

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, February 10, 2023

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

9:00 AM

### MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron K. Lawson.

The invocation was given by Bishop Raymond Johnson pastor and founder of Living Faith Christian Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jude Foster. He is a 11<sup>th</sup> grader from Southern University Laboratory School. The choir sang the black national anthem.

Attorney Brandon Decuir administered the oath of office to the new board member Ms. Zazell Dudley, who was accompanied by her brother.

#### Roll Call by President-Chancellor Dennis J. Shields

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Dr. Leon Tarver–Vice-Chair, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Jody Amedee

#### AGENDA ITEM 6: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation on Status of E-Gaming Lab and the Mixed Reality Virtual Innovation Gaming and Esports (MRVIGES) Institute (SULC).

Chancellor Pierre introduced Mr. Christopher Turner who gave a brief presentation on the opening of the E-gaming Lab.

There were comments from several board members commending Chancellor Pierre and Mr. Christopher Turner

- B. Presentation on award to the Southern University by the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) for \$9,306,000 for the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Project (SULC and SUBR)

Chancellor Pierre introduced Ms. Lata Johnson who presented a PowerPoint on the CMC Pilot Project.

#### C. Coach Roger Cador – Hall of Fame Recognition.

Atty Domoine Rutledge acknowledged Coach Cador for being inducted in the Hall of Fame.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Atty Domoine Rutledge mention there is an amendment to the agenda. Add Agenda Item 6 C. There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion Approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ACTION ITEM(S)**

- A. Request Approval of Honorary Degrees for Tyran Williams, Dylan Young, and Broderick Moore (SUBR)

Dr. Whitfield gave a brief acknowledgement of the three Human Jukebox Members who passed away in car accident. Asked everyone to continue to pray for the families.

Motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam that Item A be approved.

Motion Approved

- B. Request Approval of Letter for Curriculum Change-Child Welfare Certificate Programs (SUNO)

*This Interprofessional Certificate is an online Program in Child Welfare Practice. The certificate program is designed for a 6-month to one-year completion timeframe.*

*This certificate program will provide students with in-depth knowledge and skills from the micro to macro level to better equip them to deliver high-quality services to children and families in the Child Welfare system.*

Dr. Ammons gave a brief summary of the certificate programs.

Motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Mrs. Ann Smith that Item B be approved.

Motion Approved

**AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Williams asked Dr. Sahoo to look at the ACT Requirements for adult learners. She believe if the score is reduced, he will be able to get additional low hanging fruit.

There was discussion around enrollment and recruitment and the 3+3 program.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**(Following Academic Affairs Committee)**

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

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### **MINUTES**

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chair Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

**Present:** Atty. Edwin Shorty - Chairman, Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mr. Paul Mathews, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

Mr. Kenneth Dawson highlighted all projects on each campus. He noted that the details are in the report.

There was lengthy discussion from the board regarding the projects.

President-Chancellor Shields asked the board to see the handout for details on the Major Project that is underway. He discussed the infrastructure investment and deferred maintenance.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to adjourn the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Facilities and Property Committee)**  
Southern University System Board Room  
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**MINUTES**

Board Chair Myron K. Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Chair Ms. Arlanda Williams called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

**Present:** Dr. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon Tarver II, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

A. Interim Financial Reports

Per Mr. McClinton, The detail information is in the packet.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to adjourn the meeting.

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

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Baton Rouge, LA 70813

### MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Chair Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert- Chairman, Dr. Rani Whitfield Vice-Chair, Miss Naudia Foster, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

#### AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mrs. Christy Reeves and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Chairman Lawson recognized Dean Andrews who was in the audience.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Request Approval of Outside Employment Policy (SUS)

*This policy has been revised to require all employees to report outside employment on an annual basis and the procedures will be on the link along with the outside employment form.*

President-Chancellor Shields introduced Atty Tracie Woods who informed the members that this is a updated/revised policy that has been in place.

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and second by Dr. Whitfield that Action Item 5A be approved.

Motion Approved

B. Request Approval of Board of Supervisors' Scholarship Policy (SUS)

*The Southern University System Board of Supervisors offers Educational Assistance Scholarships Eligible Students from revenue received from the sale of special Southern University license plates. Scholarships are to be used to help Eligible Students with a focus on improving retention and graduation rates.*

President-Chancellor Shields and Chairman Myron Lawson gave brief information on the updated policy and discussed the increase in scholarship amounts for each board members.

There was discussion around the amount to have for emergency. The board decided to amend the policy to include a \$25k emergency pool for students in need.

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Dr. Whitfield that Action Item 5B be approved with amendment.

Motion Approved

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

President-Chancellor Shields offer assistance to identify students who need support.

Dr. Whitfield recommend everyone buy a SU License Plate and encourage the Alumni to also and consider matching the \$.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to adjourn the meeting.

## PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)

Southern University System Board Room  
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### MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam - Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II., Dr. Arlanda Williams, and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Jody Amedee

#### AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sam Gilliam noted Action Item 5C-3 funding source should be amended to Federal. Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendments.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and second by Dr. Arlanda Williams that Action Item 5(A-E) be approved in global.

Motion Approved

- A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUS)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Pamela Jones	Special Assistant to VP for Finance Continuation	\$96,408.00	State

- B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Precious Aldridge	Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Additional Duties	\$112,000.00	State
2. Ted Ellis	Director of Museum/ Chief Curator New Appointment	\$65,000.00	Federal

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3. Erica Serevan-Web	Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs Salary Adjustment	\$77,000.00	Federal
4. Cartina Singleton	Data Processing/Communication Specialist Additional Duties	\$60,000.00	State
5. Camacia Smith Ross	Chief of Staff / Tenured Full Professor of Education New Appointment	\$100,000.00	State
6. T. Bernette Taylor	Human Resources Director New Appointment	\$75,000.00	State
7. Arlean Wehle	Vice Chancellor for Admin and Finance New Appointment	\$175,000.00	State
8. Chad Williams-Bey	Director of Housing and Residence Life Additional Duties	\$62,176.00	State

## C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Desiree Ephrom	Project Director New Appointment	\$70,000.00	Federal
2. LaTonya Green	Director of Auxiliary Services New Appointment	\$77,500.00	State
3. Kenneth Mackie	Endeavor Upward Bound Director Additional Duties	\$72,500.00	Federal
4. Henry Miller	Assistant Football Coach Salary Adjustment	\$82,500.00	State
5. Rhonda Robinson	Executive Administrator New Appointment	\$90,000.00	Federal
6. Julius Turner	Project Director New Appointment	\$70,000.00	Federal
7. Timothy Williams	Project Director New Appointment	\$70,000.00	Federal

## D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Marlon Ford	Asst. Director for Plant Researcher/ Research Assistant Professor and Urban Agricultural Specialist New Appointment	\$90,000.00	Federal
2. Ashlyn Harrison	Asst. Specialist, Mental Health New Appointment	\$76,700.00	State

## E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SULC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Deleso Alford	Managing Fellow for the Health Equity Law and Policy Institute Salary Adjustment	\$171,265.20	State

2. Carol Septs	Coordinator of Law Review Salary Adjustment	\$68,344.00	State
3. Yvonne Schofield	Student Affairs Coordinator Salary Adjustment	\$ 62,800.00	State
4. Marie Vertus	Recruitment Coordinator in the Office of Admissions and Recruitment New Appointment	\$72,000.00	State

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following Personnel Committee)**

Southern University System Board Room  
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### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron Lawson

#### **PRESENT**

Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr. Miss Naudia Foster, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Paul Matthews, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Arlanda Williams, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

#### **ABSENT**

Atty Jody Amedee and Atty Domoine Rutledge

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

##### **A. Above and Beyond Award**

Above and Beyond Award was presented by Dr. Calvin Walkers. He presented the award to Mr. Felton DeROuen

Chairman Lawson recognized Mr. Reggie Elloie, a student who passed away. He asked that everyone keep his family in their prayers as they bury him today.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):**

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and Second by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve action item 6A;

Motion passed.

##### **A. Approval of Minutes of the January 6, 2023, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Dr. Allen Vital, Chief of Staff read resolutions for the following:

- Dr. Shirley Delores DeVard
- Mr. Paul “PJ” Johnson
- Ms. Crystal Snowden-Jackson
- Mr. Kestee Weir, Jr.
- Mr. Reginal “Reggie” Elloie
- Mr. Floyd Kerr
- Mr. Ricky Wayne Pugh
- Mr. Whitney J. Leblanc

There was a motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams to approve the read resolutions and Dr. Leon Tarver, II second the motion.

Motion approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

A. President’s Report

President-Chancellor Shields gave an update on the Chancellor Search – committee has completed their work and they have recommended three finalists for the president. President-Chancellor Shields will invite the candidates to the SUBR campus for an interview with him and he will make a recommendation for Board approval at the March Meeting.

President-Chancellor Shields have appointed Chancellor Pierre and Chancellor Ammons to have a closer look at Information Technology.

President-Chancellor Shields met with Apple at the request of Chancellor Pierre.

SUBR Student Registration process will improve moving forward. He has requested that Dr. Sahoo and Dr. Walton provide him with a weekly update. He asked that they put some strategies in place to improve registration.

President-Chancellor Shields wish everyone a Happy Mardi Gras!

B. Chancellor’s Reports

(SUNO) Dr. Ammons congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet. He thanked the board and the president for their support and he mention SUNO is partnering with NOLA Saints/ Benson and Damario Davis.

(SUSLA) Dr. Appeaning congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet. He gave his enrollment numbers.

(SUAREC) Dr. McMeans invited everyone to the Boots and Bling event on 2/25/23 from 7-11 at the FG Clark Center. He mentioned that the US. Secretary of Agriculture would be in town next week. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet.

(SULC) Chancellor Pierre mentioned the ABA President visited SULC and met with he and President-Chancellor Shields. She is the 2<sup>nd</sup> African American female to hold that position. March 13<sup>th</sup> Ben Crump will visit the campus. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet.

(SUBR) Dr. Sahoo was out of the country. He was on zoom but there was issue with signal. President-Chancellor Shields mentioned the detail report is in the packet.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver; II to adjourn the meeting.