

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, March 27, 2015

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and A&M College

Baton Rouge, 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.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Rev. Donald R. Henry
Mr. Richard T. Hilliard
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Rani G. Whitfield

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AMENDMENT

Lease Arrangement to Renovate the Old Post Office and Bookstore, SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, the agenda was adopted as amended.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Fondel, Frazer, Gaines Gant, Hendricks, Henry, Hilliard, Magee, Small, Smith and Whitfield; 0 nays; 0 abstention.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the February 20, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the February 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, authorized the Southern University - Law Center to petition to the Board of Regents to amend its GRAD Act targets LSAT number for the 2015 period, 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 SUBR Administration's recommendation to award Professor Emeritus to Dr. Richard Webb, former Dean of Colleges of Arts and Humanities, 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 Promotion and Tenure Recommendations for Southern University at New Orleans named below, be and they are hereby approved.

Faculty Tenure

Adrine Harrell-Carter (Business Administration)
Sherry Bachus (Child Development & Family Studies)
Ben Robertson (Social Work)
Biruk Alemayehu (Public Administration)
Jacqueline Keleher (Library)

Faculty Promotion

John Penny - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
(Social Sciences)
Harry Russell - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
(Social Work)
Jean Belkhir - Associate Professor to Full Professor
(Social Sciences-Sociology)
Diane Bordenave - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
(Child Development & Family Studies)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Degrees at 2015 Spring Commencement Exercises 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 Administration's recommendation for Honorary Degree for Former U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu for the Conferment of the Honorary Doctor of Humanities 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 Southern University - Shreveport is hereby authorized a Letter of Intent to Establish Residential Carpentry, 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 new Southern University System Data Governance Policy for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the Committee's informational items be and it is hereby received.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Committee's informational items be and it is hereby received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approved the request for FY 2014-15 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approved the request for Southern University - Baton Rouge/Thrive Academy Collaborative and Lease Agreement, be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the affiliated entity, Southern University System Foundation be the third party to finance the renovation of the dormitories.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, authorized the Southern University - Shreveport Administrator's to enter into an cooperative lease agreement with Newton Smith, 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:

Vinnie Nell Marcell Clinical Instructor/School of Nursing 9mts to 12mts
Status - SUBR **\$72,210**

Francesca M. Williams Academic/Innovation Technology Coordinator
New Appointment - SUBR \$66,000

Chennis C. Berry, Jr. Assistant Football Coach - Salary Increase
SUBR **\$73,330**

Chadrick Germany Offensive Coordinator Football Coach -Salary Increase
SUBR **\$60,500**

Tiffany Varner Director of School of Nursing-New Appointment
SUSLA **\$80,000**

Carlos Thomas Interim V/P for Information & Technology-New Appointment
SUS **\$121,000**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Mr. Roman Banks as Interim Athletics Director and Head Basketball Coach for four (4) months at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective April 1, 2015 be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the reassignment of Dr. William Broussard, Athletics Director at Southern University - Baton Rouge to the Southern University System, effective April 1, 2015, be and it is hereby approved.

C. SU System Policy on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct

On motion of Dr. Gaines, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Southern University System Policy on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct, be and it is hereby approved.

D. SACS President/Chancellor Report

No action was taken.

Interim Chancellor McClinton stated that he submitted a letter of notification to SACS stating the approval of the merger of Southern University System President and Southern University - Baton Rouge Chancellor position.

E. Resolutions

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolution was 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. Vonda Carol Baker Clark
-Mrs. Harry Burton Levy
-Dr. Frederick A. Christian
-Mr. Harold Joseph Bailey

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Lease Arrangement for renovations to Old Post Office and Bookstore, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the amended Lease Agreement between Southern University - Baton Rouge and the Small Business Development for renovations to the Old Post Office and Bookstore, be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Update on the 2015 Legislative Session

Mr. Kevin Cunningham of Southern Strategy provided an update on the 2015 Legislative Session.

Mr. Cunningham informed the Board that the Legislative Session begins April 13 and there are numerous bills that will affect higher education.

Continuing, Mr. Cunningham stated that Governor Bobby Jindal has proposed budget cuts to higher education and some continue finance.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, of Southern Strategy informed the Board of different bills to be presented at the 2015 Legislative Session that will affect Southern University.

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.

C. Recruitment Initiative/Summit, by campuses

SUBR

Dr. Brandon Dumas, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, provided an oral report on Southern University - Baton Rouge recruitment initiative.

SUNO

Chancellor Ukpolo provided an oral report on Southern University at New Orleans recruitment initiative.

SUSLA

Dr. Melva Williams, Executive Associate to the Chancellor provided an oral report on Southern University - Shreveport recruitment initiative.

SUAgCenter

Chancellor Williams welcomed the new Board members and provided an oral report on Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center recruitment initiative.

Chairman Tarver informed the Board that Dr. William will be retiring as Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center on March 30, 2015.

Dr. Williams introduced members of his family and his Executive Cabinet who were in attendance at the Board meeting.

Continuing, Dr. Williams read a heartfelt letter of resignation expressing his love for Southern University to the Board and Administrators.

Chairman thanked Dr. Williams for service to the State of Louisiana and the Southern University System.

Dr. Mason stated that Dr. Williams is a great mentor and a great example of a Southern University graduate.

SULC

Vice Chancellor John Pierre provided an oral report on Southern University - Law Center recruitment initiative.

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Board Member Raymond Fondel announced that on April 25, Southern University - Baton Rouge will host a National Academic Signing Day.

Chairman Tarver expressed accolades to Atty. Preston Castille, President of the Southern University Alumni Federation for his service and leadership to the Southern University System

D. System President's Report

Dr. Mason informed the Board that Mr. Tony Moore has accepted a position at Xavier University and publicly thanked him for his dedication to Southern University.

Continuing, Dr. Mason stated that the Five Fifth Agenda has raised enough private funds to be self-sufficient for two years.

E. Campus Reports

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

Vice Chancellor Pierre invited the Board to the Law Center Alumni Round-Up and stated that Board member Clayton will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Board member Frazer stated that he and other SGA Presidents of the Southern University entities visited the White House Staff to make a presentation on the State of Louisiana Sexual Assault and Harassment Policy.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion Dr. Gaines, the meeting was adjourned.