

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 26, 2004

Burgundy Rooms A & B

4th Level, Hyatt Regency Hotel

New Orleans, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. S. Albert Gilliam. The invocation was given by Atty. John F.K. Belton.

PRESENT

Mr. S. Albert Gilliam, Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Vice Chairman
Dr. Angela J. Alexander
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Mr. Quinten Atkins
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell
Atty. Mr. John F.K. Belton
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. John W. Joseph
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Louis Miller
Ms. Lea M. Polk

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

- Item 16a: Resolution of commendation: Cox Communications - Voices for Votes Campaign
- Item 18a: Resolution of authorization for application to the Board of Regents for the Emmett W. Bashful Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Leadership and Public Policy, SUNO
- Item 18b: Fifth Modification of Lease Agreement for 610 Texas Street, Shreveport (SUSLA)
- Item 18c: Optional Pay Adjustment Policy for certain Classified employees and the SU System Pre-Employment Application for Unclassified Employees
- Item 18d: Proposed Personnel Policies for SU System
- Item 18e: Authorization to expend prior-year academic enhancement funds for software license updates and product support, SUSLA
- Item 18f: Appointment of Director of Information Technology Center, SUNO

AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2005

a. Chairman

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry nominated Mr. Johnny G. Anderson for the Office of Chairman of the Board for 2005. The nomination was seconded by Mr. John W. Joseph.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Belton, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The election of Mr. Johnny Anderson as Chairman of the Board was approved by a unanimous vote.

b. Vice Chairman

Mrs. Dottie Bell nominated Mr. Myron K. Lawson for the Office of Vice Chairman of the Board for 2005. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Caiton.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Belton, the nominations were closed.

The election of Mr. Myron K. Lawson as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2005 was approved by a unanimous vote.

Remarks of appreciation were tendered by the outgoing Board Officers, Chairman S. Albert Gilliam and Vice Chairman Tony M. Clayton; and, the newly elected Board Chairman, Johnny G. Anderson and Vice Chairman, Myron K. Lawson.

AGENDA ITEM 6: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Atty. Belton, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the minutes of the October 29, 2004 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 15

On motion of Atty. Belton, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE AWARDS, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to award to Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Policy at the Fall 2004 or Spring 2005 Commencement Exercises on the SUBR Campus.

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 award to Baton Rouge Mayor-Elect Melvin "Kip" Holden, an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Policy at the Fall 2004 Commencement Exercises on the SUBR Campus.

Mr. Lawson asked the Board to consider at a future meeting the establishment of a "Chairman or Trustee Emeritus" designation.

AGENDA ITEM 8: CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, 2004 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the degrees to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercises at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, submitted by President Leon R. Tarver II and Chancellor Edward R. Jackson, upon the approval and recommendation of the Faculty, Council of Academic Deans, and appropriate Administrators, be and they are hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of graduates may be supplemented or modified as is necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**AGENDA ITEM 9A: PROPOSAL FOR ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE
PROGRAM IN HUMAN SERVICES, SUSLA**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the proposal for the Associate of Science Degree Program in Human Services at SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 9B: PROPOSAL FOR A CERTIFICATE OF TECHNICAL STUDIES IN
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY, SUSLA**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the proposal for the Certificate of Technical Studies in Music Technology at SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 9C: MARTIN LUTHER KING BUSINESS INCUBATION PROJECT, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that Southern University at Shreveport be and is hereby authorized to engage in a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana State Office of Facility Planning and Control to undertake the construction of a Business Incubator in Shreveport in accordance with Act 959. The estimated cost of the project is approximately one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

AGENDA ITEM 10: PROPOSED SERVICE LEARNING POLICY, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Service Learning Policy for the SUSLA Campus be and it is hereby approved, effective Spring 2005.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND PRIOR-YEAR
BUILDING USE 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 expend prior-year Building Use Fees in the amount of \$45,000 to facilitate the three projects listed below:

- purchase of a panel system office space for the Business Office
- upgrade the new Classroom Building Conference Room
- payment of an outstanding invoice owed to John Guth and Associates for professional engineering services.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE OVERDUE FINES FOR LIBRARY
BOOKS, SUNO**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that SUNO be and it is hereby authorized to increase its overdue fines for books from 10 cents per book per day to 25 cents per book per day.

AGENDA ITEM 13: PROPOSED RENTAL RATE POLICY FOR SUAREC FACILITIES

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the SU Agricultural Extension Center be and it is hereby authorized to implement a rental rate policy for the use of facilities at the A.O. Williams Hall and M.A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena, effective January 2005.

AGENDA ITEM 14: ENERGY SURCHARGE FEE INCREASE, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that SUBR be and it is hereby authorized to increase its energy surcharge fee by \$2.00 per credit hour with a maximum charge of \$4.00 per credit hour or \$24.00 per semester, effective Spring Semester 2005.

**AGENDA ITEM 15: COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR WITH SU SYSTEM FOUNDATION
TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND THE WILLIAM PASS
SECURITY BUILDING (POLICE STATION), SUBR**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that SUBR and be it is hereby authorized to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the SU System Foundation to renovate and expand the William Pass Security Building (Police Station). The anticipated cost for the construction of the new section is \$350,000. The debt will be serviced over a ten-year period from recently-approved increases in auto registration fees, traffic violation fines and towing charges.

AGENDA ITEM 16: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Belton, seconded by Rev. Bilberry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that resolutions of condolences to the families listed be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Lawrence Sanders
- Mr. Joseph Brew
- Mrs. Viola Isadore Green
- Atty. Helen O. Edwards
- Commendations to Ms. Charlotte Placide, newly appointed Superintendent of the East Baton Rouge School System.

B. COX COMMUNICATIONS - VOICES FOR VOTES CAMPAIGN

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Chairman of the Board and System President recognize and commend the efforts of Cox Communications and its Voices for Votes campaign and the positive and potentially permanent impacts that were realized among adults.

AGENDA ITEM 17: INFORMATION ITEMS

The following reports were received as informational:

- A. Quarterly Report on Higher Education Desegregation Efforts for the period of July 1 - September 30, 2004.
- B. 2003 - 2004 Annual Report, SUSLA
- C. Capital Outlay Status Report, Campuses
- D. Major Repairs and Re-roofing Project Status Report, Campuses
- E. Monthly System and Campus Updates
- F. Review of Salaries for Faculty and Administrative Staff (all Unclassified Employees) for FY 2004 - 2005

AGENDA ITEM 18: OTHER BUSINESS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Emmett W. Bashful Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the establishment of the Emmett W. Bashful

Scholar Endowed Chair be and it is hereby approved and so recommended to the Louisiana Board of Regents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNO Administration be and it is hereby authorized to forward the application and all associated documentation to the Louisiana Board of Regents with all deliberate speed.

B. 5TH Modification of 610 Texas Street, Shreveport Lease Agreement

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the fifth modification of the lease agreement between the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and 610 Texas Street, LLC for leasing approximately 42,588 usable square feet located at 610 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana be and it is hereby approved.

The fifth modification provides for expansion of the lease premises by 514 square feet of usable space, known as Suite 110A, thus increasing the total usable square feet to 43,102. Other details are described in the lease document.

C. Optimal Pay Adjustment Policy for Certain Classified Employees and the SU System Pre-employment Application for Unclassified Employees

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Optimal Pay Adjustment Policy for certain Classified Employees in the Southern University System be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the Pre-Employment Application for Unclassified Employees be and it is hereby approved.

Mr. Anderson requested the Administration to implement safeguards to ensure that the Optimal Pay Adjustment Policy was being administered fairly and impartially.

D. Proposed Personnel Policies for the Southern University System

Deferred at the Administration's request until the January 2005 meeting.

E. Authorization to Expend Prior-Year Academic Enhancement Funds, 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 expend prior year Academic Enhancement Funds to pay invoices received from Oracle Enterprise for software license updates and product support.

F. Appointment of Director of Information Technology Center, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the appointment of Mr. Edmond M. Cummings, III as Director of the Information Technology Center at SUNO be and it is hereby approved. The appointment's effective date is December 1, 2004 and the salary for the twelve-month position is \$80,000.

REQUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Administration was asked to provide the following information at the January 2005 Board Meeting.

- Report on the financing of the new SU Alumni Center
- Evaluation report and recommendations regarding the Chancellors of the New Orleans Campus, the Law Center and the Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Implementation of a Signature School on the SUNO Campus

The Chairman announced that a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors would be called in December to bring closure to the grade problem investigation in the

SUBR Registrar's Office. The date, time and place of the meeting will be announced later.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bob Love, former SUBR Basketball Player, was recognized by the Board. An autographed copy of Mr. Love's book, "The Bob Love Story" was given to each Board Member.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher presented to each member of the Board an autographed copy of a book by Atty. Charles Ogletree entitled, "All Deliberate Speed."

The Board recognized the presence of the following individuals:

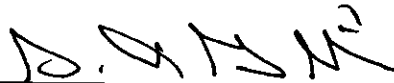
- Former Board Chairmen Joe A. Terrell and Willie T. Sensley, Sr.
- Former Board Member Bertel Dejoie
- Judge Wilson Fields
- National Alumni President Donald Wade

AGENDA ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Belton, seconded by Mr. Atkins, the meeting was adjourned.



Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors



Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors