

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, May 29, 2009

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

2nd 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. Patrick O. Jefferson

PRESENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton - Chairman
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery - Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF THE 10-DAY NOTICE

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several persons spoke to request the Board to oppose the 2009-2010 Reorganizational Plan proposed by SUNO Chancellor Ukpolo. Among those speaking on this matter were –

- Mrs. Avis White, President of the SUNO Alumni Association
- Atty. Willie Zanders, local New Orleans attorney
- Mr. Gus Bennett, SUNO Employee
- Mr. Aaron DeGruy, Former SUNO SGA President
- Ms. Adrell Pinkney, SUNO Employee

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the April 24, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, May 8, 2009 Joint Meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and Personnel Affairs Committee; and the May 22, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

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

RESOLVED by the Board of the Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the April 24, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the May 8, 2009 Joint Meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Personnel Affairs Committee; and the May 22, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: REORGANIZATIONAL PLANS (FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010), SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN AT NEW ORLEANS

President Slaughter requested that these items be withdrawn from the Board's agenda.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Board deferred action on the items in order to allow the System President to meet with the Chancellors to address issues raised relative to the Campuses' Reorganizational Plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Montgomery announced that a joint meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Personnel Affairs Committee would be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on June 12, 2009, to receive the presentation of each Campus' Reorganizational Plan related to their proposed budget cuts. The meeting would be held on the Baton Rouge campus and all Board members were invited and urged to attend.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the following Committee reports and recommendations be and they are hereby 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 the SUBR Administration's request to appoint Dr. Guoqiang Li to the Contractors Educational Trust Fund Endowed Professorship position in the College of Engineering be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the SUBR Administration's request to award Her Excellency Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of Liberia, an honorary doctorate degree in Business be and it is hereby approved.

The revised articulation and 2 + 2 agreement between SUNO and Delgado Community College was presented as an informational report.

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 Committee's report be and it is hereby received.

Informational reports presented to the Committee were- -

-Update on major university projects, Systemwide

-Emergency Operations Plans, System and Campuses

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 requests from the SUBR, SUNO and SUSLA Campus Administrations to implement a 5% increase in student tuition fees, effective Fall 2009, be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that an increase in the application fee for domestic and international students at Southern University - New Orleans, effective Fall 2009, be and it is hereby approved.

	FROM	TO
Domestic Students	\$ 5.00	\$20.00
International Students	\$15.00	\$30.00

4.) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

The Committee's report reflected an update on 2009 legislation affecting the Southern University System.

5.) PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that salary adjustments for SUNO personnel listed below be and they are hereby approved.

NAME	TITLE	SALARY	
		FROM	TO
Ms. Anna P. Lundberg	Informational Technology Specialist II - Temporary	\$59,500	\$60,500

This salary adjustment is effective retroactively to March 1, 2009 or as soon as feasible, and is being recommended due to increased responsibilities, skill demands and work expectations resulting from the merger of another LA - Yes Grant position with the one above.

NAME	TITLE	SALARY	
		FROM	TO
Dr. Katherine R. Robinson	Asst. Professor and PK-16 Coordinator	\$52,000	\$62,500

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the request from Dr. Jin Wang, Professor of Physics at SUBR, for a sabbatical leave with pay, effective Fall 2009, be and it is hereby approved.

No recommendation was presented to the Board from the Committee relative to the proposed appointment of Dr. Nadia C. Gadson as Director of the Center for Student Success on the SU Baton Rouge campus.

AGENDA ITEM 6: RESOLUTIONS

A. Condolences

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, condolences from the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby extended to the families of the deceased listed below:

The Johnnie Ward Brown Family
The Johnnie E. Merrick, Sr. Family
The Dorothy Chatman Family
The Jeanette Dyson Family
The Rose Johnson Family
The William Mayfield Family

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. System and Campus Reports

The President and Chancellors presented updates on monthly activities at the System and Campus levels.

Newly-elected 2009-2010 Campus Student Officers were recognized by the Board.

Commendations were extended to Mrs. Margaret Ambrose on the success of the Tribute to the late Alvin Batiste.

Chairman Clayton extended an open invitation to all in attendance to visit his home on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m., to meet and greet U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors