

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, December 10, 2010
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Clayton. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick D. Magee.

Present

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Jr.
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Randale Scott

Absent

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Achilles Williams

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams
Vice Chancellor John Pierre represented Chancellor Freddie Pitcher

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, President of the SUBR Student Government Association, introduced members of the Music Department who expressed concerns about the adverse circumstances suffered by several former and current members of the Departmental Faculty.

The students were encouraged to registered their concerns with the Chancellor and to advise the faculty involved to use the University Grievance process to seek resolution of their problems.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, recognized Chairman Clayton for his leadership over the past two years.

Mr. Marlon Young, SUBR student, and Ms. Toni Jackson, President of the SUBR Staff Senate, spoke in regards to Items 5C and 5D: SUBR Chancellor Search Procedure and Chancellor Search Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the November 26, 2010 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the November 26, 2010 regular Board Meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors that the resolutions below be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) *Athletics Committee*

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

The Committee's report contained an update on SUBR's effort to gain NCAA Certification for 2011.

2.) *Facilities and Property Committee*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral Board be and is hereby authorized to lease certain mineral interests owned the Board of Supervisors of Southern University on behalf of Southern University at Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report also contained an update on facilities projects on the three campuses.

C. SUBR Chancellor Search Procedure
D. SUBR Chancellor Search Committee

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University that the procedures for the SUBR Chancellor Search, including timelines, shall be developed and submitted to the Board for approval at the January 7, 2011 meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUBR Chancellor Search Committee shall be composed of the following individuals:

Co-Chairs

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, SU Board Member

Mr. John Spain, Member, Board of Directors, Baton Rouge Area Foundation

Vice Chair

Mr. Dennis S. Brown, President, Southern University Alumni Federation

Members

Dr. Donald Andrews, Dean of the College of Business, SUBR

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., SU Board Member

Dr. Sandra Brown, Faculty Member, SUBR School of Nursing

Atty. Scott Chenevert, Jones and Walker Law Firm

Member, Board of Directors, Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Jason Hughes, Legislative Liaison, New Orleans Mayor's Office

Ms. Toni Jackson, SUBR College of Business

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, SU Board Member

Dr. Chanika Jones, Faculty Member, SUBR Department of Criminal Justice

Atty. Wade Shows, Shows, Cali, Berthelot and Walsh Law Firm

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, President, SUBR Student Government Association

Mr. Ralph Sterling, Director of SUBR Custodial Services

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President, SUBR Faculty Senate

Mr. Mark Young, Office of Admissions, SUBR

Mr. Darren Mire, Ex-Officio

E. RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Gaines, seconded by Mr. Scott,

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the Family of Atty. Carl S. Jollivette of New Iberia. Atty. Jollivette, a 2003 SU Law Center alum, passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Project Positive Direction – System President’s Report

Dr. Mason introduced Mr. Tony Moore, newly appointed System Vice President for Information and Technology Management. Vice President Moore thanked the Board members for their support and pledged to competently and efficiently fulfill the responsibilities of his new position.

B. Chancellors’ Reports

The Chancellors provided written monthly updates of activities on their respective campuses. The reports were informational. In addition to their written reports, the following announcements were made:

- SUBR has received word of the reaffirmation of its accreditation by SACS
- SUSLA was reported in a national publication as one of the top fastest growing institutions of higher education of its size
- Southwest Rural Initiatives Center in Opelousas is being renovated to provide office space.
- The American Association of Law Centers has officially notified the SU Law Center of its acceptance for full membership.

C. Update on Banner Implementation

A status report on the progress of Banner implementation throughout the SU System was given by Vice President Moore.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Walter Guidry reemphasized the need for the University's Financial Aid personnel to respond timely when reports are requested by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid (LOSFA) to ensure that Southern University students receive funds for which they are eligible.

The presence of Mr. Larry Charles, the first student member of the SU Board of Supervisors was recognized.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Athletics Committee

1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10, 2010

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The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. The invocation was given by Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Present

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. – Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Randale Scott
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

Absent

Mr. Achilles Williams, Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Update on NCAA Certification for 2011, SUBR

An oral report was presented by Mr. Greg LaFleur, Director of Athletics at SUBR and Dr. Jacqueline Howard-Matthews, Associate Provost and Athletics Certification Liaison for SUBR.

The Committee was advised of a number of impediments to SUBR certification by the NCAA in the three major areas being reviewed: governance, academic integrity and gender equity.

A total of 40 concerns were submitted by the NCAA to SUBR. Many of these concerns related to gender equity and academic support for student-athletes.

According to the presenters, the Athletics Department lacks a full-time compliance officer whose responsibility would be to obtain and maintain a student data record for reporting purposes. The absence of this official resulted in the University's inability to furnish the data requested by the NCAA in its certification review.

The NCAA concerns regarding gender equity and student welfare emanated from the University's delay in providing getting a baseball facility for its female student athletes.

The Committee was given assurance that actions will be taken by the Administration to address these concerns including employing a full-time compliance officer and the construction of a women's baseball facility.

The University's report is due to the NCAA by December 17.

In closing, Dr. Howard-Matthews reported that the University is now developing a "Beyond 40" Strategy to ensure future compliance with NCAA standards.

The President assured the Committee that efforts would be initiated by the Administration to foster better communications between the University and the NCAA. The President was asked to keep the Board updated on the progress of the SUBR's certification by the NCAA.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Facilities and Property Committee

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MINUTES

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

Present

Mr. Walter Guidry, – Chairman
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Update on Major Projects, by Campus

The status of major projects on the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport was given by Mr. Endas Vincent.

In response to an inquiry from Atty. Clayton, Chancellor Ukpolo explained that a portion of the \$44 Million federal loan to SUNO was used to construct the Student Housing Complex. The remaining funds will be used to construct three new buildings and to demolish some existing buildings.

The University will request the U.S. Congress's forgiveness of the \$44 Million loan.

Concerns were raised by several Committee Members regarding the amount of time that has been taken to renovate University Place. The Administration was asked to become more proactive in getting the necessary State agency approvals in order to expedite work on the project.

Vice President Appleton and Mr. Vincent are scheduled to meet with Facilities, Planning and Control regarding all pending University projects.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM

A. Mineral Lease Sale, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board, that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral Board, be requested to lease certain mineral interests owned the Board of Supervisors of Southern University on behalf of Southern University at Shreveport.

Atty. Dumas recommended that the Administration ascertain if there are restrictions of the University's use of royalties that will be derived from the lease.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors