

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
9:00 a.m.  
Friday, July 30, 2005  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Mr. Johnny G. Anderson. The invocation was given by Mr. John W. Joseph.

**Committee Members Present**

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Chairman  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Dale N. Atkins  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. S. Albert Gilliam  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. Ramonte Hannon  
Mr. John W. Joseph  
Ms. Anne Z. Kiefer  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Ms. Lea M. Polk  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**Committee Members Absent**

Dr. Angela J. Alexander  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry

**University Personnel in Attendance**

Interim System President and SUBR Chancellor Edward Jackson  
Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter, Tolor White and Victor Ukpolo  
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher and Leodrey Williams,  
Interim Chancellor Robert Gex and Executive Vice Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

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**Board Counsel**

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

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT, SUAREC**

Dr. Kasundra Cyrus presented highlights of the "Family Strengthening Program" which is being implemented in communities within the State by the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Minutes of the June 11, 2005 Board Meeting**

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Polk,

**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 June 11, 2005 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. Committee Reports and Recommendations**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs that the Intellectual Property Policy for the Southern University System 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 Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby authorized to take over the Sophie B. Wright Middle School.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Interim Chancellor Robert Gex be and he is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the appropriate entities to implement the take over of the School.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the following recommendations from the Southern University at Baton Rouge's Promotion and Tenure Committee be and they are hereby approved.

**Promotion to Full Professor**

Lokhande Hingorami, Vineeta  
Joshi, Ghanashyam

Economics  
Mechanical Engineering

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that Southern University at Baton Rouge be and it is hereby authorized to change the name of the Computer Science Business Option Program to the Computer Science - Information System Option Program.

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Information Items

- Schedule of Accreditation Reviews of Academic Programs at the Southern University at New Orleans and Shreveport Campuses
- Accreditation Issues at Southern University at New Orleans
- Efforts by the Dean of the College of Business at Southern University at Baton Rouge to fill the James A. Joseph Endowed Chair in Small and Minority Business Enterprises.

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Ms. Polk requested the Administration to update the Southern University's Strategic Plan to ensure that it is in sync with the State's Master Plan for higher education.

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Atty. Clayton requested the Administration to evaluate the feasibility of expeditiously implementing the 3+3 program between the S.U. Law Center and Southern University - Baton Rouge and report its findings and recommendations to the Board at its next meeting.

Athletics Committee

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby approved.

The report reflected an update on the two-year extension of the contract between New Vision Sports Properties, LLC and the Southern University Foundation, acting on behalf of Southern University at Baton Rouge and its Department of Athletics. The multi-media licensing agreement will now end in 2008.

### Facilities and Property Committee

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Atty. Atkins, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby approved.

The report reflected updates on the:

- Five year (2006-2011) Capital Outlay Plan, by Campuses
- Facilities Master Plans, SUNO
- Building Maintenance Plans, Campuses

### Finance and Audit Committee

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that Southern University at Shreveport be and it is hereby authorized to use prior year Academic Enhancement Funds as follows:

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| \$65,000 | - | Acquisition of laboratory equipment and renovation of the Registrar' Office      |
| \$68,051 | - | Renovation of the Dental Hygiene Laboratory located at the downtown Metro Center |

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the amended 2004-2005 Professional Legal Services Contract with DeCuir and Clark, LLP, Attorneys at Law, reflect an increase in the amount payable for legal services fees and cost reimbursements under the contract from \$250,000 to \$400,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisor for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Audit Engagement Letters with Bruno and Tervalon, CPAs, to conduct the following agreed upon auditing procedures on the Southern University Campuses be and they are hereby approved.

- Federal, State, Locally and Privately Funded Grants and Contracts and Student Financial Aid Programs for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
- The Southern University at Baton Rouge Admissions Office for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
- The Intercollegiate Athletics Program at Southern University at Baton Rouge for the period ended June 30, 2005.

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the above item was amended to include the following resolution.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Audit Engagement Letter with Bruno and Tervalon to perform agreed upon procedures in the Registrar's Office on the Southern University at Baton Rouge Campus as a follow-up to a prior report dated August 30, 2004, which covered the period January 1, 2004 through July 31, 2004, be and it is hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the follow-up report be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee at its October 2005 meeting.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, the Student Health and Accident Insurance Renewal Proposal submitted by Monumental Life Insurance Company for the 2005-2006 school year on the three Campuses and the Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

**2005-2006 School Year Rates**

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring/Summer</u>
Student	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 18.00
Spouse Only	125.00	62.50	62.50
Spouse/One Child	173.00	86.25	85.75
Spouse/Children	219.00	109.50	109.05

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Maymester</u>
Student	\$10.25	\$ 10.25
Spouse Only	50.50	50.50
Spouse/One Child	69.00	69.00
Spouse/Children	88.00	88.00

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that Southern University at Shreveport be and it is hereby authorized to implement the LaCarte Credit Program.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that Southern University at Shreveport be and

it is hereby authorized to utilize Building Use Funds in the amount of \$36,000 for campus enhancement.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the following payments be made to Dr. Edward Jackson in his capacity as Interim System President and Chancellor of the Southern University at Baton Rouge Campus be and they are hereby authorized.

- Housing and Living Allowance of \$3,000 per month or \$36,000 per year, retroactive to June 15, 2005.
- An increase to \$12,000 per year in the automobile allowance.

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#### Informational Items

- Systemwide Banner Implementation
- Endowed Chair and Endowed Professorship Funds
- SU Bond Project
- Fair Share Program

#### X Legislative Committee

On motion of Ms. Polk, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, that the proposal from Jones Walker Law Firm in Washington, D.C. to provide Federal Legislative Representation Services to the Southern University System be and it is hereby referred to Board Counsel for action and recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.



Atty. Clayton requested that the Board also consider the Cleo Fields Law Firm to provide Federal Legislative Representation Services to the University.

Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee

On motion of Atty. Atkins, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the request from the Administration to waive the search and to appoint Dr. Ernie T. Hughes as System Director of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the System Foundation, effective August 1, 2005 at an annual salary of \$81,113 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the request from the Administration to waive the search and to appoint Mr. Lester Pourciau as Director of Human Resources on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective September 5, 2005 at an annual salary of \$90,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Mr. Gilliam abstained from voting on this action.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Igwe E. Udeh as Dean of the College of Business and Tenured Professor of Business at Southern University at New Orleans, effective August 1, 2005 at an annual salary of \$102,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee, that the continuation of the medical leave of absence with pay for Dr. Deborah B. Smith, Director and Professor of the M.A. in Urban Education Program on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus, effective July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, be and it is hereby approved.

Higher Education Desegregation Committee

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Hannon, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Higher Education Desegregation Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report reflected updates on the following:

- Quarterly status of Higher Education Desegregation Efforts and Activities by the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.
- Status of Campus Projects, per the Desegregation Settlement Agreement.
- ✕ - Status of the Land-Grant Settlement Agreement.

Southern University Presidential Search

On motion of Atty. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report included the following informational items:

- Initial review of applications
- Report from Executive Search Firm Head, Dr. George Ayers
- Development of Interview Questions

Board Member Guidry requested the Committee to furnish copies of its press releases to members of the Board in the future.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6C: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Polk,

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

- Mrs. Ella J. Bryant
- Ms. Irene T. Green
- Mrs. Lubertha Bell Carey
- Mrs. Theola Washington
- Mrs. Mamie Polk

Motion carried unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Public Relations Strategic Plan/Media Training Program**

The Public Relations Strategic Plan/Media Training Program was presented by Ms. Robyn Merrick.

Following the report, Chairman Anderson appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to provide oversight on this initiative:

Mr. Achilles Williams, Chairman  
Mr. Ramonte Hannon, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Ms. Lea M. Polk

### **B. System and Campus Updates**

Written and/or oral updates were presented for the Board's information. Details are on file in the Office of the Board.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. August Board Meeting**

The Chairman announced that the site of the Board's August 26-27 meetings was changed from Baton Rouge to Shreveport.

## AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors