

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 26, 2010
LaGalerie Meeting Rooms 4&5
2nd Floor, Marriott Hotel
555 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, 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, Jr.
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Vice President Kevin Appleton
Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo,
and Leodrey Williams

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr.; Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Thomas Miller, Vice President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, advised the Board concerning a resolution passed by that body relative to the Chancellorship on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus (Item 6N).

Dr. Diola Bagayoka, SUBR faculty member, spoke in regards to Item 6N.

SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi spoke in opposition to the recommended salary for the new System Vice President for Information and Technology Management (Item 6J).

Mr. Carey Ash, SUBR Alumnus and former SGA President urged the Board to develop a vision for saving Southern University.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Henry N. Baptiste was recognized and received the Board's public commendations on his retirement as the SU Football Color Analyst, following 35 years of service. Mr. Baptiste expressed his appreciation to the Board for its commendations.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Board Officer for 2011

Mr. Clayton tendered his gratitude to the members of the Board for their support during his tenure as Board Chair for the past two years.

Following Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.'s description of the parliamentary procedures to be used by the Board members in the election of officers, the following action was taken:

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Magee, nominations for Board Officers will be made from the floor motion. The motion to close nominations will require a second. The first nominee to receive nine affirmative votes will be elected to the position. Otherwise, voting will continue until a nominee captures the required number of votes.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) Board Chair

Mr. Darren Mire was nominated for Board Chair by Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery.

A motion was made by Atty. Forstall and seconded by Mrs. Montgomery to close nominations for Board Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call on the nomination of Mr. Mire as Board Chair produced the following votes:

12 yeas: Clayton, Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Forstall, Guidry, Jefferson, Lawson, Magee, Montgomery, Scott, and Williams; **1 nay:** Caiton; **3 abstentions:** Dumas, Gaines, and Nash

Mr. Mire was elected as Chairman of the Board for 2011.

2.) Board Vice Chair

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. was nominated by Mr. Achilles Williams for the position of Board Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr Myron Lawson.

A motion was offered by Atty. Jefferson and seconded by Mr. Bell to close nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call on the nomination of Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. as Board Vice Chair produced the following votes: **16 yeas, 0 nays 0 abstentions**

Atty. Bell was elected as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2011.

Mr. Mire and Atty. Bell expressed their appreciation to the members of Board for electing them to their respective positions. Both pledged their best efforts in fulfilling the responsibilities of their elected positions.

B. Minutes of the October 23, 2010 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the October 23, 2010 regular Board Meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs and Comptroller's Emeritus Award, SU System

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the following resolution.

RESOLVED that, in recognition of his exemplary service to the Southern University System for the past 55 years, the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the designation of Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs and Comptroller Emeritus of the Southern University System to be bestowed upon Mr. Tolor Edgard White at the end of his tenure of employment at Southern University, with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.

D. Honorary Doctorate in Business Award, SUBR

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that, in appreciation of the his contributions to the Southern University System and to the people of this state and nation, the Board of Supervisors does hereby approved the Honorary Doctorate of Business to be

conferred upon Mr. Tolor Edgard White at the Fall 2010 Commencement Exercises at Southern University and A&M College.

Mr. White tendered his appreciation to the Board for its recognition of his service to Southern University.

E. Candidates for Degrees for 2010 Fall Commencement Exercises

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

1.) SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the degrees to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercise on Friday, December 10, 2010 on the Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge, submitted by the System President, the Campus Chancellors, upon the approval and recommendation of the Faculty, Council of Academic Deans, and appropriate administration be and they are hereby approved

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the list of graduates may be supplemented or modified as is necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

2.) SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the degrees and certificate to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercise on Saturday, December 11, 2011 on the Southern University - Shreveport Campus, submitted by the System President, Campus Chancellor, upon the approval and recommendation of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Faculty and appropriate administrative staff be and they are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the list of graduates may be supplemented or modified, as necessary, to carry out the intent of this resolution.

F. 2 + 2 Articulation Agreements between SUNO and SUSLA

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the 2 + 2 Articulation Agreement between Southern University at New Orleans, and Southern University at Shreveport for the following programs be and they are hereby approved:

- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Substance Abuse

Motion carried unanimously.

SUSLA students studying the above disciplines at the two-year level will be able to make a seamless transition into the above four-year programs at SUNO.

G. BA-7 #2, SU System

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the BA-7 #2 which reflects a reduction in total General Fund Direct Funding for 2010-2011 for the SU System, per Governor's Executive Order BJ2010-20.

Motion carried unanimously.

H.-J. FY 2011-2012 Operating Budget Requests and Budget Request/Addenda

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the 2011-12 Operating Budget Requests and Budget Request Addenda as listed below be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

-Operating Budget Requests FY 2010-2012

Formula Units

SUBR

SU at New Orleans

SU at Shreveport

SU Law Center

Non-Formula Units

Southern University Board and System Administration

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center

-Operating Budget Request Addenda, FY 2011-2012

Southern University - Baton Rouge

Information Technology

Operational or Expanded Need

Sunset Review

Southern University at New Orleans

Information Technology

Operational or Expanded Need

Work Force Development

Sunset Review

Southern University at Shreveport

Information Technology

Operational or Expanded Need

Workforce Development

Sunset Review

Southern University Law Center

Information Technology

Operational or Expanded Need

Sunset Review

J. System Vice-President for Information and Technology Management

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Mr. Tony A. Moore as System Vice President for Information and Technology Management, effective December 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$135,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Resolutions

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that Commendations to persons listed below be and they are hereby approved.

Commendations

- Mr. Charlie “Bill” Granger, former SU Football and Track Star Athlete, on his upcoming induction into SWAC Hall of Fame, December 2010.
- Dr. Shelby F. Lewis, noted Political Scientist, on her appointment by President Obama to the prestigious Fulbright Board.
- Mr. Henry N. Baptiste on his retirement as SU Football Color Analyst, following 35 years of service.

Condolences

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for SU that resolutions of condolences to the families listed below be and they are hereby approved.

- The Kendrick D. Johnson Family
- The Melba Honey Family
- The Dola Dixon Patterson Family
- The James Bergeron Family

L. Proposed Renovations to the Old Reflections Bookstore to house the Police Department, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Guidry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's request to renovate the Old Reflections Bookstore to house the Police Department on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Report from the System President regarding the Annual Performance Evaluation of SUBR Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (Executive Session)

N. Consideration and action regarding the renewal and/or extension of SUBR Chancellor Kofi Lomotey's Employment Contract which expires on December 31, 2010 and his employment beyond December 31, 2010 (Executive Session)

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Board convened into an executive session to:

- receive a report from System President regarding the annual performance evaluation of SUBR Chancellor Kofi Lomotey; and

- consider the renewal and/or extension of SUBR Chancellor Kofi Lomotey's employment contract which expires on December 31, 2010 and his employment beyond December 31, 2010

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Board recommend into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Dr. Mason reported that Dr. Kofi Lomotey had tendered his resignation as Chancellor of Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective December 31, 2010; and, requested reassignment to a teaching position on the Baton Rouge campus. At Dr. Mason's request, Chancellor Lomotey agreed to remain in the Chancellor position until June 30, 2011.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Board voted to accept Dr. Kofi Lomotey's resignation from the SUBR Chancellor position, effective June 30, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Chairman Clayton announced that he and Chairman-elect Mire would meet to fashion the search process in collaboration with President Mason. Details will be announced at the Board's next meeting on December 10, 2010.

O. Authorization to spend funds from Pari Mutual Racing Restricted Account to cover budget shortfall, SUAREC

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to spend \$300,000 from the Pari Mutual Racing Restricted Account number 901106 to cover the SU Ag Center shortfall that resulted from the Governor's mid-year budget reductions.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Quality Enhancement Plan Topic for SACS Reaccreditation, SUNO

The Board received a report on SUNO's Quality Enhancement Plan Topic: E-Focused! Enhancing Student Learning in On-line Courses by Improving Institutional Readiness. An Accreditation Standard required for SACS Reaccreditation, SUNO's Topic is designed to enhance online learning for students early in their freshman and sophomore years.

B. Memorandum of Understanding concerning a Partnership Agreement with Priestly School of Architecture and Construction, SUNO

The Board was advised of Southern University at New Orleans' partnership agreement with Priestly School of Architecture and Construction, an Orleans Parish School Board Charter High School. Representatives from the School were in attendance and spoke in support of the partnership agreement.

C. Baseball Stadium Cultural Center and Women's Softball Projects, SUBR

Mr. Endas Vincent provided an update on the status of the projects, noting Chancellor Lomotey's assistance in acquiring funds for the Women's Softball Project

D. System President's Report: Project Positive Direction

President Mason gave update on Project Positive Direction. He introduced the SOS campaign that will serve as an advocacy and fundraising campaign for the University.

E. Chancellors' Reports

Written reports submitted by the Chancellors are online.

In addition to their written reports, Chancellors Pitcher and Williams made the following announcements.

-SU Law Center has been selected for full membership in the American Association of Law Schools

-SUAREC is celebrating its 10th year as an entity of the SU System.

Members of the Board and others in attendance were invited to share in the commemorative cake provided by the Ag Center, following the Board meeting.

Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs and Comptroller, provided a summary of Southern University System budget reductions, for fiscal years 2008-09, 2009-2010 and through mid-year 2010-2011.

The total mandated budget reductions for the Southern University System and each entity for this period are reflected below:

Board and System Administration	\$ 1,129,906
SU and A & M College	\$10,604,033
SU Law Center	\$ 1,455,373
SU New Orleans	\$ 3,840,782
SU Shreveport	\$ 1,753,782
SU Ag Center	<u>\$ 1,905,711</u>
Total	<u>\$20,689,587</u>

F. Special Presentation by SU and LSU Agricultural Research and Extension Centers

A plaque was presented to Southern University of New Orleans (SUNO) in appreciation for office space provided to the LSU and SU AgCenter's Orleans Parish staff after Hurricane Katrina .

Chancellor Williams explained that, after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the LSU/SU AgCenter office in Jackson Barracks, the staff first moved to the LSU AgCenter's Jefferson Parish office, and then to the SUNO campus for two years prior to relocating to their current location in the basement of New Orleans' City Hall.

The presentation was made jointly to SUNO Chancellor Victor Ukpolo by LSU and SU AgCenter faculty which included: Dr. Paul Coreil, LSU AgCenter vice chancellor, Dr. Leodrey Williams, chancellor of the SU AgCenter, Dr. Bobby Fletcher, LSU AgCenter and Dr. Gina Eubanks, SU AgCenter vice chancellor for extension.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors