

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Friday, March 27, 2009**

**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, 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 Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Walter Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Randal A. Gaines  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick Magee  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE**

System President Ralph Slaughter  
Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses, and Tolor E. White  
Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston Decuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Minutes of the February 27, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the February 27, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**B. Report from the Personnel Affairs Committee regarding the Annual Performance Evaluation of Southern University System President Ralph Slaughter**

Chairman Clayton noted that the Personnel Committee's report on the President's evaluation had been received by him on behalf of the Board and the Committee had discussed the results with Dr. Slaughter.

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On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University System that the Committee's report be and it is received into the record.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5C: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL AND/OR EXTENSION OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENT RALPH SLAUGHTER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WHICH EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2009, AND HIS EMPLOYMENT BEYOND JUNE 30, 2009.**

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the employment contract of Southern University System President, Dr. Ralph Slaughter, which expires on June 30, 2009, not be renewed nor extended; and, Dr. Slaughter's employment as System President cease on June 30, 2009.

Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 11 yeas: Montgomery, M. Bell, Caiton, Dumas, Forstall, Guidry, Jefferson, Magee, Mire, Nash, and Clayton; 5 nays: P. Bell, Gaines, Lawson, Taylor, and Williams; 0 abstentions.

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Board Chairman Clayton announced that a Special Board Meeting would take place on April 15, 2009. At that time, the Board will decide whether Dr. Slaughter would be placed on administrative leave with pay and an interim System President appointed.

Continuing, Mr. Clayton advised that a focused search committee appointed by the Board would be utilized to fill the President's position. Persons listed below were named as members of the System President's Focus Search Committee:

Mr. Matthew Butler, Shaw Group, business community

Mrs. Gloria Moultrie, SUNO Campus

Mr. Theron Jackson, Shreveport Campus

Dr. Raymond Lockett, Baton Rouge Campus, faculty representative

Mr. Jamal Taylor (*or his successor on the Board*), student representative

Mr. Donald Wade, retired employee

Atty. Murphy Bell, Jr., 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Board representative

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Chairman, Southern University National Alumni President

Atty. Clayton asked Mr. Rutledge to get in contact with the committee members to have a meeting by Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to layout the platform for the focus search.

**AGENDA ITEM 5D: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the following resolutions and committee reports were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

*1.) Academic Affairs Committee*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Southern University-Baton Rouge Administration's request to posthumously award a Bachelor of Science degree in Management to Ms. Delonda Jean Batiste during the Spring 2009 Commencement Exercises 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 Academic Affairs Committee, that the Southern University-Baton Rouge Administration's request to rescind the September 2008 Board action on the tenure application for Dr. Anitra Wilson and that it be officially withdrawn, be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary to the Board is authorized to note this action in all records of the Board affected by it.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Southern University at

Baton Rouge Administration's request to rescind the September 2008 Board action to deny Dr. Riad Yehya's application for tenure and promotion; and, to approve Dr. Yehya's application for promotion to Professor with tenure, effective Fall 2008, be and it is hereby granted.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Southern University-Baton Rouge Administration's request to establish the endowed professorships listed below, be and it is hereby approved.

- Formosa/Prince Hall Endowed Professorship in Chemistry, SUBR
- Tolor E. White/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship in Accounting, SUBR
- Leon R. Tarver/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship in Public Policy, SUBR
- Louisiana Outside Counsel/Vanue B. LaCour Endowed Professorship in Law, SULC
- Kleinpeter Family/College of Education Endowed Professorship, SUBR

## ***2.) Facilities and Property Committee***

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Administration's request to proceed with the installation of elevators and an air conditioning and heating system in the Health and Physical Education Building on the Southern University at New Orleans campus, be and it is hereby approved.

## ***3.) 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 Southern University-Shreveport Administration's request to increase the fee for student insurance by an amount of \$20.00 for a total per semester fee of \$35.00 to align with the actual rate of the insurance benefit, effective Fall 2009, 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 Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 #3 which reflects a decrease in spending authority and self-generated funds for the Southern University-Baton Rouge campus and an increase in spending authority and self-generated funds for the Southern University Law Center for fiscal year 2008-2009 be and it is hereby approved.

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**4.) Governance Committee**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, that language changes to the Bylaws - Article III: Committees, Sections 1, 7, 10, 13, 15 and 16 be and they are hereby approved.

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**5.) Legislative Committee**

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

The report included updates on: 1.) anticipated budget cuts for FY 2009-10, by System; 2.) SU campus visits by local, state and federal delegations; 3.) the 2009 State of Black Louisiana Conference which was held on March 21; 4.) a summary of the University's legislative priorities at the federal and state levels; 5.) pre-filed bills (as of March 26) affecting higher education; and 6.) the Schedule of Southern University's 2009 Legislative Activities. Note was taken that the Schedule did not include May 15, 2009 – the due date for Financial Disclosure Reports.

Mr. Bell requested the Board Chair to schedule a date on which Board members could receive a refresher session on Governmental Ethics.

**AGENDA ITEM 5E: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the following resolutions were approved:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that Board commendations be and they are hereby extended to Dr. Joe Leonard, Jr., an alumnus of Southern University-Baton Rouge and Senior Advisor to U.S. Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, on his nomination for Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the Board's Condolences be and they are hereby extended to the families of persons listed below:

- Abeeku Nyamekye
- Nyoka Bethley-Broussard
- Beverly Robinson-Downs

- Shanell Fontenot
- Cecilia Clara Ordone
- Mary Larche'
- Marie A. Baham
- James Samuel Reed
- Effie Vidrine Arvie
- Venice Holliday-Robins

Motion carried unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### ***A. System and Campus Reports***

The System President and Campus Chancellors provided a monthly report of activities related to their respective entities.

### ***B. SU-ULL Golf Tournament Presentation***

Mr. Curtis Hollinger, Hollinger Serveology Clinic, LCC, requested the Board's support of the Louisiana Athletic Student Fest activities on September 4-5 in Lafayette, LA that are planned in conjunction with the 2009 Southern University game with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Mr. Hollinger specifically noted the scheduled Golf Challenge between supporters of the two universities.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ralph Slaughter, Secretary  
Board of Supervisors  
Southern University System

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Tony M. Clayton, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors  
Southern University System

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9:00 A.M.

Friday, March 27, 2009

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University-Baton Rouge

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson. The invocation was given by Atty. Jefferson.

**PRESENT:**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chairman  
Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor  
Mr. Achilles Williams  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT:**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Walter Dumas

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING:**

System President Ralph Slaughter; System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White; Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston Decuir, Sr., Board Counsel

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

### **A. Awarding of Bachelor of Science Degree posthumously, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the SUBR Administration's request to posthumously award a Bachelor of Science degree in Management to Ms. Delonda Jean Batiste during the Spring 2009 Commencement Exercises.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Batiste was a candidate for graduation in good standing at the time of her untimely death resulting from a vehicular accident on December 24, 2008.

### **B. Correction/Revision of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations, SUBR**

#### **1.) Dr. Anitra Wilson**

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Administration's request to rescind the September 2008 Board action on the tenure application for Dr. Anitra Wilson (SUBR), that it be officially withdrawn; and that the records be updated to reflect this action.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recent information brought to the Administration's attention revealed that Dr. Wilson was no longer a University employee at the time her tenure application was submitted for Board action.

#### **2.) Dr. Riad Yehya**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the SUBR Administration's request to rescind the September 2008 Board action on Dr. Riad Yehya's tenure and promotion application and to approve Dr. Yehya's application for promotion to professor with tenure, effective Fall 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Yehya's application denial was under appeal at the time the recommendation was submitted by the administration for Board action.

### **C. Endowed Professorships**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the establishment of the following endowed professorships.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Formosa/Prince Hall Endowed Professorship in Chemistry, SUBR
- Tolor E. White/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship in Accounting, SUBR
- Leon R. Tarver/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship in Public Policy, SUBR
- Louisiana Outside Counsel/Vanue B. LaCour Endowed Professorship in Law, SULC
- Kleinpeter Family/College of Education Endowed Professorship, SUBR

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University – Baton Rouge

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery.

**Committee Members Present**

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Chair

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Darren G. Mire

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**Committee Members Absent**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chairman

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

**University Personnel Attending**

System President Ralph Slaughter; System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White; Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. – Board Counsel

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

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM**

**A. Student Insurance Fee Increase, SUSLA**

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the SUSLA Administration’s request to increase the fee for student insurance by an amount of \$20.00 for a total per-semester fee of \$35.00 to align with the actual rate of the insurance benefit. The increase will become effective Fall 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. BA-7# 3, SUBR and SULC**

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, BA-7 #3 which reflects a decrease in spending authority and self-generated funds for the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus; and an increase in spending authority and self-generated funds for the Southern University Law Center for fiscal year 2008-2009.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Friday, March 27, 2009

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University – Baton Rouge

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Walter Guidry.

**Committee Members Present**

Mr. Walter Guidry, Chairman

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr., Vice Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**Committee Members Absent**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

**University Personnel Attending**

System President Ralph Slaughter; System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White; Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. – Board Counsel

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

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as printed.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM**

**A. Installation of Elevators; Air Conditioning and Heating System - Health and Physical Education Building, SUNO**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, approval of the Administration's request to proceed with the installation of elevators and an air conditioning and heating system in the Health and Physical Education Building on the Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Guidry reported that the project to replace hot water piping on the SUBR Campus was successfully bid.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University-Baton Rouge

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Governance Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. Chairman  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT:**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING:**

System President Ralph Slaughter; System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White; Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpole and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston Decuir, Sr., Board Counsel

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

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**D. By-Laws Changes**

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, changes to the following sections of the Board's Bylaws, **Article III: Committees**, as follows.

- **Sections 1, 7, 10, 13, 15, and 16**

Motion carried unanimously.

The changes were necessary to ensure that the Bylaws provisions are current and accurately reflect Board approved revisions of its policies and procedures. The changes to the Bylaws are attached to these minutes and on file in the Office of the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

## ARTICLE III

### COMMITTEES

#### **Section 1. Standing Committees.**

Unless and until otherwise decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board, the standing committees of the Board shall consist of the following:

- A. Academic ~~and Student~~ Affairs Committee
- B. Athletics Committee
- C. Executive Committee
- ~~D.~~ Facilities and Property Committee
- ~~E.~~ Finance and Audit Committee
- ~~F.~~ Governance Committee
- ~~G.~~ Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee
- ~~H.~~ Legislative Committee
- ~~I.~~ Legal Affairs Committee
- J. Student Affairs Committee (1-7-00) (3-27-09)

~~The Board may create an executive committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.~~

~~All Board~~ Only members of a Committee shall have the authority to vote during committee its meetings. (3-27-09)

#### **Section 2. Appointment and Term.**

The Chairman of the Board, at the time he assumes office, shall appoint the chairmen, vice-chairmen, and members of all standing committees, except as indicated in Article III, Section 3 below. The terms of chairmen, vice-chairmen, and members shall be concurrent with that of the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall serve as ex-officio voting member of all committees.

Vacancies occurring in the membership of any committee shall be filled by appointments made by the Chairman of the Board for the remainder of his term.

#### **Section 3. Officers of Standing Committees.**

It shall be the duty of the chairman of each committee, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Board, to call and to preside over committee meetings. The minutes of the meeting of the committee, documenting its actions and recommendations, shall be deemed in compliance with the provisions of Article V, Section 3, hereof, concerning the written recommendations of the committees.

In the absence of the chairman of the committee, the vice-chairman shall preside. In the event both the chairman and the vice-chairman of the committee are absent from a meeting, the committee shall elect a temporary chairman from those present, provided a quorum is present.

#### **Section 4. Quorum of Committee Meetings.**

A majority of the members of any committee of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. When a quorum is not present, the chairman of the committee, or vice-chairman, in the chairman's absence, may designate a member of the Board to serve as a substitute member of the committee.

#### **Section 5. Authority of Committees.**

The authority of committees of the Board shall be subject to these bylaws and to the policies and direction of the Board. Ordinarily, matters shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee; however, nothing shall prohibit the direct consideration of any matter by the Board.

#### **Section 6. Executive Committee.**

- A. Membership, Duties.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, the Chairmen of the Board's standing committees, and one member-at-large to be designated by the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman and the Secretary to the Board shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Executive Committee. It shall consider such matters as are referred by the Board, and shall execute such orders and resolutions as shall be assigned at any meeting of the Board. It shall also take such action as is necessary when an emergency requiring immediate action arises during an interim between Board meetings.

An affirmative vote by a majority of the full membership of the committee shall be required for all transactions.

- B. Ratification of Action.** All acts of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Board for ratification or rejection at the Board's next meeting, except in matters where the Board has delegated to the Executive Committee full power to act.
- C. Meetings.** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in the month in which the full Board does not meet, for the consideration of matters set forth in Section 6(A) above. The Executive Committee shall also meet at other times designated by the Chair or action of the Board. (4-23-99)

#### **Section 7. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee shall consist of at least five members, ~~one of whom shall be the student member of the Board.~~ Matters concerning academic organization, curricula, faculty affairs (except personnel policy), scholarships, admissions standards, matters concerning the academic welfare of students, other academic affairs, ~~and matters of policy in the non-academic area pertaining to student welfare and affairs shall ordinarily be referred to this committee.~~ (1-7-00) (3-27-09)

#### **Section 8. Athletics Committee.**

The Athletics Committee shall consist of at least five members. All matters concerning athletics programs shall ordinarily be referred to this committee. (10-26-01)

### **Section 9. Facilities and Property Committee**

The Facilities and Property Committee shall consist of a least five members. All matters relating to health and safety standards, the physical plant, and the property and grounds of the University System shall ordinarily be referred to this committee. (1-7-00)

### **Section 10. Finance and Audit Committee**

The Finance and Audit Committee shall consist of at least seven members. All matters concerning financial and budgetary operations of the University System shall ordinarily be referred to this committee. (1-7-00) (3-27-09)

### **Section 11. Governance Committee**

The Governance Committee shall consist of at least seven members. All matters relating to amendments or changes to the Board's Bylaws and Regulations, development of a policy and procedures manual which will include procedures for presidential and chancellor selection, presidential evaluation, orientation, and a code of ethics for Board members, grievance policies and procedures and other duties assigned by the Board shall ordinarily be referred to this committee. (4-23-99)

### **Section 12. Legislative Committee**

The Legislative Committee shall consist of at least five members. All matters relating to the State Legislature shall ordinarily be referred to this committee. (1-7-00)

### **Section 13. Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee**

The Personnel Affairs ~~and Policy~~ Committee shall consist of at least five members. All matters relating to the evaluation of the System President, non-academic personnel policy, and all personnel action forms requiring Board action shall ordinarily be referred to this Committee. (4-23-99) (3-27-09)

### **Section 14. Legal Affairs Committee**

The Legal Affairs Committee shall consist of at least five members. The Board's legal counsel and university officials shall present to this committee all major legal matters requiring Board action, information pertaining to major litigation (except the higher education desegregation lawsuit), discussions relative to proposals for the settlement of lawsuits requiring Board approval, the occurrence of incidents of a high profile nature that have the potential for litigation and/or which present major liability exposure for the University. (1-7-00)

### **Section 15. Student Affairs Committee.**

The Student Affairs Committee shall consist of at least five members, one of whom shall be the student member of the Board. All matters of policy in the non-academic area pertaining to student welfare and affairs shall ordinarily be referred to this Committee. (3-27-09)

### **Section-15 16. Special Committees.**

Special committees may be created with such functions, powers, and authority as may be designated by the Board Chairman or authorized by the Board. Unless otherwise provided in the action creating such a committee, the Chairman of the Board shall determine the number of its members and designate the chairman and vice-chairman thereof. The Chairman may also appoint ad hoc committees with special assignments for specified periods of existence, not to exceed the completion of the assigned tasks. (4-23-99) (3-27-09)

**ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**  
**No Proposed Changes**

**ARTICLE V**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Section 1. Rules of Order.**

Robert's Rules of Order (latest revision) shall constitute the rules of parliamentary procedures applicable to all meetings of the Board, when not in conflict with any of the provisions of these bylaws.

**Section 2. Order of Business.**

In regular meetings of the Board, the order of business shall include the following:

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of the Agenda
- C. Public Comments
- ~~E~~D. Approval of minutes of the preceding regular meeting and all special meetings held subsequent thereto.
- ~~D~~E. Reports and recommendations of standing and special committees.
- ~~E~~F. Reports and recommendations of the President.
- ~~F~~G. Other business. (10-26-01)
- ~~G~~H. Reports for Board information. (3-27-09)

**Section 3. Reference to Committees.**

In cases where feasible and desirable, before the Board takes action, any subject or measure should ordinarily be referred to the standing or special committee(s) in whose purview the matter falls. The committee to which the matter is referred should act on it and submit to the Board its recommendations in writing, together with any resolutions necessary to support such recommendations. However, this provision is not to be construed as preventing the Board from considering directly any matter which it judges could be more expeditiously and amicably handled by the Board. (4-23-99)

(10-26-01)

**Section 4. Meetings.**

In order that all interested parties and the public may be informed of all activities of the Board, it shall be the policy of the Board that all meetings be open to the public. Only when personnel or equally sensitive matters (e. g., litigation) are under consideration shall the Board enter into closed or executive session; provided, however, that no final or binding action shall be taken in conformity with

R.S. 42:6. Public notice of all meetings shall be given at least ten days prior to the meetings.

The Board's Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, shall prepare a tentative agenda and shall forward the agenda with its supporting data to each member of the Board at least ten days prior to a regular meeting of the Board. Particular items shall be included on the agenda by the Secretary, at the request of a member of the Board. (4-23-99)

Each recommendation submitted to the Board shall be accompanied by an appropriate resolution for Board action. (4-23-99)

All official actions of the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members. The Chairman shall have the right to vote. (4-23-99)

**Section 5. Minutes.**

The minutes of Board meetings shall record official actions taken upon motions or resolutions which are voted upon by the Board, and may contain a summary of reports and discussions pertinent to the official action. When the Board's action is not by a unanimous vote, the "yeas," "nays" and abstentions of the individual members shall be recorded. The remarks, personal views, or vote explanations of an individual Board member shall be included in the minutes only upon request. The foregoing provisions relative to contents of the minutes shall, in general, also apply to minutes of committees of the Board. The minutes of meetings of the Board become official only when completed and approved by the Board.

Copies of all minutes, papers and documents of the Board, or its several committees, may be certified to be true and correct by either the Chairman or the Secretary to the Board.

## ARTICLE VI

### COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

**Section 1.** All communications to the Board, or to any committee thereof, from persons having official relations with the University System shall be filed in writing with the President and duly transmitted by him to the Board; but all communications from a student organization, teacher, officer, or employee of any campus or systemwide unit shall be transmitted to the President through the appropriate Chancellor, and transmitted by the President to the Board. With the concurrence of the Chairman of the Board, the President may transmit such communication to the appropriate committee of the Board. The President or the Chancellor shall have the authority to read and comment upon the communication, but shall not delay or withhold such communication, except as hereinafter provided. Such communications shall be filed with the Chancellor at least fifteen days before the meeting of the Board or Committee, and with the President at least twelve days before such meeting. In the event a Chancellor elects to withhold any such communication until the next meeting, such communication, or a true copy thereof, shall be promptly forwarded to the President with the notation from the Chancellor explaining such withholding. The author of any communication shall be notified of its disposition within five days of the action by a University Officer or the Board. Depending on the nature of the communication, the Chancellor or President may elect to seek a resolution to the concern. In this case, the communication, or a true copy thereof, along with a copy of the results of such involvement shall be transmitted by the President to the Board. (10-26-01)

**Section 2.** The above communication procedure shall be followed unless the Chairman of the Board requests information from persons having official relations with the University System, or any student organization, teacher, officer, or employee of any campus. Then, the aforementioned individuals may communicate directly with the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, if any of the aforementioned individuals, having information that, in their view, should be brought to the direct attention of the Board of Supervisors, they may do so. If the Board believes that such information should be directed through established procedures, then the Board shall so advise the individual.

**Section 3.** Public Comments. A period shall be set aside ~~prior to~~ **during** each meeting of the Board of Supervisors and **its Committees** for public comments on matters to be addressed on the agenda of the Board. (7-13-01) (3-27-09)

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University – Baton Rouge

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Patrick W. Bell.

**Committee Members Present**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Chairman

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chairman

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

Mr. Darren G. Mire

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**Committee Members Absent**

None

**University Personnel Attending**

System President Ralph Slaughter; System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White; Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. – Board Counsel

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

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

#### **A. Status Report on Legislative Priorities, System and Campuses**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee meeting was recessed for five minutes to allow for the dissemination of support documents relating to this item.

**-RECESS-**

**-RECONVENTION-**

A roll call vote established the presence of a quorum: 5 present, 1 out - Atty. Forstall.

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The Committee reviewed SU's scheduled 2009 Legislative Activities that was provided by the Administration. The document also included updates on: (1) anticipated cuts to higher education in the 2009-10 budgets, by System; (2) Southern University campus visits by local, state and federal delegations; (3) the 2009 State of Black Louisiana Conference which was held on March 21; (3) a summary of the University's legislative priorities at the federal and state levels; and (4) pre filed bills (as of March 26) affecting higher education.

The Committee was advised by Vice President Moses of the University's request for \$42 million in federal appropriations to repair the ravine on the Baton Rouge Campus.

The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Committee:

- A listing of all proposed legislation that affect Southern University and higher education (Atty. Dumas)
- The University's position on all higher education - related legislation; bills sponsored and/or supported by the institution delineated.
- The University's position relative to the proposed implementation of the Board of Regents performance-based formula funding to allocate higher education appropriations.

Mr. Mire reminded the Committee of the need for SU Board Members to aggressively lobby the Legislature in support of the University during the upcoming session.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Friday, March 27, 2009

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University-Baton Rouge

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Walter C. Dumas.

**PRESENT:**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Chairman  
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT:**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING:**

System President Ralph Slaughter  
System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses and Tolor E. White  
Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo and Leodrey Williams

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Atty. Winston Decuir, Sr., Board Counsel

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Magee, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ANALYSIS OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER AS PRESIDENT OF THE SU SYSTEM (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee convened into an executive session to analyze the results of the Board's annual performance evaluation of Dr. Ralph Slaughter as President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Mr. Lawson out.

**---EXECUTIVE SESSION---**

**---RECONVENTION---**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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Committee Chairman Dumas announced that the Committee had looked at the annual evaluation of Dr. Slaughter. He requested permission from Chairman Clayton to forward the results to the Board at a later time.

Mr. Clayton noted that the Board would receive the results later. He also stated that the President was invited into the executive session for a colloquy with the Board and that the President's evaluation was done successfully. He stated that the evaluations ranged from satisfactory to excellent.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors