

Special Meeting  
Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, May 5, 2007  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Acting Chair, Atty. Dale N. Atkins.

The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Atty. Dale N. Atkins, Acting Chair  
Mr. John W. Joseph, Acting Vice Chair  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry  
Mr. Richard Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. Christopher Jackson  
Mrs. Worlita Jackson-Williams  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Elvin Pradia  
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winson DeCuir, Sr.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was amended to include the following.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Item 4A: Public Comments

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On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the agenda was further amended, as follows.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

AMENDMENT: Item 6A: Resolution regarding S.U. Graduation (Special Conditions)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consideration of the Report of the Governor's Special Counsel, Mark Falcon (Executive Session)

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board convened into an executive session, pursuant to LRS 42:6.1 to discuss the report of the Governor's Special Counsel.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Atty. Clayton entered the meeting.

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Pradia, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the following resolution was approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the System President be and he is hereby directed to immediately turn over any information he may have to the University EEO Officer; and, to direct that office to conduct forthwith an investigation into that information in accordance with the Board's Sexual Harrassment Policy.

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Atty. Clayton recalled the actions which had taken place prior to and following the report of the Governor's Special Counsel. He also noted that the Board has acted deliberately and responsibly in working to arrive at a just decision.

**AGENDA ITEM 5B: CONSIDERATION OF ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION,  
INCLUDING PERSONNEL ACTIONS, RELATIVE TO THE**

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL COUNSEL  
(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mrs. Jackson-Williams, the Board convened into an executive session, pursuant to LRS 42:6.1 to discuss personnel actions relative to the report of the Governor's Special Counsel.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the original motion under Item 5A was revised to direct the System President to turn over immediately any information he may have to the EEO/Human Resources Officer; and to direct that office to conduct forthwith an investigation into that information in accordance with the Board's Sexual Harrassment Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

This action was taken after the Board was advised that the Human Resources Officer also acts as the EEO Officer.

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On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Pradia, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 11 yeas, 3 nays: Bilberry, Caiton, Joseph; 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that the President be and he is hereby placed on suspension or administrative leave with pay for a period of sixty (60) days, effective immediately. The President will return to work as President on July 5, 2007. During this period, the President is directed to cooperate with the investigation conducted by the EEO Officer.

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On motion of Mr. Pradia, seconded by Mr. Guidry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that Dr. Edward Jackson be and he is hereby appointed as Interim President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Pradia,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that the directive issued to the System President to cooperate with the investigation conducted by the Human Resources/EEO Officer also extends to the Interim System President.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that Ms. Margaret Ambrose be and she is hereby appointed as Interim Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective until July 5, 2007.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6A: S.U. GRADUATION (SPECIAL CONDITIONS)**

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Jackson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, that any Southern University Campus, upon approval of the Chancellor, after due consideration of the student's circumstance, may grant to a student who petitions to participate in commencement exercises, and who has six (6) or fewer credit hours remaining to complete all academic requirements for graduation, the privilege of such participation without the benefit of receiving an earned degree.

FURTHER RESOLVED that to be eligible to be considered for participation, the student must agree, in writing, to terms and conditions established by the Campus Administration and that he/she understands that such participation is symbolic only and does not by any means absolve him/her from completing all of the academic requirements to earn the degree that he/she is pursuing during a subsequent academic session.

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By consensus of the members present, the May 10-11 meetings were postponed. The next regular meeting of the Board will be announced by the Acting Chair once the dates are finalized.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors