

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, August 28, 2009

10:00 A.M.

Southern University-Metro Center

610 Texas Street

Shreveport, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chair
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Ms. Raushanah S. Hunter
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Patrick D. Magee

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

Interim System President Kassie Freeman
Vice President Tolor E. White
Chancellors Kofi Lomotey, Victor Ukpolo, Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher and Leodrey Williams

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BOARD COUNSEL

Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Williams, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

National Alumni President Domoine Rutledge's comments related to what he opined was a lack of leadership on the Southern University Baton Rouge Campus. He announced the impaneling of an Alumni Blue Ribbon Committee to examine the apparent indifference and arrogance of SUBR's leadership.

SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi voiced concern relative to Items 5B-4 and 6B. He also noted the Board's approval of three personnel action forms which had not been posted on the Board's website.

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Student Board Member Raushanah S. Hunter introduced student leaders at Southern University Shreveport:

- Mr. Charles Johnson *SGA President*
- Miss Tiara Lewis *Historian*
- Mr. Craig Johnson *Chief of Staff*
- Mr. Cole Grant *Secretary of Welfare, Health and Lobbying*
- Mr. Clifton Boykins *At-large member*

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the July 24, 2009 regular meeting, July 31, 2009 special meeting and the August 22, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the request from the Southern University-Shreveport Administration to establish the Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Coding Specialist Program be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the request from the Southern University-Shreveport Administration to conduct Fall Commencement Exercises, effective Fall 2009, be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the request from the Southern University-Shreveport Administration to revise the current Certificate of Technical Studies in Airframe/Powerplant Maintenance Technology to a Technical Diploma, effective Fall 2009 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the request from the Southern University-Shreveport Administration to appoint Dr. Orella Brazile to the position of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, at an annual salary of \$100,000, effective September 1, 2009, be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report also included the following informational items:

- Update from the SU Research/Grant Council
- Possible collaboration project between Southern University-Baton Rouge and the Greater Baton Rouge Surgical Hospital.

Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the 2009-2010 Athletic's Budget for Southern University-Shreveport in the amount of \$187,725 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the 2009-2010 Athletic's Budget for Southern University-Baton Rouge in the amount of \$6,883,465, be and it is hereby approved, contingent upon the anticipated receipt of Bayou Classic funds to address the projected shortfall of \$768,965.

Facility and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Facility and Property Committee, that the following projects on the Southern University-New Orleans Campus be and they are hereby approved.

- Exterior waterproofing and painting of the new Science Administration, W. G. Brown and Washington Library buildings on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus.
- Campus-wide upgrades to the Site Lighting and Security Camera System on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and it is hereby authorized to accept the donation of immoveable property in East Baton Rouge Parish, donated by Alsen Heights, Inc., to include an assignment of existing mineral leases, but subject to a reservation of all other subsurface rights to the donor; and, further, that the System President and Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center be and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept the donation of said property on behalf of the University, such acceptance subject to compliance with provision of state law with regards to such property transfers.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the five-year Capital Outlay Plan for Southern University System entities be and it is hereby approved.

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The Committee's report reflected informational reports on:

- The Board Chairman's appointment of a Blue Ribbon Committee, chaired by Mr. Walter Guidry. The Committee will oversee the construction of capital projects on the Southern University at New Orleans campus. Quarterly updates on the status of the projects will be provided to the Board by the Committee.
- The upcoming dedication of the new North End-Zone addition of A. W. Mumford Stadium that is scheduled to take place during Southern University's 2009 Homecoming Activities.

Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the following budget items be and they are hereby approved:

- Southern University System's 2009-2010 Budget Summary
- FY 2009-2010 Operating Budgets
 - 1) Southern University Board of Supervisors and System Administration \$ 3,031,943
 - 2) Southern University A & M College at Baton Rouge 86,650,383
 - 3) Southern University Law Center 10,321,468
 - 4) Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center 8,197,264
 - 5) Southern University at New Orleans 20,568,858
 - 6) Southern University at Shreveport 12,516,962=====
- TOTAL ALL BUDGETS \$ 141,286,878

- BA-7#1 reflecting an increase in spending authority based on restoration of funds by the Legislature (\$6,323,793); and, an increase in projected self-generated revenues from tuition increases (\$835,660).

- Special Budgets, FY 2009-2010
 - 1) SU System Administration Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers
 - 2) Southern University System Inter-Institutional Direct Charges
 - 3) Southern University System Special Meals and Miscellaneous Travel

- Revised Contract with Monumental Life Insurance Company to insure the students within the Southern University System for the 2009-2010 school year at an annual rate of \$89.70, rather than the annual rate of \$80.80 that was approved by the Board at its July 24, 2009 meeting.

Mandatory Coverage (All Students)

- Annual \$ 89.70
 - Fall Semester only 43.70
 - Spring/Summer* 46.00
 - Summer Session* 13.00
 - Summer Programs/
Other Initiatives 4.00
**(through end of contract year)*
- Form BOR-10 which reflects the salaries of non-classified employees; and, Form BOR-11 reflecting salaries of classified employees in the Southern University System.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that authorization be and it is hereby granted to Southern University-Baton Rouge to begin discussion with the Greater Baton Rouge Surgical Hospital to form a collaborative project between the two entities.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that authorization be and it is hereby granted to the System Administration to transfer land grant funds in the amount of \$561,528 to the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC).

Personnel Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the following personnel actions be and they are hereby approved:

- Dr. Joyce O'Rourke, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities (SUBR), effective immediately at an annual salary of \$89,050.
- Dr. Mahmoud Braima, Interim Assessment and Accountability Coordinator in the Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research (SUBR), with extra compensation of \$17,560.50 to be paid over nine months at \$1,951.17 monthly.
- Dr. Orella Brazile, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (SUSLA), effective September 1, 2009 at an annual salary of \$100,000.
- Mrs. Jane R. O'Riley, Acting Head Librarian (SUSLA), effective September 1, 2009 at an annual salary of \$57,000.
- Ms. Shawanda M. Howard, Interim Director of Student Activities and Organizations, (SUNO) effective August 1, 2009 at an annual salary of \$44,070.
- Mr. Ira H. Thomas, Sr., Chief of Police (SUNO), effective September 1, 2009 at annual salary of \$60,000.
- Dr. Otis P. Elliot, Professor of Foreign Languages (SUBR), effective August 11, 2009 at a nine-month salary of \$66,284.
- Dr. Patrick F. Mensah, Professor of Mechanical Engineering (SUBR), effective August 10, 2009 at a nine-month salary of \$81,791.
- Dr. Asefe S. Negatu, Post Doctoral in the Department of Urban Forestry (SUBR), effective July 1, 2009 at an annual salary of \$51,500.
- Dr. Joseph A. Meyinsse, Interim Dean of the Graduate School (SUBR), effective July 21, 2009 at an annual salary of \$89,050.
- Dr. Donald Andrews, Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Economics (SUBR), effective August 4, 2009 at an annual salary of \$130,000.
- Dr. Ella Kelly, Professor of Chemistry (SUBR), effective July 12, 2009 to August 9, 2009, at a salary of \$7,749.56, based on a nine-month salary of \$69,746.

Salary Adjustments and/or Employment Contract Extension

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following actions:

- The adjusted base salary of \$125,000 annually for Mr. Roger Cador as Head Baseball Coach with the new employment contract, effective July 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2012.
- Adjusted salary of \$60,000 annually for Ms. Linda E. Brown, Program Director, SU Cooperative Extension Service, effective July 1, 2009.

Leave of Absence

- Mr. Damien Ejigiri, Professor of the Nelson-Mandela School of Public Policy (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective August 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010.
- Ms. Gladys Allen, Registrar (SUNO), medical leave with pay, effective June 10, 2009 to August 28, 2009.
- Dr. Hamady Diop, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance (SUBR), professional leave without pay, effective August 10, 2009 to July 5, 2010.

Ratification of Personnel Actions, SU System

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, ratification of Interim President Freeman's appointment of System Personnel listed below:

Motion carried unanimously.

- Atty. Tracey Woods, Executive Counsel to the President, effective September 1, 2009 at annual salary of \$115,000.00.
- Mr. Jason Hughes, Executive Director of Governmental and External Affairs, effective October 1, 2009 at annual salary of \$80,000.00.
- Dr. Melva Turner, Chief of Staff, effective September 1, 2009 at an annual salary of \$90,000.00.

Bayou Classic Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Bayou Classic Committee, that the Committee's informational report be and it is hereby received.

The report reflected matters relative to the 2009 Bayou Classic.

SU Presidential Search Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the SU Presidential Search Committee, that the services of Heidricks and Struggles Executive Search Firm be engaged to assist in the Search and Selection of the next Southern University President.

The report also reflected the Committee's planning of the agenda and format for its August 27, 2009 meeting in Shreveport.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: SU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the Board of Supervisors' Educational Assistance Scholarship Policy be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5D: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that a Resolution of Condolences be and it is hereby approved to be forwarded to the family of the late U. S. Senator Edward Kennedy.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received the following informational items:

- System and Campus monthly reports
- Briefing on the deliberations of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission. (Details are on tape).

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Kassie Freeman, Secretary
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Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
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