

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 28, 2003

Burgundy Meeting Rooms

4th Level, Hyatt Regency Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

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

Ms. Angela J. Alexander

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson

Mrs. Dottie H. Bell

Mr. John F.K. Belton

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Mr. Bertel Dejoie

Mr. Walter Guidry

Mr. John W. Joseph

Ms. Anne Z. Kiefer

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Louis Miller

Ms. Lea Polk

Mr. Frank Taylor, Jr. - Student Member

ABSENT

NONE

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

System President Leon R. Tarver

Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter, Tolor White and Victor Ukpolo

Chancellors Edward Jackson, Press Robinson, Ray Belton, Leodrey Williams and
Freddie Pitcher, Jr.

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Bell, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add to Item 6D-1: 3% Salary Increases, SUBR

- Executive Associate to the Chancellor
- Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

Add Item 6F: Report and recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Constructions Projects

Add Item 7E: Announcement of January 2004 Board Meeting Date

- RECOGNITION OF VISITORS -

The presence of the following individuals was recognized by the Board:

- Dr. Leonard Spearman
- Mr. Rickey Weeks
- Judge Wilson Fields
- Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.
- Rev. James Blackburn

AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2004

a. Board Chairman

Vice Chairman Clayton, presiding over the election for Board Chairman, declared the office vacant.

Mrs. Anne Z. Keifer nominated Mr. S. Albert Gilliam for re-election to the position. The nomination was seconded by Atty. John Belton.

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mrs. Belll, the nominations for the office were closed.

The motion carried unanimously.

By a unanimous vote of the members, Mr. Gilliam was re-elected to a second term as Chairman of the Board.

b. Vice Chairman

Chairman Gilliam, presiding over the election for Vice Chairman, declared the office vacant.

Mr. Richard Caiton nominated Atty. Tony M. Clayton for re-election to the position. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

On motion of Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

By a unanimous vote of the members, Atty. Clayton was re-elected to a second term as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Messrs. Gilliam and Clayton tendered their appreciation to the members of the Board for their display of confidence. They pledged their best efforts in continuing their responsibilities of their respective positions.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Minutes of the Board Regular Meeting on October 31, 2003 and Special Meeting on November 13, 2003

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting on October 31, 2003 and the Special Meeting on November 13, 2003 be and they are hereby approved.

- b. Academic and Student Affairs Actions

- (1.) LETTER OF INTENT FOR PH.D. IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Letter of Intent to establish a Cooperative Ph.D. Program in Materials Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering at SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

- (2.) PROPOSAL FOR MBA IN E-BUSINESS, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the proposal to establish a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Global Electronic Business (E-Business) in the College of Business at SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

- (3.) RECOMMENDATION FOR PROFESSOR EMERITUS, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the SUBR Administration's recommendation to grant the Professor Emeritus status to Dr. George Williams, retired Professor of Biology, be and it is hereby approved.

(4.) 2003-2008 STRATEGIC PLAN, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the 2003-2008 Strategic Plan for Southern University at Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

(5.) BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE SMALL, WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS INCUBATOR, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Business Plan submitted by SUSLA for the Small, Women and Minority-Owned Business Incubator be and it is hereby approved.

(6.) CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, FALL 2003 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the resolution certifying candidates for degrees at the Fall Commencement Exercises on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

(7.) TENURE AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the following tenure and promotion recommendations as submitted by SUBR be and they are hereby approved.

- Harriet A. Pitcher - Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with automatic tenure Special Tenure
- Sudhir K. Trivedi - Promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor - Computer Science

(8.) HOMELAND SECURITY AND CAMPUS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POLICY

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the policy on Homeland Security and Campus Emergency Preparedness for the Southern University System be and it

is hereby approved.

(9.) TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT HOURS POLICY

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the Transferability of Credit Hours Policy for the Southern University System as mandated by Act 383 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature be and it is hereby approved.

c. Personnel Recommendations

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the S.U. and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the following personnel recommendations be and they are hereby approved.

- (1.) Appointment of Dr. Michael Ralph as Assistant Vice President for Institutional Planning and Research for the Southern University System, effective January 1, 2004 at a twelve-month salary of \$75,000 and relocation expenses of \$5,000.
- (2.) Appointment of Martin B. Fortner as Director of Institutional Effectiveness/Assessment, Research, Grants and Sponsored Programs/Accreditation Liaison, SUSLA
- (3.) Appointment of Sandra Tucker as Associate Professor and Director of Nursing, SUBR effective January 5, 2004 at a 12-month salary of \$78,000.
- (4.) Leave of Absence (medical) for Alice M. Douzier, SUS Webmaster, from December 3, 2003 until January 16, 2004.
- (5.) Leave of Absence (maternity) for Tinneque Lightfoot, Assistant Track Coach, SUBR, from October 20, 2003 to January 19, 2004.
- (6.) Leave of Absence (medical) for Jacquelin Jacobs, Professor of Education, SUBR, from August 18, 2003 to October 25, 2003.

d. Finance Recommendations

(1.)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that a 3% increase in the salary of the following SUBR personnel be and it is hereby approved.

Positions and Adjusted Salaries

- Lynn M. Dickerson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, \$51,912
- Suman Moudgil, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations, \$68,135
- Earl Doomes, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, \$95,172
- Gwendolyn Bennett, Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Operations and Comptroller, \$87,550
- Raymond Downs, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, \$92,906
- Mildred Smalley, Vice Chancellor for Research and Strategic Initiatives, \$96,305
- Flandus McClinton, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, \$103,206
- Norman St. Amant, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, \$97,850
- Margaret Ambrose, Executive Associate to the Chancellor, \$92,764

(2.) LABORATORY FEES, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that SUSLA be and it is hereby authorized to levy a fee of \$20.00 per course per student for laboratory classes, as follows:

- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Electronics and Engineering Technology
- Computer Network Technology
- Nursing
- Allied Health
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

(3.) HOUSING SERIES B AND C RESERVE FUNDS, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that SUBR be and it is hereby authorized to use the sum of \$267,246.13 that remains in the Reserve Account for Series B and C Bonds, Account Number 72030, for major housing renovations.

e. Resolutions

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that "Get Well" expressions from the Board to Mr. Harry Levy, President of the Southern University - Jefferson Davis Alumni Chapter be and are hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that expressions of condolences from the Board to families listed below be and they are hereby approved.

- The Temeka Terrell Dempsey Family
- The Thomas Seton Maloney Family
- The Ronald L. Taylor Family
- The Victoria T. Antoine Family
- The Willie Francois Family
- The Josephine Baker Lee Family
- The Samuel Green Family

f. Report and Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Construction Projects

The Committee's report was submitted by the Chairman, Mr. Walter Guidry. A resolution developed by Board Counsel, pursuant to the Committee's recommendation, was offered for Board action.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr Anderson, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of the Board recognizes the importance of providing the best facilities and amenities possible for its students, faculty and staff;

WHEREAS pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 17:3361 through 17:3365, the Board has commenced research into a project with the Southern University System Foundation, a private non-profit corporation, whereby SUSF will lease land from the Board with the intent to construct improvement thereon;

WHEREAS the Board understands that SUSF has offered to provide certain improvements to each of the campuses of Southern University that will benefit the students and the system as a whole;

WHEREAS the Board recognizes that SUSF will undertake the responsibility of financing, constructing and maintaining new and additional dormitories, stadium improvements, baseball field house, and a new intramural athletic facility;

WHEREAS the Board recognizes the benefit of having a private foundation assume the responsibility for such improvements;

WHEREAS the Board recognizes that this is a unique opportunity for improvements on an unprecedented level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will provide SUSF with its support for undertaking the following projects:

- **SUBR:**
 - o Three dormitories with accompanying infrastructure improvements and residential amenities;
 - o Student intramural sports complex;
 - o Football/Track Complex and Baseball field house
 - o Enclosed north end zone seating
 - o Football field restoration
 - o Alumni house renovation (that will be funded from any net proceeds that accrue to the Foundation.)

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- o Residential dormitory;
 - o Residential apartments; and
 - o Accompanying infrastructure.
- SUSLA:
 - o Residential dormitory;
 - o Residential apartment;
 - o Accompanying infrastructure; and
 - o Acquiring property at 610 Texas Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board views these projects as part of a single system-wide improvement and the Board recognizes that it may not be feasible to commence all of these projects at the same time. However, should the Board execute documents necessary to commence any of these projects, it will expect SUSF to use its best efforts to complete all of the projects it has presented to the Board as soon as practicable.

* This project will be funded through Alumni Federation generated process and will necessitate an agreement between the Foundation and the Federation which set forth arrangements and contractual provisions.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The Board's commendations were extended to Mr. Guidry and the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for their work in bringing forth a recommendation for Board action.

Mr. Guidry announced that the Committee would continue to its work and plans to submit at the January Board meeting the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and/or other pertinent documents to effect the campus construction projects.

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AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following informational items:

- a. Quarterly Accreditation Status Report by Campus
- b. System Policies
 - (1.) Letters of Intent for Projected New Academic Programs
 - (2.) Proposals for New Academic Programs and Units
 - (3.) Academic Degree/Certificate Program Reviews
 - (4.) Accreditation of Degree/Certificate Programs
- c. Capital Outlay Status Reports by Campus
- d. System and Campus Monthly Updates
- e. January 9, 2004 was announced as the date for the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA 8: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors