

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Friday, July 24, 2009

Health and Physical Education Building

Park Campus - 6400 Press Drive

Southern University - New Orleans

### **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. Jefferson

#### **PRESENT**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton - Chairman

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery - Vice Chairman

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Mr. Richard Caiton

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren Forstall

Atty. Randal L. Gaines

Mr. Walter Guidry

Ms. Raushanah Hunter

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Mr. Achilles Williams

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Darren Mire

#### **UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Interim System President Kassie Freeman

Vice Presidents Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White

Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and

Leodrey Williams

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#### **BOARD COUNSEL**

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Delete Item 5N: Bayou Classic Operations  
Amendments: Item 5P: SUNO Police Officers Detail

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

Dr. Diolo Bagayoko, SUBR Faculty Senate, spoke in support of the SUBR final Budget Reduction Plan and in opposition to the SU System's Budget Reduction/Reorganization Plan.

Mr. Langston Hughes, SGA Vice President at Southern University - Baton Rouge, spoke in opposition to the Food Service Contract with Aramark.

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

A. Minutes of the June 26, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the June 26, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ratification of Tuition Increases, Fall 2009

1.) Graduate School, SUBR and SUNO

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that implementation of the tuition increase for the Graduate School at Southern University - Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans in the amount of \$30.00 per credit hour, effective Fall 2009 be and it is hereby ratified.

Motion carried unanimously.

The tuition increase was authorized during the 2009 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (House Bill 872, Act No. 313).

2.) MBA Program, SUBR

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the implementation of the tuition increases for MBA Student in the SUBR College of Business in the amount of \$30.00 per credit hours as a graduate student plus special MBA fees not to exceed \$1,000 when added to the \$30.00 per credit hour fee, be and it is hereby ratified.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Voice Infrastructure Upgrade Project and related Lease Purchase Agreement, SUBR

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Gaines,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the SUBR Voice Infrastructure Upgrade Project and the lease purchase agreement to be executed with Avaya Financial Services be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lawson abstained from voting.

Implementation of this project will result the SUBR's replacement of its existing Centrex based telephone system with a University owned and operated PBX System.

The initial cost of the projects's infrastructure will be approximately \$2.3 million, 55% of which will be funded through a federal grant and the remainder through annual cost savings associated with reduced operating cost for the new system.

D. Food Service Contract, SUBR

Mr. Langston Williams, Vice President of the SGA on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus requested the Board to reconsider action to award the food service contract to Aramark. Student dissatisfaction with the quality of food service provided by the current vendor as well as concerns regarding unsanitary food preparation area were among the reasons stated by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Paul Butler, Director of Aramark Food Service, assured the Board that the company was aware of student concerns and was working to address them. Further, he noted that the unsanitary conditions alleged were not in the area where the food is prepared.

Several Board members recommended that the administration provide a mechanism for regular monitoring of the vendor's performance and that the proposed contract contain a termination clause for poor on non-performance by the vendor.

On a motion by Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Dumas,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the food service contract with Aramark be and it is hereby deferred until the concerns are resolved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the administration shall ensure that food service to the SUBR student body continues uninterrupted.

Motion carried unanimously. 14 yeas; 1 nays; 0 abstentions.

- E. Contract for FY 2009-2010 Student Inquiry and Sickness Insurance Plan, Systemwide

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Gaines,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the Student Inquiry and Sickness Contract for the 2009-2010 school year be and it is hereby awarded to Monumental Life Insurance Company herein represented by Collegiate Risk Management, Inc., authorized agent, for all enrolled Southern University students.

The rates, per enrolled student for the 2009-2010 school year, are:

**Mandatory Coverage (All Enrolled Students)**

Annual	\$80.80
Fall Semester (Only)	\$39.00
Spring/Summer*	\$42.00
Summer Session*	\$13.00
Summer Programs/Other Institutes	\$ 4.00
*(Thru end of contract Year)	

**Optional Dependant Coverage**

(Spouse Only)	\$290.00 (Annual)
Child Only	\$110.00 (Annual)
Children Only	\$110.00 child (Annual)
Spouse/Child	\$398.00 (Annual)
Spouse/Children	\$505.00 (Annual)

**Optional Dependant Coverage (Repatriation)**

Spouse (Only)	\$21.00 (Annual)
Child Only	\$21.00 (Annual)
Children Only	\$21.00/person (Annual)
Spouse/Child	\$21.00/person (Annual)
Spouse/Children	\$21.00/person (Annual)

**Optional Dental Coverage**

\$40.00 for each student

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the administration be and it is hereby authorized to increase student health insurance fees to the following amounts on the SU- Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport Campuses and the SU Law Center to bring them in line with the premium rates that must be paid to the insurance company per student.

Fall Semester 2009	\$39.00
Spring/Summer 2010	\$42.00
Summer Session 2010	\$13.00*

*\*The \$13.00 Summer rate is applicable only to students who were not enrolled in the Spring 2010 semester.*

F. Forward Search for Critical Administrative Positions, SUNO

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the SUNO Administration be and it is hereby authorized to conduct focused search to fill the following critical administrative positions with permanent appointees.

- Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance
- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services
- Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs - Faculty and Trio Programs

Motion carried unanimously.

This action was requested by the SUNO Administration pursuant to the SACs Consultants' recommendation that the University fill critical administrative vacancies in quest for SACS reaccreditation.

G. Personnel - Recommendations

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration, that the appointment of Ms. Cynthia Beauliease as Director of Small Business Development and Management Institute at Southern University - New Orleans, effective July 1, 2009 at a 12-month salary of \$50,000, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration, that the appointment of Dr. Adrell L. Pinkney as Interim Director of Student Housing at Southern University - New Orleans, effective July 1, 2009 at a 12 - month salary of \$54,000, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Cation,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the appointment of Dr. Regina Robinson as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern University - Shreveport, effective August 1, 2009 at a 12 month salary of \$69,467, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration, that the appointment of Dr. Melva K. Turner as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern University - Shreveport, effective August 1, 2009, at a 12-month salary of \$40,350 by and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Ms. Hunter,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration, that the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Gilliam as Director of Student Activities at Southern University Shreveport, effective August 1, 2009 at a 12 month salary of \$30,000, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration, that the appointment of Mr. Ted L. Scott as Director of Recruitment/Admissions at Southern University - Shreveport, effective August 1, 2009, at a 12 month salary of \$41,246, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration, that the appointment of Mr. David Francis as Head Coach of Men's Basketball at Southern University - Shreveport, effective July 1, 2009 at a 12 month salary of \$25, 000, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the appointment of Mr. David Francis as Coordinator of the Student Activity Center at Southern University - Shreveport, effective July 1, 2009 at a 12 month salary of \$25,500 be and it is hereby approved.



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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the Southern University - Baton Rouge Administration be and it is hereby authorized to appoint an Interim Dean of the Graduate School while an internal search for the Dean position is being conducted.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southern University - Baton Rouge Administration's waiver of the search process to enable the interim appointment of a Dean, pending formal action by the Board of Supervisors be and it is hereby ratified.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the interim appointment of Dr. Joseph Meynsse as Dean of the Graduate School at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective 2009, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$89,050 for the duration of the interim appointment, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the appointment of Dr. Mylan Winn as Interim Dean of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the appointment of Dr. Joseph Orban as Professor of Biomedical Science and Director of Biomedical Research Development at Southern University - Shreveport, effective July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 at a compensation of \$17,742, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM 5H: ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH SEAN M. BRUNO FOR AUDIT  
OF DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS, SUBR**

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the engagement letter with Sean M. Bruno, Certified Public Accountants, to apply agreed upon procedures to the Statement of Revenues and Expense and the accompanying notes and information of the Southern University - Baton Rouge's Department of Athletics for the year ended June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$9,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM I: REVISED RESOLUTION FOR SUSLA AND THE CITY OF  
SHREVEPORT**

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the resolution between Southern University - Shreveport and the City of Shreveport in the area of workforce development and training, community outreach, economic development and other projects, as revised to reflect the current offices of the SU Board of Supervisors be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**-RECESS-**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Board recessed its meeting to hear the presentation from Dr. Sally Clausen, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education.

**-RECONVENTION-**

A roll call established the presence of a quorum and the meeting of the Board was reconvened by the Chairman.

Responding to an inquiry from, Atty. Dumas provided an update on the employment status of Dr. Nadia C. Gadson.

**AGENDA ITEM 5J: RESTRUCTURING/REORGANIZATION PLANS, SYSTEM AND CAMPUSES**

SU System

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Bell, the 2009-2010 Budget Reduction/Organizational Restructuring Plan for the Southern University System was tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

SU - Baton Rouge

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the 2009-2010 Budget Reduction Plan for Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas; 0 nays; 1 abstention: Hunter

SU - Shreveport

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the 2009-2010 Reorganization Plan for Southern University - Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

SU - New Orleans

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the 2009-2010 Reorganization Plan for Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 2 nays: Cation and Hunter

SU - Law Center

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget with mandate Reductions for the SU Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

SU - Agricultural Research and Extension Center

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Dumas,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the 2009-2010 preliminary budget plan with mandated reductions be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

**AGENDA ITEM 5K: CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, 2009 SUMMER  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, SUBR**

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the candidates at Commencement Exercises at Southern University Baton Rouge on July 31, 2009, as submitted by the Interim System President Campus Chancellor, upon the approval and recommendation of the Faculty, Council of Academic Deans, and appropriate administration be and they are hereby approved.

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

**AGENDA ITEM L: INTERIM SYSTEM PRESIDENT COMPENSATION**

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board tabled this item until its next scheduled meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 5M: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Atty. Murphy Bell, Co-Chair of the SU Presidential Search Committee, presented the Committee's report and recommendations.

Considerable discussion ensued in regards to whether or not the position criteria should **require or prefer** the candidate to possess the **Ph.D. or Doctorate degree**.

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the items listed below which relate to the Search and Selection of the next President of the Southern University System be and they are hereby approved.

- The Charge given to the Committee at its initial meeting
- Established six-month time line for the Presidential Search and Selection
- Engage the services of an executive search firm to assist the Committee with the identification and recruitment of candidates. An amount of \$25,000 will be budgeted for this service.
- Position Criteria should indicate, **“the doctorate degree is preferred.”**
- Total Search Budget of \$60,000; and
- Advertisement in media, as determined by the Committee.

The motion carried.. Roll call vote: **10 yeas**; Clayton, Montgomery, M. Bell, Forstall, Guidry, Hunter, Jefferson, Lawson, Magee, and Williams; **3 nays**; Caiton, Gaines, and Nash; **1 abstention**: Dumas; **1 out**: P. Bell

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5N: BAYOU CLASSIC OPERATIONS**

Deleted.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5O: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mrs. Guidry,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the condolences from the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby extended to the familiar listed below.

- The Roger Dumas Family
- The Mary Moore Slaughter Family

**AGENDA ITEM 5P: SUNO POLICE OFFICERS DETAIL**

On motion by Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the administration that the whenever the services of police officers are needed on the Southern University Campus in Baton Rouge, the Officers at Southern University - New Orleans will be given preference in the assignment of work.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: SYSTEM AND CAMPUS REPORTS**

The Board acknowledge receipt of the System and Campuses' monthly updates.

**AGENDA ITEM 6A: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Patrick Bell, Chair of the Board;'s Legislative - Committee, provided an update on legislation emanating from the 2009 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislative and Federal Legislation which impacted the Southern University System entities.

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Chairman Clayton announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Friday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus. At that time, the Board would consider and act on the 2009-2010 Budget Reduction/Organizational Restructuring Plan for the Southern University System; and, the compensation package for the Interim President for the Southern University System.

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Atty. Magee requested a report at the next regular Board Meeting from the Federal Grants Procurement Officers at the System and Campus levels.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors