

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Friday, February 26, 2010**

**J. S. Clark Administration Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Southern University-Baton Rouge**

## **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

### **PRESENT:**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair  
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  
Ms. Raushanah S. Hunter  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Achilles Williams

### **ABSENT:**

None

### **UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:**

Vice President Tolor E. White  
Vice Chancellors Kirkland Mellad, John Pierre, Benjamin Pugh, Mwalimu Shujaa, and Gloria Moultrie (Representing Chancellors Leodrey Williams, Freddie Pitcher, Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, and Victor Ukpolo, respectively)

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### **BOARD COUNSEL:**

Atty. Winston Decuir, Jr.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Adoption of the Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

***Amendment:***

**Add ITEM 6E. Employment Contract for Head Football Coach, SUBR**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Comments**

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, SUBR Faculty Senate President, tendered comments in regards to the following:

- His opposition the Board's practice of amending its agenda on the day of the meeting to add items
- His presentation to the Board of Regents and testimony before the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission (PERC) on February 24 with respect to the Faculty Senate's position on some of the Commission's recommendations. Copies of the Faculty Senate's position statement were distributed to the members.
- The action of the Faculty Senate to oppose the dissolution of the State's management boards.

By consensus of the Board members, the Faculty Senate's position, as presented by Dr. Trivedi, in regards to the PERC recommendations was made a part of the Board's official record and is attached to these minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Action Items**

***A. Minutes of the January 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting***

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Ms. Hunter,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of January 8, 2010 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

***B. Committee Reports and Recommendations***

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the following Committee Reports and Recommendations were approved inglobo.

Motion carried unanimously.

**1. Academic Affairs Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the establishment of the Louisiana Board of Regents/AT&T Endowed Scholarship Program at Southern University-New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the establishment of the James K. Elrod (Willis Knighton Health System) Endowed Professorship at Southern University-Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Southern University Law Center be and it hereby authorized to seek independent accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Mission Statement for the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and it is hereby approved.

**2. Finance and Audit Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7#5 to

provide for an increase in spending authority for the Southern University Board of Supervisors as follows, be and it is hereby approved.

Southern University at New Orleans	\$ 904,784
Southern University at Shreveport	675,735
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	\$1,580,519

### **3. Personnel Affairs Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Joyce O'Rourke as Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus, effective January 1, 2010, at an annual salary of \$89,050 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that leaves of absence for individuals named below be and they are hereby approved.

- ❖ Ms. Beatrice Armstrong, Executive Assistant, Academic Affairs (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective December 4, 2009 to January 28, 2010.
- ❖ Dr. Damien Ejigeri, Professor of Public Policy, SUBR, medical leave with pay, effective February 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010.
- ❖ Ms. Troyetta Holiday, Assistant to the Executive Director, SU System Foundation, maternity leave with pay, effective February 12, 2010 to April 23, 2010.
- ❖ Dr. Diane Keithly, Professor of Sociology (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective January 11, 2010 to May 14, 2010.
- ❖ Dr. Joseph T. Kennedy, Associate Professor of Mass Communications (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective January 11, 2010 to May 14, 2010.

- ❖ Dr. Rama Mohanty, Professor of Physics (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective January 11, 2010 to May 14, 2010.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the adjusted annual salary of \$73,000 for Dr. Leah Cullins, Assistant Professor in Graduate Nursing, SUBR, effective August 10, 2009 be and it is hereby approved.

#### **4. Facilities and Property Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to submit to the State, for ACT 959 consideration, the F. G. Clark Activity Center's parking lot and drainage repairs project on the SUBR campus.

#### **5. Student Affairs Committee**

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

The informational report reflected the Committee's receipt and discussion of a letter addressed to the Board from the Campus Student Leaders requesting the Board to reverse its earlier decision and appoint Interim System President Kassie Freeman as the permanent System President.

#### **6. Legislative Committee**

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

The informational report reflected the Committee's receipt and discussion related to the 2010 Legislative Session; and the presentation of Southern University's new Public Awareness Campaign, entitled "*SU... Today, Always.*"

## **7. Presidential Search Committee**

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

The informational report reflected the Committee's review of thirteen applications as submitted by the Executive Search Firm. Using the Committee's completed evaluation of the thirteen candidates, the list will be culled to five by the Search Firm; and the names of those persons announced during the coming week. Additional applicants who meet or exceed the credentials of the current pool will be forwarded to the Committee.

Board Chairman Clayton announced that a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be called in late March or early April to select the new System President.

### ***C. Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Directors of SUSLA Foundation and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University***

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Directors of the Southern University at Shreveport Foundation and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ***D. Resolutions***

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the following families.

Motion carried unanimously.

--Ms. Elenora P. Jackson  
--Mr. Elton J. DeRouen  
--State Representative Avon R. Honey  
--Atty. Nathan J. Folse

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the family of Mr. George Hodkinson.

Motion carried unanimously.

**--RECESS--**

The Board Chair recessed the meeting for ten minutes to provide an opportunity for the members to review the proposed employment contract between the Board of Supervisors and the new Head Football Coach at SUBR.

**--RECONVENTION--**

A roll call vote established the presence of a quorum – 13 present; 3 out: Caiton, Magee and Forstall.

**AGENDA ITEM 6E:                    Employment Contract for Head Football Coach, SUBR**

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the employment contract between the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and Mr. Lyvonia “Stump” Mitchell as Head Football Coach at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2012, with an option to extend the contract for one additional year, and with compensation, employee benefits, and other provisions as detailed in the contract be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Informational Reports**

The Board received updates from the Administration on the most recent actions of the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Commission and the monthly status reports from the System and Campuses.

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Vice Chancellor Shujaa reported on the proposed partnership agreement between SUBR and the SU National Alumni Federation.

The reports were informational.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business**

On motion of Atty. Dumas, and seconded by the other members of the Board, a resolution from the Board of Supervisors in support of its continued existence as the governing board for Southern University shall be sent to members of the Louisiana Legislature.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Dumas, a resolution of commendation shall be sent to the renown Radio/TV Show host, Michael Baisden, on his work in support of youth mentoring across America.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Forstall, a resolution of commendation shall be sent to Ms. Patricia Flood in recognition of her outstanding work in staging special events on the SUBR campus, including the recent memorial service for the late Avon Honey, Louisiana State Representative, District 63.

Motion carried unanimously



**AGENDA ITEM 9:**

**Adjournment**

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

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Kassie Freeman, Ph.D., Secretary  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*Southern University System*

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Tony M. Clayton, Chairman  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*Southern University System*

Public Comments made before the Board of Regents, February 24, 2010, 1:30 PM

## Office of the Faculty Senate

Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813



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**Sudhir K. Trivedi, Ph.D. Computer Science, Ph.D. Mathematics**  
**Professor of Computer Science and the Faculty Senate President**  
Phone: 771-2060; Fax: 771-4223; [professor@cox.net](mailto:professor@cox.net)

### **Position of the Faculty Senate of Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with respect to some of the recommendations of the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission**

During its meeting of February 11, 2010, the Faculty Senate of Southern University and A&M College took the following positions with respect to some of the recommendations of the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission.

We oppose the consolidation of four-year Louisiana University governing boards into one board. The reasons for our opposition include: (i) there are many different governance structures across the country and we are yet to see any relationship between management structure and student performance, (ii) unless the board members of the new board become full time board members, it will be impractical, if not impossible, for them to have oversight of all campuses under their governance, (iii) the diversity of student bodies and their respective educational missions across Louisiana require multiplicity of management boards, and (iv) the proposed one-board system will focus on the administration aspect as opposed to instruction aspect, thereby further marginalizing the students and faculty.

We oppose the Commission's recommendation of basing the funding formula on the end of the semester credit hours rather than the 14<sup>th</sup> day credit hours. The reasons for our opposition include: (i) at the beginning of each semester, universities are obligated to hire adequate teaching personnel for the entire semester, (ii) university resources, facilities, utilities, and support services are used by all students including those who drop, and (iii) this recommendation of the Commission has a potential of influencing academic decisions of the university/instructors whether to pass a student, due to financial considerations.

We oppose the Commission's recommendation of funding all incoming students based on a flat rate for the first 60 credit hours for all baccalaureate programs regardless of institution. The reasons for our opposition include: (i) it is recognized throughout the country that there are differences between courses in various disciplines that involve laboratories and those that do not, (ii) there are differences between courses that involve intensive instrumentation and those that do not, (iii) the universities have faculty of diverse seniority levels and diverse distinctions with hugely different salary structures, (iv) this recommendation of the Commission will discourage the service of senior faculty in teaching courses from the first 60 credit hours of a student's program, and (v) this recommendation, in the long run, will destroy academics and research as we know it, by replacing a large number of tenured senior faculty by adjuncts and temporary faculty members.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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**Sudhir K. Trivedi**

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**From:** Sudhir K. Trivedi [professor@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:33 PM  
**To:** 'RichardC@sus.edu'; 'Warren\_Forstall@sus.edu'; 'Darren\_Mire@sus.edu'; 'LeaP@sus.edu';  
'Patrick\_Bell@sus.edu'; 'Randal\_Gaines@sus.edu'; 'Murphy\_Nash@sus.edu';  
'Patrick\_Jefferson@sus.edu'; 'Achilles\_Williams@sus.edu'; 'MyronL@sus.edu';  
'myron.k.lawson.ckmx@statefarm.com'; 'Murphy\_Bell@sus.edu'; 'TClayton@sus.edu';  
'tclaytonlaw@aol.com'; 'WGuidry@sus.edu'; 'wggw02@aol.com'; 'Patrick\_Magee@sus.edu';  
'Walter\_Dumas@sus.edu'; 'wdumas@dumaslaw.com'  
**Subject:** FYI --- Presentation before the Board of Regents regarding Tucker Commission's  
recommendations ...  
**Attachments:** Southern FS's position on some LaPERC recommendations.pdf

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members:

On 2-24-2010, I made a presentation before the Board of Regents stating Southern Faculty Senate's position on some of the recommendations of the Tucker Commission. Attached is a copy of presentation. At my request, Dr. Bagayoko also made a presentation on formula funding. Our presentation invited some nice comments from Regents Robert J. Bruno. He thanked us for being there and presenting our case.

On 2-11-2010, the Faculty Senate voted 12 - 2 to oppose dissolution of management boards into one board. Four members abstained. I voted against dissolution. Two voting for one board were native African Americans.

On 02-04-2010, I also testified before the Tucker Commission, basically opposing some of their recommendations. I will get you the transcript of that presentation at a later time. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sudhir Kumar Trivedi  
FS President

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 26, 2010

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

**MINUTES**

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

**PRESENT**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chair  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Ms. Raushanah S. Hunter  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Achilles Williams  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Walter T. Tillman, Jr. (Representing Interim President Kassie Freeman)  
Vice President Tolor E. White  
Executive Counsel Tracie J. Woods  
Vice Chancellors Kirkland Mellad, John Pierre, Benjamin Pugh, Mwalimu Shujaa and Gloria Moultrie (Representing Chancellors Leodrey Williams, Freddie Pitcher, Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, and Victor Ukpole, respectively)

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. - Board Counsel

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

On motion of Atty. Clayton, 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. Authorization to establish Endowed Professorship/Scholarship Program

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the establishment of the AT&T/Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Scholarship Program at Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the establishment of the James K. Elrod (Willis Knighton Health System) Endowed Professorship at Southern University at Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Authorization to SULC to seek independent SACS Accreditation

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Southern University Law Center's request to seek independent accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Motion carried unanimously.

C. SUAREC Mission Statement

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the mission statement for the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

A. Campus Grants and Contracts

An update on Campus Grants and Contracts was tendered by Dr. Melva Turner. Details of the report are available on the Board's website for on line viewing.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Williams, 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, February 26, 2010  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Southern University - Baton Rouge, LA

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair  
Ms. Raushanah S. Hunter  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Darren S. Mire

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Walter T. Tillman, Jr. (Representing Interim President Kassie Freeman)  
Vice President Tolor White  
Executive Counsel Tracie J. Woods  
Vice Chancellors Kirkland Mellad, John Pierre, Benjamin Pugh, Mwalimu Shujaa and Gloria Moultrie (Representing Chancellor Leodrey, Freddie Pitcher, Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, and Victor Ukpolo)

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. - Board Counsel

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (BA-7#5)

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, BA-7#5 which provides for an increase in spending authority for the Southern University Board of Supervisors as follows:

Southern University at New Orleans	\$904,784
Southern University at Shreveport	<u>675,735</u>
TOTAL	\$1,580,519

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors



**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, February 26, 2010  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Southern University - Baton Rouge, LA

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Richard J. Caiton.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Richard J. Cation, Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair  
Ms. Raushanah S. Hunter  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Patrick D. Magee  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Walter T. Tillman, Jr. (Representing Interim President Kassie Freeman)  
Vice President Tolor White  
Executive Counsel Tracie J. Woods  
Vice Chancellors Kirkland Mellad, John Pierre, Benjamin Pugh, Mwalimu Shujaa and Gloria Moultrie (Representing Chancellors Leodrey Williams, Freddie Pitcher, Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, and Victor Ukpolo.

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. - Board Counsel

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

On motion of Mr. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Magee, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Amendment**

**Delete** Item 5A(2) Appointment of the Associate Executive Director of TRIO Community Outreach Programs/Director of Educational Opportunities Center Program, SUSLA

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Appointments**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Joyce O'Rourke as Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective January 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$89,050.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Leaves of Absence**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, leaves of absence for individuals named below:

Motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Ms. Beatrice Armstrong, Executive Assistant, Academic Affairs (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective December 4, 2009 to January 28, 2010
- ❖ Dr. Damien Ejigeri, Professor of Public Policy, SUBR, medical leave with pay, effective February 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010.

- ❖ Ms. Troyetta Holiday, Assistant to the Executive Director, SU System Foundation, maternity leave with pay, effective, February 12, 2010 to April 23, 2010.
- ❖ Dr. Diane Keithly, Professor of Sociology (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective January 11, 2010 to May 14, 2010.
- ❖ Dr. Joseph T. Kennedy, Associate Professor of Mass Communications (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective January 11, 2010 to May 14, 2010.
- ❖ Dr. Rama Mohanty, Professor of Physics (SUBR), medical leave with pay, effective January 11, 2010 to May 14, 2010.

C. Salary Adjustment

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the adjusted annual salary of \$73,000 for Dr. Leah Cullins, Assistant Professor in Graduate Nursing, SUBR, effective August 10, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Clayton, 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, February 26, 2010  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Southern University - Baton Rouge, LA

**MINUTES**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Vice President Tolor White  
Vice Chancellors Kirkland Mellad, Gloria Moultrie, John Pierre, Benjamin Pugh and Mwalimu Shujaa

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. - Board Counsel

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. F.G. Clark Activity Center Parking, Lot and Drainage Project, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, the administration's request to submit the F.G. Clark Activity Center's Parking Lot and Drainage Repair to the State for ACT 959 consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ACT 959 allow an agency to bypass the Capital Outlay process for projects costing \$5M or less, if funds for the project are available and not borrowed.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

# **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Friday, February 26, 2010**

**J. S. Clark Administration Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Southern University-Baton Rouge**

## **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Ms. Raushanah Hunter.

### **PRESENT:**

Ms. Raushanah S. Hunter, Chair  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex Officio

### **ABSENT:**

None

### **UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Vice President Tolor White  
Vice Chancellors Kirkland Mellad, John Pierre, Benjamin Pugh, Mwalimu Shujaa, and Gloria Moultrie (Representing Leodrey Williams, Freddie Pitcher, Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Victor Ukpolo)

### **BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3:                      Adoption of the Agenda**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4:                      Public Comments**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: SU Student Government/Bar Association Leaders' Comments regarding the Presidential Search**

Committee Chair Hunter presented to the Committee a letter from current Presidents of the Student Government and Bar Associations, which indicates their support for Interim System President Kassie Freeman's candidacy for the position of president of the Southern University System; and, requested the Board reverse its previous action prohibiting the person who serves as Interim System President apply for the position.

Atty. Murphy Bell, Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, voiced his opposition to the student leaders' request. He advised that the Board's action was taken to prevent the person serving as Interim System President from having an advantage over other applicants in obtaining the position on a permanent basis. He also noted that none of the Student Leaders attended meetings of the Presidential Search Committee to advance their position. In closing, Atty. Bell advised that the search process would appear to be tainted, should the Board elect to reverse its original decision.

Countering Atty. Bell's statement, Mr. Caiton suggested that the Board reverse its previous decision to allow Dr. Freeman to apply for the permanent position.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment**

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

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Kassie Freeman, Secretary  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*Southern University System*

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Tony M. Clayton, Chair  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*Southern University System*

# **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 25, 2010**

**11:00 A.M.**

**J. S. Clark Administration Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Southern University-Baton Rouge**

## **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Presidential Search Committee was called to order by the Co-Chair, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. The invocation was given by Mr. Donald Wade.

### **PRESENT:**

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Co-Chair  
Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Co-Chair  
Mr. Theron Jackson  
Mr. Donald C. Wade  
Atty. Walter Dumas  
Mrs. Gloria Moultrie  
Mr. Adam Knapp  
Ms. Raushanah Hunter  
Dr. Sandra Brown  
Atty. Michael Jackson  
Dr. Sudhir Trivedi  
Dr. Elton C. Harrison  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

### **ABSENT:**

Mr. Matthew Butler  
Dr. Raymond Lockett  
Atty. John Pierre  
Mrs. Linda Antoine

### **BOARD COUNSEL:**

Atty. Winston Decuir, Jr.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3:**

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

On motion of Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Wade, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.



**AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Comments**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Consultants' Report on SU System  
Presidential Candidates**

The Committee was charged to work conscientiously to meet the established Search Committee timetable, which calls for the Committee to submit of the names of the finalists to the Board within the next 30 – 45 days.

Mr. Robert Clayton, DHR International Vice President announced that the vitas of thirteen applicants whose credentials were closely aligned with the SU System's published Presidential profile. The vitas were submitted to the Committee for their review and evaluation prior to the meeting.

A brief synopsis of the following candidates' vitae were presented by Mr. Clayton and Dr. Merritt Norvell:

- Adesoji Adelaja, Ph.D.; John A Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy, Michigan State University
- Belinda Childress Anderson, Ed.D.; Former President of Virginia Union University
- Mohammed A. Bhuiyan, Ph.D.; Director and Endowed Professor of Entrepreneurship, Fayetteville State University
- Charles A. Green, Ph.D.; Retired President, Bermuda College
- Leonard L. Haynes III, Ph.D.; Senior Advisor of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- Robert R. Jennings, Ed.D.; Partner, GEM Learning Academy
- Gerald D. Jensen, J.D.; President and CEO, Siskin Children's Institute
- Carolyn W. Meyers, Ph.D.; President, Norfolk State University
- Roosevelt Newsom, Jr.; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Bowie State University

- Kenneth Reeves; Vice President of Human Resources, Textron, Inc.
- Kevin U. Stephens, Sr., M.D., J.D.; Director, City of New Orleans Health Department
- Karl S. Wright, Ph.D.; Former President of Florida Memorial University
- Marvin L. Yates, Ph.D.; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Southeastern Louisiana University

The Committee was asked to complete and to submit their individual evaluations of the thirteen applicants to the Consultants by the close of business on the next day, (Friday, February 26). Based upon the results of the Committee's evaluation, the consultants will reduce the candidate list from 13 to 5. The names of the final candidates will be submitted to the Committee and released to the public on Monday, March 1, 2010.

The Committee will continue to receive for review and evaluation additional vitae of applicants whose credentials meet or exceed the caliber of the current candidate pool.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:**

None

**Other Business**

**AGENDA ITEM 7:**

**Adjournment**

On motion of Dr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Co-Chair  
Presidential Search Committee  
*Southern University System*

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Presidential Search Committee  
*Southern University System*

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 25, 2010

4:00 p.m.

J. S. Clark Administration Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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. The invocation was given by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

### **PRESENT:**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Chair  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chair  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Darren G. Mire

### **ABSENT:**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex Officio

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of the Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Comments**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: Preview of 2010 Legislative Session**

The Committee was provided a 2010 Legislative Report for the Southern University System which included the following:

- Critical Programs; Campus and Capital Outlay Needs, SUBR.
- S.U. System's Response and Impact Statements to the Postsecondary Education Review Commission's Recommendations.
- LA Grad (Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas) Act which will be introduced for passage during the 2010 Legislative Session. The Act incorporates

many of the recommendations from the Postsecondary Education Review Commission.

- **FY 2011 Appropriations Requests by SUNO**

The Administration was requested to obtain faculty input into the University's 2010 legislative submissions.

The following University-sponsored activities were announced:

**MARCH 10**                      *Reception with New Orleans Area Legislators*

**APRIL 20**                      *SU Day at the Legislature*

***A. SU...Today, Always Presentation***

The Committee was presented the Southern University's new Public Awareness Campaign—"SU...Today, Always" which was developed to increase statewide awareness of the University's contributions, to enhance and strengthen advocacy efforts among the University's stakeholders; and, to aid in mounting an aggressive defense of the University during the 2010 Regular Session of the State Legislature.

Members of the Committee and Board were asked to provide the names of Legislators who are their personal or business contacts and who could be asked to support Southern University during the upcoming Legislative session.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:                      Other Business**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7:                      Adjournment**

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

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Kassie Freeman, Secretary  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*Southern University System*

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Tony M. Clayton, Chair  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*Southern University System*