Plan for Establishing Small, Women-
Owned, Minority-Owned Incubator, SUSLA

AGENDA ITEM 5A: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2003 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Atty. Clayton, 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 minutes of the February 21, 2003 Board meetings, be and they are hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Committee reports and recommendations listed below were approved.

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Motion carried unanimously.

(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 creation of the Center for Student Success at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby authorized.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the creation of the Department of Electronics Engineering Technology at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby authorized.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the new Visitation Policy for Campus Dormitories on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective Fall Semester 2003, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that candidates for degrees to be awarded at the Spring 2003 Commencement Exercises on the three campuses and the Law Center be and they are hereby approved.

(2) Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that an update on the SUBR Stadium Expansion Project be submitted by the Administration to the Committee at its May 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the request from SUNO to execute a non-mandatory transfer of funds in the amount of \$100,000 to cover shortages in the 2002-2003 Operating Budget for the Athletics Department be and it is hereby approved.

(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 increase in tuition and mandatory attendance fees at the S.U. Law Center by \$2,445.00 over a three-year period (\$815 per year), be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the establishment of a \$15.00 fee at Southern University - Baton Rouge per laboratory course for engineering, chemistry, biology and physics and a \$40.00 fee per clinical laboratory course for Nursing be and it is hereby approved.

(4) Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Matthew Causey as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Associate Professor of Mathematics of a 12-month salary \$78,692, effective retroactively to December 1, 2002 be and it is hereby approved.

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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 appointment of Dr. Dewitt Jones as Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences/Professor of Agricultural Sciences at a twelve month salary of \$92,000, effective April 1, 2003 be and it is hereby approved.

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 appointment of Dr. Gina E. Eubanks as Vice Chancellor for Extension at a twelve month salary of \$98,000, effective retroactively to January 1, 2003 be and it is hereby approved.

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, the appointment of Dr. Kirkland E. Mellad as Vice Chancellor for Research and Associate Research Director at a twelve month salary of \$98,000, effective April 1, 2003 be and it is hereby approved.

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 appointment of Dr. Adell Brown as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance at a twelve month salary of \$100,000, effective retroactively to January 1, 2003 be and it is hereby approved.

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 position change and salary adjustment for Dr. Beverly Wade from Dean of the Honors College (SUBR) to Dean of the Honors College and Director of University Scholarships at an adjusted twelve month salary of \$85,000, effective May 1, 2003, be and it is hereby approved.

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 leave of absence for Dr. Demetria H. McJulien, Chair and Professor of the Department of Social Work (SUBR), effective February 1, 2003 for 16 weeks be and it is hereby approved.

(5) Legislative Subcommittee's Report on Statewide Tour

Mr. Johnny Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Committee, presented a video depicting the activities of a Subcommittee comprised of Board Members, University Administrators and supporters which toured the State on March 17 - 20, 2003 as a part of a campaign to promote the Southern University System.

The Board's commendations were extended to Mr. Anderson for an outstanding job.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: POLICY REGARDING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE S.U. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Joseph, 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 policy regarding Student Membership on the S.U. Board of Supervisors be and it is hereby approved.

The policy provides that the student member of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected from among and by the duly elected Student Government/Bar Association Presidents of each campus.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5D: PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED,
MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS INCUBATOR, SUSLA**

DELETED.

AGENDA ITEM 5E: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the Board approved the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that commendations be and they are hereby extended to Dean Rose Duhon-Sells, the College of Education Faculty, Staff and students; and, to Chancellor Press Robinson and the SUNO Family for their outstanding work and demonstrated commitment and cooperation in securing the successful NCATE accreditation of the Teacher Education Program at SUNO.

FURTHER RESOLVED that condolences from the Board be and they are hereby extended to the following families:

- Ms. Barbara Harrell
- Mr. Larry Johnson
- Ms. Annie L. Williams
- Mrs. Lisa Boudreaux
- Mrs. Julia Jones

**AGENDA ITEM 5F: OFFICIAL LOGO FOR S.U. AGRICULTURAL AND RESEARCH
EXTENSION CENTER**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the official logo for the S.U. Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and it is hereby approved.

The official logo facsimile is in the files in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 5G: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board approved the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Small Capital Project for Emergency Repairs of timber piles below the Administration and Old Science Buildings on the SUNO Campus be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 5H: CAMPUS PARTICIPATION IN LA. DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES - ENERGY FUND**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the three campuses within the S.U. System be and they are hereby authorized to participate in the La. Department of Natural Resource, Energy Fund, per Legislative Act 1184, to implement energy efficiency improvements through a performance based contract. The amounts allocated to the campuses are listed below:

SUBR	-	\$20 million
SUNO	-	\$5.5 million
Shreveport	-	\$600,000

AGENDA ITEM 5I: SETTLEMENT REGARDING ANDREA G. JEFFERSON VS. DR.
JOSEPH BOUIE, ET. AL, SUNO

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Caiton. 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 System Administration be and it is hereby authorized to settle the Andrea G. Jefferson v. Joseph Bouie, et. al., (SUNO) lawsuit.

A copy of the settlement agreement is on file in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 5J: PROPOSED NAME FOR SUSLA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

On motion of Mrs. Bell, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Board approved the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 petition the Louisiana Legislature to name the Administration Building on the Shreveport Campus, the Leonard C. Barnes Administration Building.

Naming of Building in Memory of Dr. J.K. Haynes

A motion was offered by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Atty. Clayton, that the Administration explore the possibility of naming the College of Education (SUBR) in memory of Dr. J.K. Haynes in recognition of his exemplary contributions to education in Louisiana.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. System and Campus Report

Informational reports, written and oral, were presented to the Board for its information.

b. Board Technology Survey

Mr. Jesse Smith, System Director of Information Technology, presented the results of a survey submitted to the Board to determine the technological competencies of its members. A summary analysis of the survey will be submitted at the May meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7A: EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS INVESTIGATIVE
PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF
MISCONDUCT, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Mr. James - out

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Mr. James - out

AGENDA ITEM 7B: HONORARY DEGREE AWARD, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Guidry, 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 SUBR Administration be and it is hereby authorized to confer a Honorary Doctorate Degree upon a candidate at Spring 2003 Commencement Exercises, upon the successful completion of the nomination process by the candidate.

AGENDA ITEM 7C: REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE EVACUATION PLAN, SUBR

Atty. Clayton requested the System Administration to examine alternate exit routes from the SUBR Campus in case of the need for emergency evacuations.

President Tarver announced that the construction of a bridge over Swan Avenue is presently being considered in order to provide an additional evacuation route.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors


Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors