

**Joint Meeting**  
**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

8:30 a.m.

Friday, May 8, 2009

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

**MINUTES**

The joint meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Personnel Affairs Committee was convened by Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery.

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Chair  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chair  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Darren G. Mire

**ABSENT**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Atty. Walter C Dumas, Chair  
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor, Vice Chair  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

**ABSENT**

Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

## **UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ralph Slaughter

Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses, and Tolor E. White

Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO),

Leodrey Williams (SUAREC) and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Albert Samuels, Associate Professor of Political Science and Dr. Cynthia Levy, Professor in the English Department at Southern University - Baton Rouge, to expressed their concerns for the possible layoff of temporary faculty and the disproportionate impact that this action would have on University departments with a large number of temporary faculty.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE AND DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY OF THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REDUCTION, SU SYSTEM ENTITIES**

The Southern University Administration presented the Board and System Administration and the Campuses' preliminary budgets depicting mandated 2009-2010 reductions and amendments, per House Bill No. 1, as of May 7, 2009:

	<u>Proposed 2009-2010 Funding</u>	<u>Percentage Reduction</u>
Board and System	\$ 2,935,252	15%
Baton Rouge Campus	\$80,471,709	20%
Law Center	\$ 9,837,066	15%
New Orleans Campus	\$18,823,867	20%
Shreveport Campus	\$11,607,545	18%
AG Center	\$ 8,070,599	12%

In addition, pending amendments to House Bill 1 are expected to provide \$200,000 for the SU Lab School and \$1 million for the SU Ag Center. House Bill 1 is expected to be debated on the House Floor on May 14.

The President advised that meetings were being held daily between higher education officials and legislators in an attempt to free up additional funds to minimize the proposed budget reductions.

The President also reported the Governor's efforts via Senate Bills 1 and 2 to seek to undedicate some funds in order to lessen the amount of future cuts to higher education and health and hospitals.

Each of the Chancellors and the President presented strategies that will be implemented by their respective units as needed to respond to the expected loss of funds from State mandated budget cuts. The Chancellors also advised the Committee of meetings which have been held with various groups on their respective campuses regarding the impending budget cuts.

Some of the strategies that are being considered for implementation by the System and the Campuses in response to the budget cuts are –

- Personnel cuts, including temporary and adjunct faculty
- Elimination of vacant positions
- Employee furloughs
- Reductions in library, travel, supplies, and operating services
- Increase in Student Tuition

The Administration was requested to keep the Board apprised of the status of the mandated cuts on the University's budgets.

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

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, 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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 8, 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.

All Board Members were invited to attend.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Chair  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chair  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

**ABSENT**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex Officio

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Mr. Walter D. Dumas  
Mr. Randal L. Gaines

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ralph Slaughter  
Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses, and Tolor E. White  
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### **AGENDA ITEM 5: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Chancellor Ukpolo was commended for the success of the Southern University at New Orleans Day at the Legislature on May 4, 2009. The Chancellor then recognized and expressed appreciation to Board Member Gaines for his attendance.

The Southern University System Day at the Legislature is schedule for June 4, 2009.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ETHICS REFRESHER SESSION**

The members were reminded of the new ethics law which requires submission of their Personal Financial Disclosure Statements to the Louisiana Ethics Commission on or before Friday, May 15, 2009.

Atty. DeCuir briefed the members regarding the information that is required to be reported on their disclosure statement.

Failure to timely file the disclosure statements could result in a \$50 per day fine, up to a maximum of \$1500.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors