

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, April 24, 2015
Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall
3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Rev. Donald R. Henry.

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II - Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr. - Vice Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Diangleo S. Frazer
Dr. Curman L. Gaines
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Rev. Donald R. Henry
Mr. Richard T. Hilliard
Mrs. Ann A. Smith

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Mike A. Small
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Dr. Rani G. Whitfield

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Chief of Staff Evola Bates
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Monique Guillory-Winfield and
Interim System President Carlos Thomas
Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton, Jr. (SUBR); Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray
Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Vice Chancellor Adell Brown (representing
Chancellor Leodrey Williams) (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Hilliard, the agenda was adopted as printed

Rev. Gant took a point of personal privilege to express his concerns regarding the Board of Supervisors' Public Comments Policy. He stated that a person cannot address the Board unless the item is on the agenda. Rev. Gant suggested that the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate of the Southern University System be given a chance to address the Board if the item is not on the agenda.

Responding, Dr. Tarver, stated that a Committee will be appointed to review the Public Comments Policy.

Continuing, Rev. Gant expressed concerns regarding the lack of communication within the Board of Supervisors for receiving updates regarding legislative and EoServe updates.

Responding, Dr. Tarver stated that at the Board of Supervisors' May meeting EoServe will be addressed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the March 27, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Frazer, seconded by Atty. Clayton the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the March 27, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, to defer the Faculty Tenure recommendations, but approve the recommendations for Faculty Promotion for FY 2014-2015, at Southern University - Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolutions were approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Letter of Intent to Develop New Academic Programs - B.S. Degree in Computer and Information Systems Security - Cyber Security Option at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Certification of Graduates for the Spring 2015 at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Employment Contracts for the following Legal Analysis and Writing Faculty Members at Southern University - Law Center, be and they are hereby approved:

-Atty. Angela Bell
-Atty. Wendy Shea
-Atty. Tracie Woods

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Administration's nominations for Endowed Positions at Southern University at New Orleans, be and they are hereby approved.

Emmett W. Bashful Endowed Chair in Leadership and Policy
Dr. George Amedee, Professor of Political Science

Dr. Emmett Bashful/Kellogg's Endowed Professorship in Education
Dr. Pamela Wanga, Professor of Child Development &
Family Studies

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Southern University at New Orleans is hereby authorized to eliminate the B.S. Early Childhood Education Program, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the participation in the Birth to Kindergarten Degree/Certificate Program (A Board of Regent's Initiative at Southern University at New Orleans, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the administrators at Southern University - Shreveport is authorize to establish three (3) Academic Programs, be and they are hereby approved.

-Certificate of Technical Studies-Data Entry Clerk
-Human Resources Specialist
-Healthcare Service Administration

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the 2015 Spring Commencement Resolution at Southern University - Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the 2015 Spring Commencement Resolution at Southern University - Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Certification of Year 5 GRAD Act reports for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolution were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the request to name a New Classroom Building in honor of the late Dr. Alphonse Jackson, Jr. at Southern University - Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approved the request to increase out of state tuition waivers for a total of 25 at Southern University - Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve the request to increase out of state tuition by \$1,000.00 at Southern University - Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to defer the Retirement Incentive Plan for Faculty at Southern University - Law Center until the Board of Supervisors May 15, 2015 meeting, be and it is hereby approved.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Legal Affairs Committee, that the renewing of DeCuir, Clark and Adams Legal Services Agreement, be and it is hereby approved.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

1. Gregory Bosworth QEP Director
New Appointment, SUBR \$80,000

2. Evelyn Masters-Dubuclet Director of Human Resources
New Appointment, SUNO \$65,000

3. Marcus K. Randall Dean of Students/Head Football Coach
New Appointment, SULAB \$62,470

4. Kristina McKenzie-Hudson Director of School Accountability
New Appointment, SULAB \$75,000

E. Resolutions

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolutions were approved:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences to the families named below be and they are hereby approved:

-Mrs. Roseanna Alexander
-Mr. Arthur Dantzler

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolution for the Southern University System National Academic Signing Day on April 25, 2015, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Tarver bestowed accolades to Mr. Fondel and Atty. Castille for their dedication in establishing the National Academic Signing Day.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Update on the 2015 Legislative Session

Dr. Mason provided an update on the 2015 Legislative Session.

Dr. Tarver stated that a final listing of the essential bills will be provided to the Board members from Mr. Rodney Braxton of Southern Strategy.

B. Update on President/Chancellor Search

Ms. Robyn Merrick, Director of Alumni Affairs/Executive Director of SU Alumni Federation and staff to the President/Chancellor Committee, provided an updated on the search.

Ms. Merrick informed the Board that May 6, 2015 is the deadline for accepting applications for the President-Chancellor position, May 28 will be the telephone interviews and June 11 will be a meet-the-candidate reception.

C. Update on the National Academic Signing Day

Atty. Preston Castille, President of the Southern University Alumni Federation, and Board member Raymond Fondel, provided an update on the National Academic Signing Day.

Atty. Clayton bestowed accolades to Atty. Castille and Mr. Fondel for their leadership and dedication to the National Academic Signing Day.

D. System President's Report

Dr. Mason informed the Board that the Faculty and Staff Awards Banquet was a great event hosted by Southern University- Shreveport and the recipient of the awards were the following:

- Dr. Hollis, SUNO - Teachers Award
- Dr. Graves, SUBR – Research Award
- Dr. North, SULC – Service Award

E. Campus Reports

The monthly campus reports can be viewed on the Board's website.

Acting Chancellor McClinton invited the Board to SUBR 2015 Spring Fest on April 25 and Spring Commencement on May 8.

Chancellor Ukpolo invited the Board to SUNO 2015 Spring Commencement on May 9.

Chancellor Belton informed the Board that the students that graduate from Southern University – Shreveport nursing program in December 2014 passed the licensure exam with a 94.74 passing rate.

Continuing, Chancellor invited the Board to SUSLA 2015 Spring Commencement on May 6.

Vice Chancellor Adell Brown, invited the Board to the Chancellor Leodrey Williams Retirement Banquet, scheduled for June 18, 2015.

Atty. Clayton posed question regarding the replacement for the Law Center and SUAg Center Chancellor positions.

Responding, Dr. Tarver stated those items will be placed on the Board of Supervisors' May 15, meeting agenda.

Chancellor Pitcher thanked Mrs. Smith and Rev. Henry for attending the Southern University – Law Center Gala.

Continuing, Chancellor Pitcher informed the Board that Atty. Clayton was inducted into the Law Center Hall of Fame.

Mr. Braxton complimented Chancellor Pitcher for raising more than \$10,000 at the Law Center Gala

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion Dr. Gaines, the meeting was adjourned.

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