

**Southern University and A&M College System**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
**9 a.m.**  
**Friday, May 25, 2018**  
**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The invocation was given by Reverend Blaine Washington, Sr., Presiding Elder of the Western New Orleans-Baton Rouge district of the African Methodist Episcopal church.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Rev. Samuel Tolbert and Dr. Rani Whitfield

**ABSENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Mike Small

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness Vladimir Appeaning, Vice President for External Affairs Robyn Merrick, Chancellors Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and John Pierre (SULC).

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, May 25, 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Armond Duncan and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent:** Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. and Mr. Mike Small

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

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

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver II and seconded by Mr. John Barthelemy **action items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H** were recommended for approval in globo.

**Discussion occurred on several of the action items.**

- A. Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)**
- B. Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR)**
- C. Request Approval of Emeritus Status - Mrs. Elaine Simmons, Retired Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management (SULC)**
- D. Request Approval of Faculty Emeritus Status – Prof. Maurice Franks, Retired Professor (SULC)**
- E. Request Approval of AT&T Endowed Professorship Appointment (SUNO)- Dr. David Alijani, Professor of Computer Information Systems and Chair, Department of Computer Information Systems**
- F. Request Approval of Delores Margaret Richard Spikes Endowed Professorship in Business Entrepreneurship Appointment (SUNO)-Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Professor of Accounting, Department of Business Administration**

**G. Request Approval of Millie M. Charles Endowed Chair for Human Rights and Social Work Appointment (SUNO) - Dr. Ira Neighbors, Associate Professor of Social Work**

**H. Request Approval of the Proposed Revisions to the Conditional Admission Policy (SUBR)**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Dual Enrollment Update by Campus**

Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons made the presentation on dual enrollment. A copy of the report was distributed to each Board member. Dr. Ammons stated each of the three campuses that participate in dual enrollment has developed a strategic plan for dual enrollment on their respective campuses. The strategic plans indicated that there are several actions that must be implemented at the system level and at each of the campuses including align programs with newly approved state priorities, expand and implement aggressive recruitment measures, increase course offerings, create an SUS marketing brand for the System and train instructors at the high school level on how to teach the courses. He presented data on each campus and informed Board members that several Memoranda of Understanding are already in place and several additional memoranda is in the process of being developed. He outlined next steps and future goals for the program. Atty. Clayton stated that he visited the old Xavier Preparatory Academy which is the first site of Southern University. The school is now St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School. He suggested that the University reach out to the school. Board member John Barthelemy suggested that the University take the necessary steps to get a historical marker placed at the former site of Southern University.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Atty. Clayton acknowledged Ms. Elaine Simmons who was in the audience and asked Chancellor Pierre to share information regarding the reason for granting emeritus status to Mrs. Simmons. Chancellor Pierre said that Ms. Simmons was a nationally recognized leader in enrollment management and was responsible for establishing the registrar's office at the law center. Ms. Simmons was invited to the podium to make comments. Ms. Simmons thanked the Board for the honor.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Tarver the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned

Motion passed.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)*

Friday, May 25, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Rev. Donald R Henry.

**Present:** Rev. Donald Henry, Dr. Leroy Davis, Armond Duncan, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr., Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent:** Mr. Richard Hilliard

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Dr. Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

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

NONE

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

#### **A. Priority Projects by Campus, SUS**

Vice Chair, Donald Henry invited Mr. Eli Guillory, System Director of Facilities to give the update. Mr. Eli Guillory stated that several projects are in process. A copy of the projects and status was included in the meeting packet.

Atty Clayton asked about the aesthetics of the campus including the maintenance of the lawn and hedges. Mr. Guillory stated Review the project at Southern University Laboratory School and provide and update at the next meeting. Atty. Clayton also commented about the ravine between the dormitory and T.T. Allain Hall. He suggested that the area should be cleaned and water placed in it and filled with fish.

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

NONE

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel seconded by Dr. Davis the Facilities and Property Committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
*(Following the Facilities Committee)*  
Friday, May 25, 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The Finance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Domoine Rutledge

**Present:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Dr. Leon Tarver and Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. John Barthelemy

**Absent:** Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Joe Gant, Jr. and Mr. Richard Hilliard

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

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Request Approval to Implement/Establish Student Fees (SUSLA)**

Chancellor Richard Ellis explained that the increase of student fees in biology, chemistry, physics and education would provide the necessary laboratory materials that will be used in concert with lecture courses. The students also voted to increase their fee to enhance student initiatives, student life and the cheerleaders, dance team and athletic teams.

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Tarver the was recommended for approval.

Motion passed

**B. Request Approval to Implement Student Fee Increase for AROTC per student vote, SUBR**

Atty Rutledge invited Vice Chancellor Kimberly Scott to the podium to discuss the fee implementation in response to the comment made by Dr. Davis regarding the fee for the other branches of the ROTC program at the University. Vice Chancellor Scott stated that the Student Government Association submitted an AROTC referendum to the student body to implement a \$2.00 AROTC fee to support the maintenance of equipment, host competitions, scholarships and travel expenses. The referendum passed.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Henry the AROTC fee was recommended for approval.

Motion passed

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **A. Interim Financial Report as of March 2018**

System Vice President for Finance Mr. Flandus McClinton stated the overall summary shows that the revenue for the system \$141,028,000.00 and expenditures were the same. Wherever there is a shortage in revenue and adjusted expenditures accordingly. The report which is reflective of the general fund shows the percentage of the budget that has been spent and also shows the projections for ending the year.

Atty. Clayton asked where the University would be getting the money from to pay the salaries associated with tenure and promotion.

Dr. Davis asked whether there is a contingency budget. Mr. McClinton stated that there is a contingency fund.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Gaines the Finance Committee adjourned.

Motion Passed

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Finance Committee)*

Friday, May 25, 2018

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### **Minutes**

The Governance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Leroy Davis

**Present:** Mr. John L. Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Armond Duncan, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Mike Small and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II and Mrs. Ann Smith

**Absent:** Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. and Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Before the adoption of the agenda Committee Chair Leroy Davis stated that items 5A and 5B would not be action items so that Board members would have ample time to review the information.

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

Upon the motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Rev. Henry the amended agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

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

AAUP President Thomas Miller spoke in support of agenda item 5A-5D. He applauded the administration's efforts to put parameters in place that will guide policy development. He stated also that policy be applied consistently throughout all areas of the organizational structure.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Approval of System Policy on Policies**

#### **B. Approval of System Policy on Policies Template**

#### **C. Approval of Board Self-Evaluation Policy and Instrument (per SACSCOC) (6-003)**

#### **D. Request Approval of Mission Review Policy (per SACSCOC) (6-004)**

Committee Chair Leroy Davis asked Vice President Vladimir Appeaning and staff who developed the instrument

Dr. Vladimir Appeaning explained that the board self-evaluation is a requirement of the new principles of SACSCOC. Board will do self-evaluation and submit the evaluations to the Board office by June 15 and results will be presented during the June meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Smith thanked Dr. Appeaning for the work on the self-evaluation documents. She stated that the timeline for submitting the self-evaluation.

Dr. Belton asked Dr. Appeaning to provide context about the policy on policies. Dr. Appeaning stated that the policy provides a framework by which the University undergoes the policy development process, policy review and policy approval. It provides consistency in policy development including a template for formatting policies as well as the review process for all policies.

Board member Armond Duncan applauded Dr. Appeaning for his work in trying to make the University better and to move the University forward.

Atty. Domoine Rutledge observed that action item **5 C** had not been considered by the Board as an action item nor was item **5 D** included in the informational items.

Upon the motion by Mr. Barthelemy and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry action item **5 C** *Approval of Board Self Evaluation Policy and Instrument (per SACSCOC)* was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

Upon the motion by Mr. Barthelemy and seconded by Mrs. Smith **item 5 D -Request Approval of Mission Review Policy (per SACSCOC) was recommended to be an informational item that should be reviewed by Board members for action at the next board meeting.**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II made a request to include the policies on the agenda of the full Board at the next meeting instead of placing the items on the agenda of the governance committee. Dr. Davis stated that he did not want to abdicate his duties on the governance committee and asked that the items be placed on the governance committee agenda at the next meeting.

Board Counsel advised that any Board member can make a request to put items on the Board agenda. Board Chair Mrs. Ann Smith stated that the items would again appear on the governance committee agenda and all Board members will have an opportunity to vote on the items during the full Board meeting.

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

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. John Barthelemy the Governance Committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Governance Committee)*

Friday, May 25, 2018

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### **Minutes**

The Student Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Mr. Raymond Fondel

**Present:** Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Armond Duncan, Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. and Mrs. Ann Smith

**Absent:** Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. and Mr. Mike Small

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Armond Duncan and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was adopted.

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

NONE

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Request Approval of Manicia J. Finch as Associate Vice-Chancellor, Enrollment Services (SUBR)**

Committee Chair Fondel invited Student Affairs Vice Chancellor Kimberly Scott to the podium to discuss the process for selecting the vice chancellor for enrollment services. There were 53 applicants and a 9-person search committee. Dr. Finch was the candidate that was ranked highly and selected by the committee. Previously from Bethune Cookman as Director of Director of Admissions. Mr. Fondel commended Dr. Scott for a transparent process.

Dr. Finch was recognized in the audience and Mr. Fondel commended Dr. Scott and the search committee.

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and seconded by Dr. Gaines the candidate Manicia Finch was recommended for approval as Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services.

Motion passed

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

Committee Chair Fondel informed Board members that he had attended three of the SU System campus' commencement ceremonies. He asked each campus chancellors to have a flow chart and have places for persons who are physically challenged and the elderly.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Dr. Gaines the Student Affairs Committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

## **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Governance Committee)*

Friday, May 25, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Patrick Magee

**Present:** Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Atty. Patrick Magee, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent:** Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

NONE

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Rev. Henry items 5 A 1 through 8 were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

**A. Approval of Personnel Actions on positions greater than \$60,000**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Campus</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1. Deleso Alford	Visiting Professor (SULC) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$121,000
2. Jalila Jefferson Bullock	Visiting Professor (SULC) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$100,000
3. Manicia J. Finch	Associate Vice-Chancellor, Enrollment Services (SUBR) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$100,000
4. Morkeith Philips	Director, Honore' Center (SUNO) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$75,000
5. Christopher Rogers	Educational Technologist (SUAREC) <i>(reassignment)</i>	\$64,000
6. Bijoy Kumar Sahoo	Senior Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (SUBR) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$160,000
7. Kenya Smith	Visiting Professor (SULC) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$100,000
8. Edward M. Willis	Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Student Success (SUBR) <i>(new appointment)</i>	\$125,000

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Tarver the Personnel Affairs Committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)*

Friday, May 25, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Ann Smith.

**Present:** Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. John L. Barthelemy, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Michael Small, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield

**ABSENT:** Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellors Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

Action Item 6C will be moved to be considered after informational Item 7C and before Other Business

Upon the motion by Atty. Magee and seconded by Dr. Gaines the amended agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Thomas Miller spoke in support of item 6B of the academic affairs committee. Dr. Miller stated that faculty do not receive cost of living adjustments and faculty salaries at SUBR is far below the SREB average. Dr. Miller stated that he is baffled by the thought that faculty is in a state of near collapse

Diola Bagayoko, SUBR Distinguished professor of physics conveyed to the Board that it is not appropriate to create an impression that faculty members will not be awarded for earning tenure.

Atty. Clayton clarified his position regarding the tenure and promotion recommendations. He didn't deny the fact that a faculty member had earned tenure or a promotion; however, he is concerned that the University will not have the funds to support an increase in salaries. He said when the University had financial shortfalls in the past, faculty members were placed into the positions, but received no monetary increase until the budget could be stabilized.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD**

The Above and Beyond award was presented to Mrs. Alice Douzier, Mr. Marcus Brown and Mr. Clourth Wilson of the Division of Information Technology at SUBR. Mrs. Smith and Dr. Belton presented the award and certificates to each honoree and spoke about the support that each of them provides during meetings of the Board. Each honoree expressed their appreciation for the honor.

##### **RECOGNITION OF 2017-18 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER**

Chair Smith recognized Armond Duncan for his service on the Board and presented a gift to him on behalf of the Board. She asked him to give an update on his plans beyond SUBR. Duncan thanked members of the Board for their support and stated that he would be working in the human resources department at Lockheed Martin in Bethesda, Maryland. Campus Chancellors also presented gifts.

##### **ACADEMIC SIGNING OF ELIJAH J.D. PRECCIELY**

Chair Smith asked Dr. Belton to make the presentation. Dr. Belton announced that the University would be offering Elijah Precciely the J. S. Clark Presidential Scholar Award. Elijah is an 11-year old high school student who began taking college-level courses at SUBR when he was 8-years old. As a Clark scholar he will engage in research and other scholarly activities as a member of the Honor's College. Elijah and his parents expressed gratitude to God and to Southern University for the experiences that have been afforded to them.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

**Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver II and seconded by Atty. Patrick Magee action items A, B, D, and F were recommended for approval in globo.**

##### **A. Minutes of the April 27, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the April 27, 2018 meeting be and they are hereby approved.

##### **B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the actions taken by the Academic Affairs Committee, Facilities and Property Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Student Affairs and Personnel Affairs Committee be and they are hereby approved.

**1. Academic Affairs**

**a. Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the tenure and promotion recommendations presented for Southern University at New Orleans be and they are hereby approved.

**b. Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the tenure and promotion recommendations presented for Southern University at Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

**c. Request Approval of Emeritus Status - Mrs. Elaine Simmons, Retired Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management (SULC)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the emeritus status for Mrs. Elaine Simmons, SULC be and it is hereby approved.

**d. Request Approval of Faculty Emeritus Status – Prof. Maurice Franks, Retired Professor (SULC)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the faculty emeritus status for Professor Maurice Franks, SULC be and it is hereby approved.

**e. Request Approval of AT&T Endowed Professorship Appointment Dr. David Alijani, Professor of Computer Information Systems and Chair, Department of Computer Information Systems (SUNO)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the AT&T Endowed Professorship Appointment for Dr. David Alijani, Professor of Computer Information Systems and Chair, Department of Computer Information Systems, SUNO be and it is hereby approved.

**f. Request Approval of Delores Margaret Richard Spikes Endowed Professorship in Business Entrepreneurship Appointment for Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Professor of Accounting, Department of Business Administration (SUNO)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the **Delores** Margaret Richard Spikes Endowed Professorship in Business Entrepreneurship Appointment for Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Professor of Accounting, Department of Business Administration, (SUNO) be and it is hereby approved.

**g. Request Approval of Millie M. Charles Endowed Chair for Human Rights and Social Work Appointment for Dr. Ira Neighbors, Associate Professor of Social Work (SUNO)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Millie M. Charles Endowed Chair for Human Rights and Social Work Appointment for Dr. Ira Neighbors, Associate Professor of Social Work (SUNO) be and it is hereby approved.

**h. Request Approval of the Proposed Revisions to the Conditional Admissions Policy (SUBR)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that proposed revisions to the Conditional Admissions Policy (SUBR) be and it is hereby approved.

**2. Facilities and Property Committee**

Facilities and Property Committee had no action items; the informational item will be filed in the Board of Supervisors office for auditing purposes.

**3. Finance Committee**

**a. Request Approval to Increase/Establish Student Fees, SUSLA**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that laboratory fees in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Education (\$45 per student for lab courses and \$88 for education curriculum student background check) and that the student assessed fees increase to \$13 per student be and it is hereby approved.

**4. Governance Committee**

**a. Request Approval of the Board Self-Evaluation Policy and Instrument**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Board Self Evaluation Policy and Instrument be and it is hereby approved.

**5. Personnel Affairs**

**a. Approval of Personnel Actions on positions greater than \$60,000**

**1. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Deleso Alford as Visiting Professor, SULC, at a salary of \$121,000 be and it is hereby approved.

**2. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Jalila Jefferson Bullock, as Visiting Professor, SULC, at a salary of \$100,000 be and it hereby is approved.

3. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Manicia Finch as Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services, SUBR at a salary of \$100,000 be and it hereby is approved.
4. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment Morkeith Phillips as Director, Honore Center, SUNO, at a salary of \$67,600 be and it hereby is approved.
5. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Christopher Rogers as educational technologist (SUAREC), at a salary of \$ 64,000 be and it hereby is approved.
6. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Bijoy Kumar Sahooa as Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at a salary of \$160,000 be and it hereby is approved.
7. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that new appointment of Kenya Smith as visiting professor, SULC, at a salary of \$100,000 be and it hereby is approved.
8. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Edward M. Willis as Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Student Success (SUBR) at a salary of \$125,000 be and it hereby is approved.

**C. Request Approval of the Contract for Medical Marijuana Services with Advanced Biomedics**

**(Item was considered immediately following the campus chancellors' reports)**

**D. Approval of Aramark Contract (SUBR)**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Aramark Contract (SUBR) be and it hereby is approved.

**E. Approval of Instrument for President-Chancellor's Evaluation**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Aramark Contract (SUBR) be and it hereby is approved.

**F. Board Update on Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) National Trusteeship Conference**

Chair Smith asked Board members to give an update on the National Trusteeship Conference that was held in San Francisco. Atty. Rutledge stated that the workshops were invaluable because he learned many new things that will aid in the implementation of

several University initiatives including Imagine 20K and The Futures Commission. He stated that Board members that did not attend should consider attending next year.

Atty. Clayton also stated he attended one workshop that focused on issues facing all HBCUs. He also said that the workshops were educational and that he appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Board Members Leroy Davis, Raymond Fondel, and Richard Hilliard also expressed appreciation for attending and stated that the workshops were informative and well attended.

## **G. Resolutions**

### **Condolences**

**The Josephine Miles Family**  
**The Marie Wright Family**  
**The Harry Key Family**  
**The Clyde Johnson Family**  
**The Walter Scott Family**  
**The Ayrian Williams Family**  
**The Pete Barnes Family**  
**The Cleather Johnson Family**

Atty. Clayton asked that a resolution be sent to the Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, TX in memory of the victims of the recent school shooting.

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Atty. Clayton the resolutions were recommended for approval.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Legislative Update**

Dr. Robyn Merrick, VP, Office of External Affairs concluded the 10<sup>th</sup> week of the regular session with a call for a special session that will begin May 22. There is a total of 51 bills that have been filed, 31 bills in the house and 20 bills in the senate. A list of the critical bills that affect higher education was distributed to each member of the Board. Dr. Merrick discussed the bills and their status. Chair Smith thanked Dr. Merrick for representing the University at the Legislature.

### **B. System President's Report**

Dr. Belton thanked Board Chair Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, and Atty. Rutledge for participating in the Futures Commission. The Futures Commission solicited input from several thought leaders who will provide guidance on how to position the University so that it remains viable. He also acknowledged Athletic Director Roman Banks and the staff in

athletics for their work in achieving a 100% Academic Progress Rate. Dr. Belton stated that it is the first time in the history of the program that all 15 teams are eligible to participate in post-season play. He also announced that the University has partnered with Under Armour which will increase the University's marketability.

Atty. Magee gave kudos to Athletic Director Banks for his leadership in the athletics department.

Atty. Clayton stated that Coach Banks participated in a nationally-syndicated radio show to discuss the department's recent Academic Progress Rate.

Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr. also thanked Dr. Tarver for appointing him as chair of the athletics committee.

In response to Mr. Fondel's question about the gateway project on the SUBR campus, Dr. Belton stated that resources are being identified to begin the project.

Dr. Belton stated that Dr. Davis, Dr. Tarver, Dr. Gaines, Mr. Barthelemy, Mrs. Smith participated in the Imagine 20K meeting which is shaping a new strategic plan for Southern University.

### **C. Campus Reports**

**SUNO** – Chancellor Mims Devezin stated that SUNO administrators and staff attended the DXC Technology grand opening in downtown New Orleans; SUNO completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Westchester University and also announced that the women's track team is participating in the NAIA tournament.

**SUSLA** - Dr. Ellis announced several SUSLA faculty achievements. He thanked everyone who attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at SUSLA. He also invited Board members to attend the Gentlemen's cooking classic. All other announcements were included in the campus report printed in the meeting packet.

**SUAREC** - Dr. Phills stated that the Chancellor's report for the Land Grant campus has been revised to encompass more information in a magazine-style layout. The magazine is designed to be distributed to all citizens in the state and across the country.

**SULC** - Atty. Pierre thanked Board members who attended commencement exercises at the SU Law Center. Acknowledged Professor Angela Bell's leadership in a movement to get the Louisiana legislature to consider constitutional change regarding non-unanimous jury processes. He also thanked the Board for their support in the reorganization and rebuilding of the law center. He stated that his goal is to become the top value-added law school in the country.

**SUBR** - Dr. Ammons thanked members of the Board for supporting the administrative recommendations that were presented because the appointments will aid the University in

critical areas including accreditation, recruitment, retention and graduation of students. He also thanked members of the Board for attending SUBR commencement exercises. He acknowledged the achievement of Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Chair of the SUBR Graduate Nursing program who was recently named a trailblazer by the National Black Nurses Association.

Board member Raymond Fondel asked each campus to present a flow chart for traffic for all events that can be shared with the media so that visitors to the campus will have a pleasant experience.

Board member Leroy Davis asked President Belton to provide Board members with a master calendar that will reflect all the major events that are held on all of the SU System campuses.

### **Action Item 6 C - Request Approval of the Contract for Medical Marijuana Services with Advanced Biomedics**

Attorney DeCuir provided a summary of the contract.

Atty. Clayton stated that the contract presented is different from the contract that was initially submitted to the Board.

Atty. DeCuir provided context for the changes.

Atty. DeCuir stated that the request for application did not specify a percentage division on intellectual property. All finalists stated that they would share intellectual property. For intellectual property created by the vendor using the University's license the vendor would receive 60% of the profits and the University would receive 40%. For intellectual property that the University creates using the vendor's technology the University will receive 60% and the vendor receives 40%. Any intellectual property developed by a third-party that requests an ownership interest, the division would be 70/30. There are pharmaceutical companies that are interested in providing methods for the delivery of medical marijuana.

**Atty. Clayton made a motion to table the vote for 30-Days and seconded by Rev. Samuel Tolbert**

**Attorney Domoine Rutledge offered a substitute motion and seconded by Atty. Patrick Magee to approve the contract.**

**Attorney Rutledge offered the reasons for supporting the contract by selecting several sections of the contract to clarify the questions raised by Atty. Clayton.**

**Dr. Tarver had concerns about section 9.1 of the contract**

Atty. Patrick Magee stated that he questions the voracity and timing of the petition that has been filed in Lafayette. He questions the reasons that the lawsuit was filed one day before the Board is

scheduled to approve the contract. He reiterated that the more the Board delays the further behind the University will be in becoming self-sustaining.

Board member Raymond Fondel also had concerns about the contract and rushing to make a decision.

Atty. Rutledge called attention to Section 13.2 of the contract to allay concerns raised by Dr. Tarver about ownership. He further explained that a petition is simply a set of allegations. The University should not be paralyzed because of allegations that have been made in a petition to which the University is not a party.

Rev. Samuel Tolbert stated that he is concerned because the Board is being accused of delaying the approval of the contract. He wanted to make sure that everyone knows that the Board already has a contract that was approved in March.

Dr. Tarver explained that to have a valid contract you must have two parties. The Board simply adopted a proposal which then had to be reviewed by the other party.

Dr. Whitfield stated that he is concerned that the University would miss an opportunity. The project would greatly impact the life of the institution. The Board should do what is best for the University.

President Belton stated that the dialogue has been to advance a public good and to enjoy what will be a positive cash flow for the University. The vendor has gone through a rigorous process. Dr. Belton said if the Board does not contract with Advanced Biomedics where do we go? This project has the potential to create revenue for the University and there is a consequence in delaying the vote. Dr. Belton urged Board members to move forward.

Atty. Decuir explained that the original motion presented by Atty. Clayton is a procedural motion and takes precedence should be acted upon first.

**Roll Call Vote on the motion to delay for 30 days**

Yays: Clayton, Fondel, Tolbert

Nays: Smith, Henry, Magee, Small, Tarver, Tolbert, Whitfield, Hilliard

Motion failed

**Roll Call Vote on the motion to approve the contract:**

Yays: Smith, Henry, Barthelemy, Davis, Duncan, Gaines, Hilliard, Magee, Small, Rutledge, Tarver, Whitfield

Nays: Clayton, Fondel, Tolbert

Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Rev. Donald Henry the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.