

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 19, 2016

Southern University-Shreveport

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall

3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Shreveport, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by The Rev. Joe R. Gant.

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

A quorum was established.

ABSENT

Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Michael Small, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost M. Christopher Brown, Chancellors Victor Ukpole (SUNO), Adell Brown (SUAREC), Sam Gilliam (SUSLA), and John Pierre (SULC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston Decuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the agenda was adopted with the following changes: eliminate Item 5D, move agenda item 5 N to agenda item 5 A 1 and move agenda item 5 O after item 5 A 1.

Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Faculty Senate President Thomas Miller attended the meeting to discuss item 5J and shared information about the search process for the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at SUBR.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the January 8, 2016, regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors

Prior to the approval of the minutes, Rev. Gant stated that the report written by the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost M. Christopher Brown on his visit to the Shreveport campus should be sent to all board members.

On the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the following resolution

was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of January 8, 2016, be and are hereby approved.

1. (Previously Item 5N) Performance of Dr. Victor Ukpolo Chancellor -Southern University-New Orleans

Upon the motion of Mrs. Ann Smith and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson Board members convened for executive session. Chairman Tarver announced that the Board would be meeting with its staff and others that it deems necessary. He stated that no votes or other action would be taken during the executive session.

Yeas: Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

Nays: Rev. Joe R. Gant

Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECONVENES

Upon the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the Board reconvened.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. (Previously Item 5M) Finalists interviews for Chancellor, SUSLA

PUBLIC INTERVIEW OF FINALISTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Dr. Rodney Ellis
2. Dr. Johnny Moore
3. Dr. Boyce Williams

Executive Sessions followed for each interview.

Upon the motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Rev. Joe R. Gant the board reconvened.

Roll Call:

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mrs. Ann Smith

President-Chancellor Belton recommended Dr. Rodney Ellis to the board for consideration to serve as Chancellor of the Shreveport campus.

Upon the motion by Dr. Curman Gaines and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry the recommendation of Dr. Rodney Ellis was accepted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Mr. Calvin Braxton, Mr. Domonique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Darren Mire, and Dr. Leon R. Tarver

Nays: Mrs. Ann Smith, Rev. Joe R. Gant

Motion Passed.

Board Member Ann Smith stated that there is a need to find qualified applicants in all positions in the University system and stated that gender equity also should be examined.

Dr. Ellis was congratulated and invited to address board members. Dr. Ellis thanked board members for their support and stated that he looks forward to beginning work at SUSLA.

Upon the motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Rev. Joe R. Gant items **5B, 5C, 5F, 5G, 5H, and 5I** were recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Request Approval of MOU between the Thought Network Broadcasting (TNB) Group and the Southern University Law Center, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Thought Network Broadcasting (TNB) Group and the Southern University Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

C. Request Approval to Engage Southern Media & Opinion Research, Inc. to Conduct Phase 2 of Feasibility Study of Shreveport Branch/Satellite Campus for SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the SULC request to engage Southern Media & Opinion Research, Inc. to Conduct Phase 2 of the Feasibility Study of Shreveport Branch/Satellite Campus for the SU Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

F. Request Approval for Small Capital Project

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request by SUBR to develop a small capital outlay project (design and construction of entrance archway) be and it is hereby approved.

G. Request Approval of Employee and Dependent Tuition Discounts, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the tuition discounts for SUBR employees and dependents be and it is hereby approved.

H. Approval of Medical Leave for Berryl Gordon-Thompson, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the medical leave for Berryl Gordon-Thompson be and it is hereby approved.

I. BA-7 #4 and 5 Request for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment, SUS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the BA 4/5 request for mid-year budget adjustment for SUS be and it is hereby approved.

E. Request Approval for Resolution regarding EO Serve Contract

Upon the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Mr. Calvin Braxton the board will adopt a resolution to give EO Serve a notice of breach of contract.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000

Upon the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the Board approved the personnel actions for Items 5J, 1-5.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

Name	Title/Campus	Salary
1. Dr. Luria Young	Vice Provost for Academic Affairs SUBR	\$135,000
2. Nolan Johnson	Interim Network Systems Engineer/Manager New Appointment, SUBR	\$78,000
3. Jourden Martin	Interim Director of Alumni Affairs Continuation, SUS & SUBR	\$60,000
4. Andrea Mignott	Interim Assistant Professor New Appointment, SUNO	\$70,000
5. Pharissa Robinson	Interim Director/Assistant Professor New Appointment, SUNO	\$90,000

K. Resolution for Governor's Office of Homeland Security Grant Signing Authority, SUS & SUBR

Upon the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines to approve a resolution on behalf of the SU Board of Supervisors authorizing grant signing authority to SUS and SUBR for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the resolution authorizing grant signing authority to SUS and SUBR for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security be and it is hereby approved

L. Resolution Supporting Higher Education Initiatives

Board members received a summary of the bills relative to higher education that will be brought before the Legislature and that Governor Edwards supports. Chairman Tarver stated that he and Dr. Belton have been meeting with the Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Rallo and also with other University presidents and management board chairs in the state recently and adopted several initiatives to have their collective voices heard at the capitol. He stated that Higher

Education Day at the Capitol is one of the initiatives that resulted from the meetings.

Upon the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Rev. Donald Ray Henry that the SU Board of Supervisors support the higher education initiatives that will be forthcoming during the 2016 legislative session.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that Board would support higher education initiatives during the 2016 legislative session be and it is hereby approved.

M. Resolutions

Upon the motion by Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Rev. Donald Ray Henry the following resolutions of condolence were approved:

The Rogers J. Newman Family. Dr. Newman, retired professor of Mathematics and former chairman of the Mathematics Department at SUBR, passed away on January 9.

The Joyce E. Byrd Family. Mrs. Byrd, a retired Administrative Coordinator II in the Bursar's Office at SUBR, passed away on January 13.

The Samuel Charles Wiley, Sr. Family. Mr. Wiley, an alumnus of SUBR, passed away on January 31.

The Tonika Goins Family. Ms. Goins, a native of Lake Charles, LA, was an alumnus of SUBR and the first African American female District Forest Ranger for the State of Louisiana, passed away on February 4.

The Charity Jenkins Johnson Family. Mrs. Johnson, mother of Rosie J. Taylor, Director of Disbursements, SUBR, passed away on February 9.

The Thomas Wilcox Family. Dr. Wilcox, a former principal of the SU Laboratory School and active participant in Founders' Day programs and other activities at the University after his retirement, passed away on February 10.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions be and they are hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Informational Items

A. Priority Projects Updates by Campus

In the absence of Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs a copy of the report was distributed to all Board members.

B. Interim Financial Report as of December 2015, SUS

A written financial report was included in the packet for review by each board member.

C. Update on Enrollment by Campuses

Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, Interim Chancellor John Pierre, and Interim Chancellor Sam Gilliam and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost M. Christopher Brown reported enrollment increases at their respective campuses for the Spring 2016 semester.

D. Update on Status of Department of Athletics

Dr. Terence Vinson, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management gave a status report on the athletics programs at SUSLA.

E. SU Board of Supervisors' Response to Fees Authorized by House Bill 152

A copy of the response provided to the House of Representatives was included in the packet.

F. Legislative Update

Each Board member received a copy of a memorandum from the Southern Strategy Group-LA with an update of the legislative action for the upcoming Special Session of the Legislature.

G. System President's Report

Dr. Ray Belton publicly acknowledged the work of Mr. Sam Gilliam in his role as Interim Chancellor of the Shreveport campus and commended him for his willingness to serve and his leadership. Dr. Belton also thanked the Shreveport campus committee for their hospitality and the effective and efficient job of hosting the SU Board of Supervisors meeting. Dr. Belton called special attention to the Gateway project which was orchestrated by Student Board member Dominique Diamond and thanked him for his vision and work on the project. Dr. Belton also gave an update on the SU Law Center Chancellor Search and the Agricultural, Research and Extension Center Chancellor Search. He announced that the Founders' Day Speaker would be Dr. Mae Jemison and reminded Board members of the Trusteeship Conference scheduled for Monday, February 22 at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. He reminded board members of the HEAT conference which was an idea advanced by Chairman Tarver during meetings at the Board of Regents.

H. Campus Reports

SUNO - Dr. Victor Ukpolo submitted a printed copy of the report which was included in the meeting packet for review by board members.

SUSLA - Mr. Sam Gilliam submitted a written report that was included in the Board packet for review by board members.

SUAREC - Dr. Adell Brown submitted a written report of the activities of the SU Agricultural, Research and Extension Center. He announced that the Annual Livestock Show would be held March 5-7.

SULC - Atty. John Pierre submitted a written report to Board members with updates and news from the SU Law Center. Atty. Pierre announced two upcoming activities: In conjunction with the University's Founders' Day Program the Law Center will have a roundtable discussion on the history of access to legal education in the State of Louisiana and the SULC will also celebrate the 30th Anniversary Commemoration of Clark v. Roemer and Chisom v. Edwards.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Other Business

Rev. Joe R. Gant stated that he had attended a convocation at the Shreveport campus and urged those members of the faculty and staff that are in charge to monitor the events more closely to guard against unruly behavior and derogatory comments from speakers.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjournment

Upon the motion by Mr. Calvin Braxton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the meeting adjourned.