

Southern University and A&M College System
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
9 a.m.
Friday, October 20, 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 Minister Xavier Diamond who currently serves as Student Government Association Vice President at SUBR. He is a native of Kentwood, LA

PRESENT

Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Michael Small, and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II,

ABSENT

Rev. Samuel Tolbert
Dr. Rani Whitfield

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs 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

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813
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, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Leroy Davis, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Armond Duncan and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- **Finalist for the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence**
Dr. Tia Mills, teacher at Eden Park Academy was recognized for earning the Horace Mann Award. Dr. Mills addressed members of the Board thanking them for the recognition and she stated that Southern University made earning the award possible.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM

- A. Request Approval to Offer General Associate of Science in Teaching, SUSLA**
- B. Request Approval of General Associate of Science in Psychology, SUSLA**
- C. Request Approval to offer Associate of Applied Science in Media Communications, SUSLA**
- D. Request Approval of Faculty Handbook Revision: Course Overload, SUBR**

Upon the motion by Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis action items A, B, C, and D were recommended for approval in-globo.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Informational Item- Online Program Update

Dr. Moustapha Diack, Vice President for Online Learning addressed members of the Board giving his vision for the online program at SUBR. He asked for the financial support of the Board and stated that he looked forward to providing an update to the Board in the future about progress that he will make to ensure that the online program would be recognized nationally and internationally. He announced that he is facilitating trainings that are scheduled for faculty and staff to become certified instructors and to learn how to develop online courses.

Dr. Chanika Jones of the Criminal Justice department also stated that the online program in criminal justice is progressing and they are developing partnerships to recruit students. Dr. Jones also introduced visiting dignitary from Nigeria who stated that she is looking forward to collaborating with the criminal justice department to offer online classes to students in Nigeria. Dr. Allison Anadi program leader in the Criminal Justice department stated that 102 students currently enrolled in online courses and stated that the department is also preparing to offer a doctorate in criminal justice that can be earned online.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

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

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

Absent: Dr. Rani Whitfield

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon R. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Status of Priority Projects by Campus, SUS

Mr. Eli Guillory discussed the status of projects on SU System campuses. A copy of the status report was included in the meeting packet.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

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

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

Absent: None

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

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Ratification of the fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget Request and Addenda, SUS

Committee Chair Domoine Rutledge stated that the budgets presented were due at the LA Division of Administration before the Board would have a chance to receive the budgets and take action. The Board authorized President Belton to submit the budgets during the September meeting and the budgets presented are being submitted for ratification.

Board Member Clayton stated that as he reviewed budgets for the SU Law Center (SULC) he noticed consolidation of employee job duties. He asked Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) Dean Bobby Phills whether or not any consolidation could be done at the SUAREC. Chancellor Phills stated that faculty and staff are at critical mass at the SUAREC. Chancellor Pierre stated that the SULC is becoming a smaller, leaner law school because there is a decline in enrollment in law schools nationally.

Atty. Clayton stated that he would like to meet with President Belton and Finance Committee Chair Rutledge to do a comparison of campuses to determine whether or not additional consolidation could be achieved.

Dr. Davis stated that he had toured the Agriculture campus along with Dean Bobby Phillips. He stated that the old dairy and poultry facilities and the former housing for employees present a problem and should be demolished. He also said that the facility in Baker/Zachary has major infrastructure issues.

Mrs. Smith cautioned the administration about increasing fees and requested that Dr. Belton make an assessment of the fees that are charged to students.

Committee Chair Rutledge requested that President Belton provide a list, by department, of fees that are charged to students. Atty. Rutledge also stated that he was pleased that the administration is placing priority on retention and recruitment.

Mrs. Smith also asked that a liaison be assigned to members of the Board to answer questions that relate to

Dr. Belton stated that the goal is to normalize salaries so that the University can hire and retain qualified employees. He said many employees receive training at SUBR and then leave the University to earn more.

Rev. Gant expressed a concern that students are funding salaries. He also stated that the justification provided regarding the use of prior year funds indicates that the administration has a greater problem and the problem should be addressed. Rev. Gant also requested a copy of the referendum that students passed last year to increase fees.

B. Request Approval to Assess a Lab Fee for Students Enrolling in Apparel Merchandising and Textiles Program, SUBR

C. Request Approval to Use Prior Year Auxiliary Funds, SUBR

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II and seconded by Rev. Henry items 5A, B, and C were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Interim Financial Report as of August 2017

Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton gave the interim Financial Report. A copy of the summary was included in the meeting packet. The SUBR budget has been met and excess revenue is available.

Committee Chair Rutledge asked if the Board of Regents penalizes the University if the budget is not balanced. Mr. McClinton stated that his philosophy is not to spend more money than the University brings in. In response to a question from Mr. Barthelemy regarding SACS requirements that relate to funding, Mr. McClinton stated that SACS and other agencies require that the University has a positive fund balance. He stated that each campus also is required to

include a contingency of 5% in budgets. All campuses are on target with expenditures and revenue.

Board Member Mike Small extended kudos to Mr. McClinton and the finance team for having a surplus in the budget.

Student Board Member Armond Duncan also stated that it would be great if the surplus would be used to enhance the student experience on campus.

President Belton stated that the excess funds would be used to enhance the academic experience of students by determining which academic programs are viable and those that will meet the workforce needs of the state, improving infrastructure by implementing the University's Master Plan so that the environment is conducive to learning and providing training for staff so that the University has effective customer service.

Mr. McClinton stated that no one should get the impression that there is large surplus of money available in the budget.

Mr. Barthelemy asked that the finance committee look at staffing and salaries at the SUNO campus and SUSLA campus.

Atty. Rutledge asked the date of the University's last comprehensive salary study. Mr. McClinton stated that a consultant was hired to work with Mr. Lester Pourciau in Human Resources to develop the study. The study for faculty has been completed using Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) averages along with the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA) averages. The study for staff has been difficult to develop because the University has titles that are not found in CUPA.

Board Member Hilliard asked that a list of the job titles at SU System campuses that are not included in CUPA reports.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(Following the Finance Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

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

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

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Committee Chair Patrick Magee stated the agenda item 5A2 should be removed from the personnel actions.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Rev. Henry the amended agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary
NEW APPOINTMENTS		
1. Retia Walker	Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Support Services/Associate Dean College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, SUAREC/SUBR	\$120,000
2. Shannon West	Registrar SUBR	\$
3. Brian D. Adams	Executive Director of Internal Audit, New Appointment, SUS	\$85,000
Title Change/Salary Adjustments		
4. Lata Johnson	Deputy Chief Information Officer, Policy & Project Management, Title Change, SUS/SULC	\$104,000
5. Carolyn B. Miller	Interim Deputy Chief Information Officer, Enterprise Systems Services, Title Change, SUS/SUSLA	\$94,554
6. Edmond Cummings, III	Deputy Chief Information Officer, Security & Risk Management Title Change, SUS/SUNO	\$84,793
7. Carl Grant	Manager of Data Center Operations/Systems Analyst Salary Adjustment, SUBR	\$85,000
8. Christopher Rogers	Deputy Chief Information Officer, Client Support Services, Title Change, SUS/SUAREC	\$74,360
9. Paula Matthews	Business Affairs Manager and Title IX Confidential Advisor, Salary Adjustment, SULC	\$61,916
Salary Adjustments		
10. Cynthia Bryant	Dean, College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies Salary Adjustment, SUBR	\$120,000
11. Barbara Carpenter	Dean/Professor International Education and Service Learning Salary Adjustment, SUBR	\$120,000
12. Emma B. Perry	Dean/Professor J. B. Cade Library Salary Adjustment, SUBR	\$120,000
13. Tisha Y. Walker	Director of Graduate Admissions/Grant Manager	\$ 87,600

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Rev. Gant items 5A1 through 13 with the exception of number 2 were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Clayton inquired about the problem at the Laboratory School and wanted to know who or what caused it. He also stated that Deans be held accountable. He also expressed concern about the leadership in the Mass Communications program and also the School of Education because he never receives any news about those departments.

Student Board Member Armond Duncan stated that mass communications is a popular major, but students in the program express their disappointment with the department and often change their majors to major in marketing.

Atty. Rutledge also shared the sentiments of Atty. Clayton and asked for thoughts, suggestions and ideas. He stated that attention should be given to the School of Education. And he asked President Belton to let the Board know what he needs to make the School of Education the best that it can be. He also has spoken to Provost Luria Young to meet with former Superintendents of school districts and other education leaders to make the department better.

President Belton also has spoken to stakeholders and reassured Board members that the administration is committed to rebuilding the School of Education so that it is identified as a major college on the campus.

Dr. Leroy Davis suggested that the student newspaper be sent digitally to students because they are not reading the paper copies.

Student Board Member Armond Duncan asked for a timeline of when changes will be made. And asked for a report on the progress or changes being made by the administration and suggested that a newsletter be produced for students so that they are aware of issues on the campus.

Board Member Fondel stated that Board members should feel free to contact the President's office by phone and also to utilize staff in the Board office to get answers to questions or to obtain information about System campuses so that the Board would have a more efficient meeting.

President Belton stated that assessments are being made of all academic program offerings at SUBR to determine the programs that are viable. A report will be forthcoming.

Board member Richard Hilliard asked for a report on students that have changed majors by campus for the next Board meeting. Suggested that every campus monitor the trend of students changing majors.

Board member Patrick Magee stated that there are serious deficiencies in the work product that Board members receive. He reiterated that individuals must be held accountable. He also stated that the only person the Board holds accountable is President Belton. So the expectation is that Dr. Belton hold staff accountable.

Mrs. Smith stated that Dr. Belton has developed his plan which will be brought forth to the Board at the November meeting.

Mrs. Ann Smith summarized the discussion by stating that accountability is key. She asked President Belton to be accountable and asked him to hold others accountable.

Dr. Davis stated that performance is also key in employees being successful.

There was discussion about the appointment of the registrar and assistant registrar. Both personnel actions were tabled until the Board's November meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

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

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

ABSENT: Rev. Samuel Tolbert

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

Atty. Winston DeCuir Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Above and Beyond Award

The award was presented to Jocelyn Lewis, Executive Assistant, Southern University System Foundation. Foundation Board President Atty. Rutledge introduced Ms. Lewis who thanked

Board members for the award. CEO Alfred Harrell also made comments about Ms. Lewis' work ethic and disposition.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the September 22, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Mr. Fondel the minutes of the September 22, 2017 meeting were recommended for approval.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the September 22, 2017 meeting be and they are hereby approved.

B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Davis the committee reports were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

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

1. Academic Affairs

a. Request Approval to offer General Associate of Science in Teaching, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to offer a General Associate of Science degree in Teaching, SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

b. Request Approval to offer General Associate of Science in Psychology, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to offer a General Associate of Science degree in Psychology, SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

c. Request Approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Media Communications, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Media Communications, SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

d. Request Approval of Faculty Handbook Revision: Course Overload, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to revise the course overload policy in the Faculty Handbook SUBR, be and it is hereby approved.

2. Facilities and Property Committee

The Facilities Committee had no action items. The information item *Status of Priority Projects by Campus, SUS* will be filed for auditing purposes.

3. Finance Committee

a. Ratification of FY 2018-2019 Budget Request and Addenda, SUS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the ratification of the FY 2018-2019 budget request and addenda be and it is hereby approved.

b. Request Approval to Assess a Lab Fee for Students Enrolling in Apparel Merchandising and Textiles Program, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request to assess a laboratory fee for students enrolling in the Apparel Merchandising and Textiles program, SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

c. Request Approval to Use Prior Year Auxiliary Funds, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request to use prior year auxiliary funds, SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

4. 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 appointment of Retia Walker as Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Support Services/Associate Dean College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, SUAREC/SUBR, at a salary of \$120,000 be and it hereby is approved.
2. Agenda items 5A2 omitted from the Personnel Committee agenda.

3. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Brian Adams as Executive Director of Internal Audit, SUS at a salary of \$85,000 be and it hereby is approved.
4. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the title change and appointment of Lata Johnson as Deputy Chief Information Officer, Policy & Project Management, SUS/SULC at a salary of \$104,000 be and it hereby is approved.
5. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the title change and appointment of Carolyn B. Miller as Interim Deputy Chief Information Officer, Enterprise Systems Services, SUS/SUSLA at a salary of \$94,554 be and it hereby is approved.
6. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the title change and appointment of Edmond Cummings, III as SU Lab School Virtual School Director, SUBR, at a salary of \$84,793 be and it hereby is approved.
7. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Carl Grant as Manager of Data Center Operations/System Analyst, SUBR, at a salary of \$85,000 be and it hereby is approved.
8. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the title change for Christopher Rogers as Deputy Chief Information Officer, Client Support Services, SUS/SUAREC, at a salary of \$74,360 be and it hereby is approved.
9. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Paula Matthews, Business Affairs Manager and Title IX Confidential Advisor, SULC, at a salary of \$61,916 be and it hereby is approved.
10. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Cynthia Bryant, Dean, College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies, SUBR, at a salary of \$120,000 be and it hereby is approved.
11. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Barbara Carpenter, Dean/Professor, International Education and Service Learning, SUBR, at a salary of \$120,000 be and it hereby is approved.
12. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Emma B. Perry, Dean, John B. Cade Library, SUBR, at a salary of \$120,000 be and it hereby is approved.
13. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Tisha Walker, Director of Graduate Admissions/Grant Manager, SUBR, at a salary of \$87,600 be and it hereby is approved.

C. Request for Approval of a Resolution to Name the Baseball Operations Center the Cador Baseball Operations Center, SUBR

Upon the motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Mr. Fondel the recommendation to approve the resolution to name the baseball operations center the *Cador Baseball Operations Center*, SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

Board Counsel Winston DeCuir, Jr. stated that the resolution presented was written specifically for this action because in Louisiana special provisions must be made to name a building for someone who is not deceased.

Atty. Magee suggested a more fitting special recognition be given to Coach Cador during the Bayou Classic meeting.

D. Request Approval of a Resolution to Place the Statue of A.W. Mumford on the SUBR Campus

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Mr. Fondel the recommendation to approve the resolution to name the baseball operations center the *Cador Baseball Operations Center*, SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the resolution to name the baseball operations center the Cador Baseball Operations Center, SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

E. Resolutions

Commendations:

Leila Harrison Taylor

Colonel Michael R. Black

Condolences:

The Gaynell Allen Family

The James E. Jones Family.

The Johnnye Mae Sibley Butler Family.

The Ruby Jean Simms Family

The Reverend Eldon Batiste Family

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Rev. Gant the resolutions were recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

Dr. Stephen McGuire addressed members of the Board thanking them for their support and thanking the team of faculty members, students, and staff that assisted in the gravitational waves initiative that earned a Nobel prize in physics this year.

Atty. Clayton thanked Dr. McGuire for his scholarly contribution which cast a positive light on the University. Mr. Barthelemy also extended congratulations to Dr. McGuire for his commitment to excellence. Dr. Leon Tarver also congratulated Dr. McGuire and thanked him for his service. Dr. Tarver also suggested that Dr. McGuire and his team be included in upcoming marketing videos for recruiting future Southern students. Dr. Leroy Davis also congratulated Dr. McGuire.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System President's Report

Dr. Belton stated that Todd Graves of the Raising Cane's franchise has partnered with the University to support the Band and other SUBR students with scholarships. Dr. Belton also announced the Homecoming parade would be held Saturday, November 4 with a route change so that the High School day would not be impacted. He thanked Baton Rouge Mayor Sharon Weston Broome who assisted the University in obtaining the necessary permits to host the parade.

Dr. Belton asked Foundation Board President Domoine Rutledge to give information about an upcoming trip to Los Angeles to visit with the Valdry family. The parcel of land adjacent to the new Innovation Center was purchased by the SU Foundation and will be used to construct a Center for Philanthropy, which will be the first of its kind at an HBCU. Programming for the Center will be supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation. The Center will be a resource for non-profit organizations. The SU Foundation is in discussion with the Valdry Family to make a sizable contribution/investment to improve the Foundation's equity in constructing the building. The Foundation also wants the Center to support the academic enterprise such that the University may offer a degree in Philanthropy.

Mr. Barthelemy thanked President Belton for addressing concerns

B. Campus Reports

SUNO - Dr. Mims Devezin stated that the campus report was included in the packet. She also stated that the SUNO campus received a \$1.3 million grant for its Upward Bound STEM program. Board members were also invited to attend The BASH. Mr. Mike Small also encouraged Board members to attend The BASH.

SUSLA - Dr. Ellis stated that the campus report was included in the packet. He noted that SUSLA has closed on the refinancing of the Jaguar Court. In partnership with the city of Shreveport, a kitchen incubator project has been finalized. A groundbreaking will be held November 15. SUSLA Student Affairs department received \$ 1.3 million Veteran's Upward Bound grant to serve the veteran population in the community.

SUAREC - Dr. Phills stated that Gala will be held December 16 at the Marriott Hotel-Baton Rouge. All Board members were invited to attend. The annual Livestock Show will be held in the Spring and more information will be forthcoming. The medical marijuana initiative is well underway and a more detailed report will be available at the Board's November meeting.

Mr. Fondel also announced that both Dr. Phills and Dr. Belton would be honored by the LA/MS Network at a reception in Jackson, MS. Dr. Phills will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement award.

SULC - Atty. Pierre stated that law center students will be in Washington, D. C. for the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute.

SUBR - Dr. Young stated that Hayden Hall re-opened with a gala celebration September 25. She reminded Board members that the University would be hosting High School Day November 4.

Mrs. Smith made announcements as follows:

Suggested that Board members arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the meeting time to discuss items on the agenda to make the meetings more efficient.

She also stated that the Board is poised to consider Dr. Belton's reorganization plan. There is a plan to finalize the plan at the November meeting. She asked Board members to contact Dr. Belton if there are questions.

Rev. Gant stated that he would like the University to give an honorary doctorate to Attorney Johnnie Jones. Chancellor Pierre stated that he and Dr. Luria Young would work together to bring the recommendation to the Board at the November meeting.

Chancellor Pierre was commended for his Op-Ed article that appeared in *The Advocate* regarding the relevancy of HBCUs in cultivating leaders.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Davis the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.