

Southern University and A&M College System

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Southern University at Shreveport

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall

3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Shreveport, Louisiana

9 a.m.

Friday, August 18, 2017

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 Dr. Harry Blake, pastor, Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Shreveport.

Atty. Winston DeCuir Jr. administered the oath of office to SU Baton Rouge Student Government Association President Armond Duncan, who is the student representative on the Board.

PRESENT

Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Armond Duncan.

ABSENT

Mr. John L. Barthelemy, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Michael Small, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Atty. Patrick Magee.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Luria Young, 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

Attys. Winston DeCuir Jr., and Tracie Woods

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, August 18, 2017

9:00 A.M.

Southern University at Shreveport
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MINUTES

Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Academic Affairs Committee Vice Chair Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Present: Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Leroy Davis, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mrs. Ann A. Smith, and Armond Duncan.

Absent: Dr. Curman Gaines

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. IBM PARTNERSHIP, SUBR

Mr. Michael Moore with IBM discussed a proposed partnership with the University.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM

A. Request Approval of Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa as the Kleinpeter Family Endowed Professorship/Chair, SUBR

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Smith, Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa was recommended as the holder of the Kleinpeter Family Endowed Professorship/Chair at SUBR.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Report on Accreditation Status of all Eligible Programs, by Campuses

Dr. Luria Young, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost reported that all departments within the Southern University System that are eligible for the SACSCOC designation are accredited. The SACSCOC timeline for both Southern University at Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans are part of the class of 2020. In December 2017, the University will have an orientation with representatives from SACS. The University's decennial report will be due in September, 2019. The QEP will be due in November, 2019 and the onsite visit will occur between January and April of 2020. Southern University at Shreveport is part of the class of 2021. The Law Center was just accredited in 2015 with an initial application. SULC's QEP and compliance certification along with an interim report will be due Fall, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Atty. Clayton the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Committee Member Dr. Leroy Davis.

Present: Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel Jr., Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Armond Duncan, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith.

Absent: Rev. Donald Ray Henry and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ITEM

A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campuses

Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton stated that a copy of the priority projects was included in the meeting packet and reported that all targets are up to date. Mrs. Smith asked for an update on the roofing projects of campus buildings at SUBR. Director of Facilities Planning Eli Guillory was asked to give detailed information on the projects. Mr. Guillory stated that a tremendous amount of progress is being made.

Rev. Gant asked about the construction of the sidewalks on the Baton Rouge campus. Rev. Gant said it was bad timing. Mr. Guillory called Mr. Ben Pugh, SUBR vice chancellor for finance and administration, to further discuss the issue. Mr. Pugh stated that the contract was just signed and the money had to be spent immediately. The source of funds was Title III and there was a deadline for spending those funds.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINES

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURMMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Fondel the Facilities and Property Committee adjourned.

Motion passed.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
Southern University at Shreveport
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MINUTES

The Athletics Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Tony Clayton.

Present: Tony Clayton, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

Absent: Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Michael Small, and Atty. Patrick Magee.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Fondel, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request approval of Employment Contract for Head Baseball Coach, SUBR

SUBR Athletic Director Roman Banks introduced the Head Baseball Coach Kerrick Jackson. Coach Kerrick Jackson thanked the committee for allowing him to be a part of the program.

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Atty. Rutledge the recommendation to appoint Kerrick Jackson as head baseball coach was recommended for approval.

Motion passed

B. Request Approval of Athletics Budget FY 2017-2018, SUNO

C. Request Approval of Athletics Budget FY 2017-2018, SUBR

D. Request Approval of Athletics Budget FY 2017-2018, SUSLA

Atty. Tony Clayton requested that AGENDA ITEMS: B, C, D be approved in globo.

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Tarver the athletics budgets for SUNO, SUBR, and SUSLA were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fondel asked that Mr. Banks inform Board Members about the game day experience on campus for the first game of the season. Mr. Banks reviewed game day parking and the recommended ways to arrive on the campus and to exit the campus after the game. Mr. Banks also stated that there are reserved parking for the physically challenged in the area where the band practices.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the Athletics Committee adjourned

Motion passed.

Finance Committee
(Following the Athletics Committee)
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MINUTES

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

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith.

Absent: Rev. Donald Ray Henry

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Tarver the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

Atty. Rutledge stated that he met with Mr. McClinton and thoroughly reviewed each budget.

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Davis agenda items A, B, C, D, F, G, H, and I were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the Finance Committee adjourned.

Motion passed

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following the Finance Committee)

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MINUTES

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Member Rev. Joe Gant.

Present: Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith.

Absent: Atty. Patrick Magee, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, and Dr. Curman Gaines.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Mrs. Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater the \$60,000

Atty. Clayton stated that the Interim Internal Auditor remains in an interim position. Atty. Clayton asked President Belton why the administration allows employees to remain in interim positions for long periods of time when they are obviously doing a good job. Mr. Clayton stated why not give them the job and let them assume their duties.

Dr. Belton stated that it's his understanding that a candidate will be presented to the Board for consideration.

Dr. Tarver stated it seems we're overlooking someone who is very deserving of the job. He stated every comment that he heard has been positive and that she has done a wonderful job. Dr. Tarver stated why do we keep searching when we have someone inside the organization that can do the job.

Name	Position/Campus	Salary
NEW APPOINTMENTS		
1. Kerrick Jackson	Head Baseball Coach New Appointment, SUBR	\$75,000
2. Jacqueline J. Hill	Director & Associate Professor for College of Nursing and Allied Health New Appointment, SUBR	\$115,000
3. Ruth W. Johnson	Director of Educational Talent Search New Appointment, SUNO	\$67,000
4. Linda Frederick	Director of Student Support Services New Appointment, SUNO	\$69,113
5. Haitham Eid	Program Director, M.A. Museum Studies New Appointment, SUNO	\$68,000
6. Veloria Nanze	Director of Accounting New Appointment, SUSLA	\$60,000

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Atty. Clayton personnel agenda action items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty. Clayton stated he wanted to take a point of personal privilege to compliment Chancellor Ellis and the SUSLA staff. The Shreveport campus employees were very nice and helpful.

AGEND ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

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

All members were present except Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Curman L. Gaines, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Michael Small, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

Chancellor Ellis introduced a special guest before the Board of Supervisors Committee began. He recognized Ms. Lydia Jackson, the daughter of Mr. Alphonse Jackson. The new building at SUSLA was named in his honor. Ms. Jackson thanked members of the Board and stated that she is very grateful for the wonderful things that they are doing.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Above and Beyond Award

Ms. Joslin Pickens presented Harolyn Wilson, the Above and Beyond Award honoree for August. Ms. Wilson teaches mathematics at Southern University at Shreveport. Mrs. Smith presented a plaque and Dr. Belton presented a certificate to the honoree. Ms. Wilson thanked the Board and stated that she takes pride in what she does every day. She also expressed her passion for teaching.

AGEND ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Tarver agenda item A. Approval of the Minutes was recommended for adoption.

Motion failed.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Atty. Clayton agenda action items B, C, and D were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

A. Minutes of July 21, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

The minutes of the July 21, 2017, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors were not approved.

Yays: Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Days, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Armond Duncan, Dr. Leon Tarver, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Nays: Rev. Joe R. Gant and Mr. Raymond Fondel

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, Athletics Committee, Finance Committee, and Personnel Affairs Committee be and they are hereby is approved.

1. Academic Affairs

a. Request Approval of Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa as the Kleinpeter Family Endowed Professorship/Chair, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa as the holder of the Kleinpeter Family Endowed Professorship/Chair, SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

2. Facilities and Property

No action items were presented. The information items presented will be filed for auditing purposes.

3. Athletics

A. Request Approval of Employment Contract for Head Baseball Coach. SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the employment contract for Head Baseball Coach, SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

B. Request Approval of Athletics Budget FY 2017-2018, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Athletics Budget for FY 2017-2018, SUNO be and it hereby is approved.

C. Request Approval of Athletics Budget FY 2017-2018, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University Athletics Budget for FY 2017-2018, SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

D. Request Approval of Athletics Budget FY 2017-2018, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University Athletics Budget for FY 2017-2018, SUSLA be and it hereby is approved.

4. Personnel Affairs

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

1. Kerrick Jackson

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Kerrick Jackson as Head Baseball Coach, SUBR, at a salary of \$75,000 be and it hereby is approved.

2. Jacqueline J. Hill

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Jacqueline J. Hill as Director & Associate Professor for College of Nursing and Allied Health, SUBR, at a salary of \$115,000 be and it hereby is approved.

3. Ruth W. Johnson

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Ruth W. Johnson as Director of Educational Talent Search, SUNO, at a salary of \$67,000 be and it hereby is approved.

4. Linda Frederick

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Linda Frederick as Director of Student Support Service, SUNO, at a salary of \$69,113 be and it hereby is approved.

5. Haitham Eid

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Haitham Eid as Program Director, M. A. Museum Studies, SUNO, at a salary of \$68,000 be and it hereby is approved.

6. Veloria Nanze

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Veloria Nanze as Director of Accounting, SUSLA, at a salary of \$60,000 be and it hereby is approved.

E. Evaluation of Chancellor Rodney Ellis, SUSLA (*Executive Session may be required*)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University System, that the evaluation of Chancellor Rodney Ellis, SUSLA, be and it hereby is approved.

F. Evaluation of Chancellor John Pierre, SULC (*Executive Session may be required*)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University System, that the evaluation of Chancellor John Pierre, SULC, be and it hereby is approved.

G. Resolutions

President Belton offered resolutions as follows:

Commendations

Dr. Eva Brown Fields on her 90th Birthday

Ms. Marva Carey Coleman on her 80th Birthday

Condolences

Dr. Walter Craig Jr. Family

The Ronald F. Mason Sr. Family

The Clarence Williams Family

The Velenia Lolita Smith Johnson Family

The Alzina Princess Franklin Dixon Family

The Maudice Gentry Family

The Lamar Proctor Sr. Family

Atty. Robert Shelton

Dr. Walter Craig, Jr. Family Dr. Craig, a former professor of music and assistant band director at SUBR and the father of SUBR engineering professor Walter Craig, who was a music scholar having toured the country as a trumpet player in the Navy Band and is credited with establishing the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity at SUBR, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

The Ronald F. Mason, Sr. Family. Mr. Ronald F. Mason Sr., a native and resident of New Orleans, Louisiana and father of former SU System President Ronald F. Mason Jr, passed away Friday, July 28, 2017.

The Clarence Williams Family. Mr. Williams, father of Judge Byron C. Williams who served as Executive Counsel to former SU System President Ronald Mason Jr., passed away Sunday, July 30.

The Vena Lolita Smith Johnson Family. Mrs. Johnson, a member of the SUBR administrative staff who had served in the Office of the Registrar for more than 30 years and at the time of her passing was serving as Interim Registrar at SUBR, passed away Wednesday, August 2.

The Alzina Princess Franklin Dixon Family. Ms. Dixon, a graduate of SUBR with both undergraduate and master's degrees in Special Education with a concentration on Hearing Impairment, and a teacher in the EBR Parish School System for more than 30 years, passed away Thursday, August 3.

The Maudice Gentry Family. Ms. Gentry, a native of Mansfield, LA and resident of Fair Oaks, CA who attended SUBR in the early 70s, passed away Friday, August 4.

The Lamar Proctor, Sr. Family. Mr. Proctor, father of SUBR Archives Librarian Angela Proctor, passed away on Friday, August 11.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. President's Report

President-Chancellor Belton announced that the Governor would be making a press announcement on the SUBR campus on August 28. The governor is offering his support in trying to mitigate the erosion issues and the bridge issues at SUBR. Governor Edwards has identified resources to help repair the campus.

Dr. Merrick gave an update on the customer service initiative. Dr. Merrick stated that the initiative is starting with the SUBR campus first. We have completed three of the four mandatory training sessions. She stated that there were about 700 full-time employees who participated in the training. The training facilitator Latoya Franklin, who is a Disney Certified Trainer, is compiling a report that will summarize results from the training. The preliminary report submitted revealed that one major area that the University should address is inter-campus and collegial relationships i.e. relationships between campus departments. Dr. Merrick stated that there would be a similar training with students, primarily student leaders.

a. Campus Reports

Each Campus Chancellor submitted written reports that were included in the meeting packet.

SUNO—Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin stated that the fall pre-collegiate conference was held. Dr. Sharon Green formerly of the SUSLA campus served as the guest speaker. Dr. Green spoke to the conference about togetherness and self-efficacy. They also held a new student transfer orientation. On August 10, Dr. Mims-Devezin attended the Brookhaven National Laboratories closing ceremony. Two students from Southern University at New Orleans were selected to do an oral presentation.

SUSLA—Chancellor Rodney Ellis asked his employees to stand and be recognized for the work they do for the University. Dr. Ellis also gave an update on the Jaguar Courtyard. In February he was given the approval to move forward in refinancing the residential apartments on campus which will be a cost savings to the University. Closing on the loan will occur in October. Dr. Ellis thanked the Board for their support.

SUAREC—Chancellor Bobby Phills stated that the report submitted outlines various activities occurring at the SUAREC. The first administrative retreat was held and will become an annual event. SUAREC will host a senior recruitment date for students at the September 30 football game. The SUAREC continues to work with the New Orleans Parish School System to consider development of an agriculture school in the city. The marijuana initiative is moving, the committee has narrowed the list from seven to three. The committee will begin to interview the applicants in the upcoming week. The top three applicants will be presented to the Board for consideration. Chancellor Phills recommend that the Board have a special meeting to select the applicant.

The Board of Supervisors selected Friday, September 8, 2017 for the Special Board Meeting.

It was suggested that a motion to amend the agenda to add an action item regarding scheduling the special meeting of the Board be done.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was amended to add an action item.

Motion passed.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Gant to waive the ten-day notice of the meeting was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

SULC—Chancellor John Pierre reminded everyone that the Law Center will be celebrating 70 years. The Southern University Law Center opened its doors on September 1, 1947. Chancellor Pierre asked that the Board participate in the event. Chancellor Pierre also stated that the enrollment has increased at the Law Center. Chancellor Pierre met with Mr. Alfred Harrell and the CEO of the WK Kellogg Foundation.

SUBR—Dr. Luria Young stated that the campus held its opening faculty convocation. Dr. Young said she heard nothing but great comments. Dr. Young shared that Student Board Member Armond Duncan served on a panel as part of the convocation. Mr. Duncan was allowed to give brief comments about his experience.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty. Tony Clayton stated that Armond Duncan is a great asset to the Board. He stated that the student representative will be able to show them things through a student perspective.

Michael Wells, administrative assistant to the Board, presented birthday cards to two Board members: Rev. Joe Gant and Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

AGEND ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Davis the Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned.