

**Southern University and A&M College System
May/June Virtual Board of Supervisors Meeting
Committee of the Whole**

Friday, June 12, 2020

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The virtual meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chairman Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Samuel Tolbert

Roll Call by Dr. Ray Belton

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Donald Dunbar, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty Ed Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mrs. Arlanda Williams, Mr. John Barthelemy

AGENDA ITEM 3: Swearing in and Induction of 2020 – 2021 New Student Board Member – Mr. Bakari H. Garvey

Swearing in and induction was led by Attorney Brandon Decuir.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Ms. Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Action Item 6F – Comment received from Albert Samuels, President, SUBR Faculty Senate – Dr. Samuels want to endorse the proposed separation of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. “In combining those two functions was a bad idea in the beginning and it has not improved with time. We will not meet our enrollment targets as long as you do not have someone who is singularly focused on that task and not also focuses on the dormitories, the cafeteria, student activities, etc. The only thing I would ask you to reconsider is whether it makes more sense to put Financial Aid under Finance and Business affairs than it does under Enrollment Management. Given that our finances are much more driven by enrollment than they were – say, 10 years ago – it would seem like it would make more sense to have all of the financial entities under one house in order to

better manage the cash flow of the university. Financial aid is like the university's cash register."

- Action Item 6H – Comment received from Mostafa Elaasar, President, SUNO Faculty Senate – Dr. Elaasar commented that "the laptop fee was good for SUBR, why not make it a system policy and apply it at SUNO also?"
- Action Item 6R – Comment received from Camille Mayo – President, SUAF Los Angeles Chapter – Ms. Mayo stated – "While my question is not to challenge the recommendation to promote individuals in student success, I am questioning the process or what appears to be a disparity in practice. It was shared, by the administration that the open Director of Admission's position would not be filled until the newly hired Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management was in place to hire their direct report. With that said, the VC for Student Affairs/Student Success has not been hired, yet we are promoting. The hiring process for the Director of Admission's position was complete and finalist were in place. All that was needed was to select a candidate. Again, my concern is whether or not we have equitable processes, not to disrupt the current recommendations. "

Attorney Rutledge thanked all individuals for comments.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Minutes of the April 24, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam the minutes were recommended for approval. All members present. Motion passed.

B. Request Approval of the Updated Extra Compensation Policy and Implementation Plan for Sponsored Programs (SUBR) -

Dr. Belton discussed the policy in detail. He stated, "the purpose of the Extra Compensation Policy and Implementation Plan (Policy Number 11-003) is to update the existing policy to provide an allowable extra compensation rate increase from 20% to 25% and to further specify the Southern University and A & M College policies governing faculty allowable Extra Compensation for faculty and staff (unclassified employees). This policy also determines the processing period and instruments used to award Extra-Compensation." Dr. Belton expressed his approval of the recommended policy and asked for approval by the SUS Board of Supervisors.

There were no questions or comments.

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield. Motion approved.

C. Request Approval to Restructure the Internal Audit Functions/Budget (SUS) –

Dr. Belton mentioned he received a recommendation from Mr. Brian Adams, Executive Director of the Office of Internal Audit for the Southern University System. He mentioned, "The recommendation is based on our current organizational structure which creates somewhat of a challenge for Mr. Adams to confirm to the Board the Independence of the internal Audit Function. Therefore, Mr. Adams recommends that the budgets for the Internal Audit function currently residing in the budgets of the various campuses be moved to the budget of The Office of Internal Audit at the System level. In order to not

unfairly burden any campus with increased pool cost, the dollars can be allocated back to each campus based on their current budgets for the function. This would not create any additional cost to the System because the dollars would be moved over from the various campuses at either their currently approved or reinstated budget levels, if the campus did not budget for internal in the current fiscal year. We will be independent in fact and appearance.” Dr. Belton expressed his approval to restructure the Internal Audit Functions and if approved by the SUS Board of Supervisors, Mr. Adams will work with the finance functions to move the budgets to the Office of Internal Audit effective July 1, 2020.

There were no questions or comments.

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Dr. Leon Tarver. Motion approved.

- D. Request Approval of the Pathway to Legal Education Plan for the City of Shreveport (SULC)** – Chancellor Pierre discussed the Pathway to Legal Education Plan for the City of Shreveport Opportunities in detail. He mentioned he made a presentation on a proposal during the April 2020 board meeting of the SUS Board of Supervisors. The presentation outlined how the Southern University Law center could address legal education needs and opportunities in Northwest Louisiana. The presentation was presented as an informational item and was not voted on by the board. On today, Chancellor Pierre is requesting approval of the proposal which will allow the Law Center to commence negotiations with the Caddo Parish Commission and the and the City of Shreveport concerning facilities and potential local funding. This is a proposal to establish a Pathway for Increasing Legal Education Capacity in the Shreveport/Bossier Region by the Southern University Law center in Response to the Report to the Board of Regents by NCHEMS. In addition, Chancellor Pierre informed the Louisiana Board of Regents plans to place the proposal on its June 17, 2020 board agenda for discussion.

Attorney Rutledge thanked Mr. Sam Gilliam and Mr. Richard Hilliard for their monetary donation for the initial study and providing additional support. He also thanked Chancellor Pierre for all his work on the proposal and for identifying the facility to house the program. He also thanked Dr. Belton for all his assistance.

There were no additional questions or comments.

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam. Motion approved.

- E. Request Approval to Revise the Organizational Structure for the SU Ag Center and the College of Agriculture Family and Consumer Science (SUAREC)** – Dr. Orlando McMeans discussed the revision of the organization structure for the SUAREC. He mentioned after assessing the existing and other proposed organizational structures of SUAREC, it was determined that there is a need to bring clarity to the structure of the land-grant campus and reflect the new positions and functions that comprise it. The position of Executive Vice Chancellor was added. It was present in other administrations but was eliminated in recent years. This new position reports directly to the Chancellor-Dean. In addition to external legislative relations and strategic planning, this position also supervises all facilities projects associated with SUAREC. Currently, facilities personnel and activities are in various areas of the Ag Center. For efficiency, it was necessary to place all facilities

functions be centralized under on administrative area. The Ag Center was the only campus without an Advancement Director, therefore the position of Director for Advancement for SUAREC was created and will be responsible for the Chancellor-Dean. The day to day supervision of the position, in a coordinated fashion, will be done so by Chief Executive Officer of the Southern University System Foundation. The College has not had a recruitment officer in almost 30 years. Faculty in all three departments of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) agreed that this position was necessary and would make an immediate impact. Consequently, the position of Director of Recruitment and Retention was established. This position will report to the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Services/Associate Dean of CAFCS. In addition to the changes, there was some tweaking of titles to better reflect the individual's responsibilities and functions. On Today, Dr. McMeans is requesting approval of the updated version of the SUAREC organization structure.

There were no questions or comments.

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Ms. Ann Smith. Motion approved.

- F. Request Approval to Revise the Organizational Structure of SUBR specific to Student Affairs and Enrollment Management/Student Success (SUBR)** – Dr. Belton discussed in detail that “in an effort to provide a more focused and streamlined approach to the management for the functions of student affairs and enrollment management, the former division of student affairs and enrollment management are being separated, and two stand-alone divisions are being created, the division of student affairs and the division of enrollment management and student success. The university engaged in a thorough assessment and review of student affairs and enrollment management and has concluded that two signal focused divisions are needed, to achieve the strategic goals of enrollment growth and an enhanced holistic student experience for the SUBR student. In addition, the creation of the two divisions, we still achieve cost-efficiency for the university, as the plan includes the phasing out of two positions, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and the Assistant Vice Chancellor Student Success, are in place. The salary savings will be utilized to support he Vice Chancellor’s roles. The Vice Chancellor’s will report to the Chancellor of the Southern University Baton Rouge campus through the Executive Vice Chancellor. “

Atty Ed Shorty asked if there was a projected cost savings for creating two positions?

Dr. Belton mentioned yes there is a cost savings up to maybe \$60,000. It may be less. The range for both positions was \$130,000 subject to negotiations and the Vacancy position was budgeted at \$140,000 plus there were also two roles that were eliminated (Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Success)

Rev. Samuel Tolbert commented on the student affairs office being unstable and mention his concerns about the constant changes in the department. He wants to understand the savings. He mentioned he understands the president has authority to choose the person for the positions, but he wants to know the process for choosing the people for the positions. He also stressed his frustration about not being included in prior conversations before the meeting. He asked that he be included in the meetings so when he gets phone calls and inquiries, he will be aware of what it is going on and he will know how to respond

and not caught in crossfire. Atty Rutledge mentioned he take ownership and responsibility of how the personnel item was listed on the agenda initially and he receive his remarks. Dr. Belton addressed the comments from Rev. Tolbert, and he understood and noted his frustration and receive his remarks. Rev. Tolbert apologized to Atty Rutledge after explanation.

Upon the motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Atty Patrick Magee. Motion Approved.

G. Request Approval of BA-7 for the Southern University System:

1. Southern University Board of Supervisors
2. Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)
3. Southern University Law Center (SULC)
4. Southern University New Orleans (SUNO)
5. Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
6. Southern University Agricultural Extension and Research Center (SUAREC)

Mr. McClinton discussed ratifications for BA-7(1). He mentioned the source of funding is supplemental appropriations for interagency transfers and statutory dedications for the fiscal year 2019-2020. The University had an increase in interagency transfers for expenses related to COVID-19 relief efforts. Mr. McClinton discussed the funds related to COVID-19 in detail for this year and next year and the offset of expenditures for this year. (see packet for Request for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment support)

Dr. Leroy Davis asked if this was separate from the CARES ACT? Mr. McClinton told him yes it was separate. There were no additional questions.

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and second by Atty Edwin Shorty. Motion approved.

H. Request Approval of Laptop Fee for First-time Freshman (SUBR) – Dr. Belton discussed the Campus Technology Access Fee for First-time Freshman in detail and mentioned that this is in response to COVID-19. He mentioned the request is a fee for incoming freshman at SUBR beginning Fall 2020. Th proposed fee will assess a \$600 fee per laptop to ensure our students can access their education and campus-based resources from anywhere, anytime. This fee will be paid from increases in students’ Financial Aid “Cost of Attendance” for books and supplies. The Baton Rouge campus further plans to supplement up to 50% of the purchase through Title-III or other funding sources to help defray the cost of the laptops. The coronavirus pandemic has forced colleges and universities to re-think how we deliver a plethora of student services and make campuses more accessible to students on and off-campus. The requirement to equip our incoming students with laptops will ensure they have the tools they need for their academic work and access to campus resources anytime and anywhere. In Moving to this new reality at this time will lay the foundation that guarantees all students attending SUBR have the tools to stay connected to their education in short four (4) years from now. On today, Dr. Belton is requesting favorable endorsement of the Campus Technology Access Fee and that of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

Atty Rutledge mentioned he is in agreeance and has been discussing with Dr. Belton and happy to hear the amount will increase for the laptops.

There were questions from Mr. Sam Gilliam in reference to the CARES ACT and HBCU funds as well as comments and recommendations from Mr. Richard Hilliard in reference to a Opt out clause for students who have up to date laptops and they choose not to have a new one. And Mrs. Ann Smith commented on the student in rural areas who families have connection issues and asked if they could look in to contacting some of the providers to discount the broad band in the communities. Dr. Belton acknowledged Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard and Mrs. Ann Smith comments and recommendations.

Upon the motion by Mr. Richard Hilliard and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve the Campus Technology Access Fee of \$600 per laptop for incoming freshman at SUBR beginning Fall 2020 with the opt out provisions to be addressed as well as the special discount rates for wi-fi to be discussed with internet provider for students in rural areas. Motion approved.

- I. Request Approval to Suspend Athletic, Cheerleading, and Live Text Fees for the Summer 2020 and Fall 2021 Semesters (SUNO) - Dr. Ammons discussed back in January, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) requested the suspension of its Athletics Program and withdrawal from the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference as of June 30, 2020. The request was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Consequently, SUNO is now requesting that the athletic and cheerleading fees be suspended for the Summer 2020 semester and the FY 20-21 academic year. He mentioned SUNO is expected to realize savings from expenses avoided by not having the Athletic programs and anticipate reinvesting these savings into the academic enterprise. In addition, SUNO is requesting to discontinue the one-time Live Text fee that supported one of the assessment tools used in past years. (Detailed Support for student fees is included in packet)

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Atty Ed Shorty. Motion approved.

- J. Request Approval of Early Retirement Incentive Plans (SULC) – Chancellor John Pierre discussed in detail the Early Retirement Incentive Plans. The Southern University Law Center is proposing to offer retirement incentive plans to eligible faculty and staff employees as a proactive measure to reduce operating costs. The Law Center expects that by offering the Plans, some faculty and staff employees who are considering retirement soon may choose to retire now. The Plans’ participation will be limited to a maximum of eight eligible employees. (The Plans are included in the packet)

The Plans comply with the Board of Supervisors policies for Retirement Incentive Plans. The Plans will be limited to participants on a first-come, first serve basis. The projected net savings form the current proposed Plans could be \$231,500 in the first year, and \$350,000 thereafter. Chancellor Pierre is requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors.

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Leon Tarver II. Motion approved.

- K. Request Approval of E-Book Fee for Upper Level Law Students (SULC) – Chancellor John Pierre discussed the E-book Fee for Upper Level Law Students. Approximately one year ago, the Southern University System Board of Supervisors approved an E-book fee for incoming first year law students during the 2019-2020 academic year. The E-book fee was \$800.00 and saved incoming first-year law students on casebooks, textbooks, and supplemental study aids. The savings ranged from \$800.00 to \$1,300.00 during the 2019-2020 academic year.

The Southern University Law Center desires to take advantage of the opportunities for upper level students during the 2020-2021 academic year and beyond and thereby requests that the Board of Supervisors approve an E-book fee of \$800 for upper-level students. The savings for these students will range from \$800.00 - \$1,000.00. Chancellor Pierre will acknowledge any questions from the members.

Upon the motion by Attorney Patrick Magee and second by Rev. Samuel Tolbert. Motion approved.

Attorney Patrick Magee made a motion to approve items L – N globally and Dr. Leon Tarver II second the motion.

All Members present. Motion approved.

- L. Request Approval of the Southern University Transition to Work Plans for Summer/Fall 2020
1. Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)
 2. Southern University New Orleans (SUNO)
 3. Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
 4. Southern University Law Center (SULC)
 5. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)
 6. Southern University Laboratory School

Dr. Belton discussed update on students entering school one week early and completing by Thanksgiving for all campuses. As for Housing for the university, they are looking at several models which are guided by CDC – specific to higher ed – recognizing the need for social distancing.

(see all campus work plans in detail included in packet)

- M. Request Approval of COVID-19” Safe to Return” Employer Solutions Master Services Agreement
1. Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)
 2. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)
 3. Southern University New Orleans (SUNO)
 4. Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
 5. Southern University Law Center (SULC)

Dr. Belton discussed the COVID-19 Safe to Return Employer Solutions Master Services Agreement between Ochsner Clinic Foundation and Southern University for all campuses. He introduced and thanked the Ochsner Representative Carlos Calix for attending the meeting. Carlos thanked Dr. Belton and the BOS for the warm welcome and he mentioned he will discuss all their services in detail. He explained the services will be for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community. There were no questions. (see all Safe to Return for all campus documents in detail included in packet)

- N. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Southern University Baton Rouge and CareSouth Medical and Dental to provide COVID-19 and Influenza Testing (and Vaccination) for Employees (SUBR) – Dr. Belton discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Southern University Baton Rouge Campuses (SUBR and SUAG) and CareSouth Medical and Dental (CSMD) to protect Faculty and Staff against COVID-19 and Influenza Viruses. He introduced Mr. Matthew Valliere who is the Chief Executive Officer at CareSouth. Mr. Valliere thanked Dr. Belton and the Board for allowing him to be at the meeting. He explained that the Care South Medical and Dental is ready, willing and able to provide testing and vaccinations to Southern University employees and can make available all necessary and qualified personnel, equipment, and expertise to implement a testing and vaccination clinic. SUBR and CSMD agree to hold testing and vaccination services at SUBR’s Nursing School Facilities and SUAG agrees to provide use of its mobile unit. (information on MOU is described in detail in packet)

Mr. Valliere concluded with questions and/or comments.

Dr. Rani Whitfield commended Care South on providing excellent care and mentioned he worked there.

The question was asked if one test positive, will they be able to provide care. The answer was yes. He also mentioned he will provide antibody testing which he is already providing to athletics.

Dr. Leroy Davis commented that this was for the SUBR campus and what was the plan for the other campuses? Do they have a partnership? Dr. Belton said there is ongoing discussions about partnerships on the other campuses and that both SUSLA and SUNO are searching for units to assist. Dr. Ammons mentioned he is in the process with working with a partnership with NO east Hospital and he is working out details. Dr. Ellis mentioned he is in the process with working with a partnership with David Reign. He is working out the details.

Dr. Belton concluded with his goal is to have an environment which is safe. He thanked everyone for their consideration.

Attorney Rutledge thanked everyone for the great comments and observations and asked for any other comments or questions. There were none.

Attorney Patrick Magee made a motion to approve items O – R globally and Dr. Rani Whitfield second the motion.

Motion approved.

O. Request Approval to Grant Honorary Doctorate to Kenneth C. Frazier- Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Merck & Co., Inc. (SUBR) – Dr. Belton and Chancellor John Pierre commended Mr. Kenneth C. Frazier. They are nominating him to receive an Honorary Doctorate by Southern University and A & M College. Mr. Kenneth C. Frazier is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merck & Company, Inc. He has accepted an invitation to be the commencement speaker on August 7, 2020 for the Southern University A & M College commencement. Merck and Company is a leading biopharmaceutical company. Mr. Kenneth Frazier is a global leader, known for his significant contributions to business, law, and social justice. Mr. Frazier has caused Merck to increase its investments in research and development that have led to enhancing Merck’s legacy as a leader in developing vaccines that have been instrumental in halting the spread of the Ebola, which had a devastating effect on the continent of Africa. Mr. Frazier is an exceptional African American leader whose history mirrors the history of so many African Americans in the United States. They concluded mentioned they are hoping that Mr. Frazier receive favorable consideration for the honor.”

Atty Domoine Rutledge thanked Dr. Belton and Chancellor Pierre and mentioned he look forward to meeting him.

P. Request Approval of Executive Weekend Ph.D. Program in Public Policy (SUBR) – see board packet for support

Q. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Southern University System Foundation and the Nelson Mandela College Government and Social Sciences to establish an Educational Partnership (SUBR) – see board packet for support and signatures.

R. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000

| Name | Position/Campus | Salary | Funding Source |
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| 1. Latrina Collins | Executive Director of the Center for Student Success / Title III Co-Activity Director/ (Additional Appointment) SUBR | \$75,000.00 | Federal |
| 2. Moustapha Diack | Tenured Professor of Science Math Education (SMED) (Transfer) SUBR | \$83,200.00 | State |
| 3. Christine Jeansonne | Director of the Writing Center (New Appointment) SUBR | \$65,000.00 | State |

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| 4. | Zackeus Johnson | Executive Director – University College (New Appointment) SUBR | \$75,000.00 | Federal |
| 5. | Frederick Walton | Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (New Appointment) SUBR | \$130,000.00 | State |

S. Resolutions and Commendations

Dr. Katara Williams, Chief of Staff Read resolutions for the following:

Mr. Calvin Eugene Beal

Mr. Marino Casem

Mr. Thomas Earl Smith

Mr. James Edward Charles

Mr. Demetrick Lavell Metcalf Alexander

Ms. Hazel Turner

Commendations were extended to Southern University Lab School 2020 graduates and all 2020 graduates.

Mr. Fondel added George Floyd to the list.

Upon motion from Mr. Fondel to approve the read resolutions and commendations with additions and Dr. Leroy Davis second the motion. Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- A. Special Acknowledgment of 2019-2020 Outgoing Student Board Member – Mr. Donald Dunbar – Mr. Donald Dunbar received several commendations and acknowledgments from board members. Attorney Rutledge thanked Mr. Dunbar and acknowledged him for all his services. Mr. Raymond Fondel thanked Mr. Dunbar for keeping the students aware of everything during elections with SU Votes and all the historical moments. He wished him continued success. Dr. Belton thanked Mr. Dunbar for all his services on the SUBR Campus and the System. He mentioned it was a pleasure working with him in this role. Attorney Pat Magee thanked him for all his accomplishments and believe he will have great success and told him to contact him if needed.
- Mr. Donald Dunbar thanked everyone for welcoming him in as a student. He felt he was equal. He mentioned today was a sad day, but he is happy and excited and thank everyone for everything.
- Dr. Belton presented Mr. Dunbar with a marble plaque on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Photos were taken.
- B. Medical Marijuana Update (SUAREC) – Dr. Snowden was unable to attend the meeting; she plans to be in attendance next month.

- C. Legislative Update – Dr. Merrick gave legislative updates since the Legislature reconvened on May 4, 2020. She mentioned that many of the bills that were initially introduced prior to the COVID-19 pandemic were tabled and only bills that legislators deemed critical proceeded through the legislative process. The Regular session ended as scheduled on June 1. Legislators called a Special Session which began moments after the close of the Regular Session. The Special Session is set to end not later than June 30. There are 41 items, or subjects, that legislation can be introduced on during the Special Session. She provided information on HB2, the capital outlay or state construction bill, HB 689, Fee autonomies by Rep Zeranigue, SB 481 by Senator Fields, Dual Enrollment, and Medical Marijuana.

Dr. Merrick thanked the legislative delegation for their extraordinary support of the Southern System Team and Southern Strategy and the System Legislative Team for all their hard work. Dr. Merrick concluded her report.

Mr. Gilliam asked if Dual Enrollment bill was approved? Dr. Merrick mentioned it did make it through the process. HB734, which was approved. There was a question on the effect of legislation and if the results will broaden the pool to which we have access to as far as any budget cuts. Dr. Belton and Mr. McClinton addressed the question.

Dr. Davis inquired about the number of bills for medical marijuana that was passed and requested a summary on them. Dr. Merrick mentioned the marijuana bills didn't advance and once the session reconvened, they didn't open any of the bills in the special session.

Dr. McMeans commented that he will bring them back on next year.

- D. SUBR Athletic Update – AD Banks gave a very detail update on athletics for the fall. He mentioned he had been questions on if there were going to be a football season. "As of today, there are three options being considerate at the time. 1) Original Football schedule, 2) starting in October playing conference games only or 3) Spring Schedule. AD Banks is in favor of spring schedule because he feels there will be vaccinations in place for the safety of the players. He gave details on the social distancing in the athletic department as far as the training rooms and sports facility and testing for athletes and employees by CareSouth. He mentioned the new configuration of stadium which will only hold 5500 – 6500 people. The season book holders and students will have priority to seating. There will be no game day tickets. Depending on the response from the season book holders, there way be very minimum tickets available to sale on game day. Bayou Classic won't be in NOLA this year or next year. Possibly Campus of SU Shreveport and possibly LSU with social distancing in place. This is a home game for Southern but a joint game for both campuses. Season tickets will go on sale in the next couple weeks and he must mention the season will be different. Tailgating, Mask and Temperature check upon entrance to each game and concession stand. AD Banks concluded his report.

Mr. Richard Hilliard questioned if athletics would be suspended? Coach Banks told him no SUBR will have a season, SUNO has suspended their athletics. He mentioned that Southern won't be traveling to Detroit and they won't be playing the first game against FAMU.

There was a question in reference to the plan in place for quarantine – students who test positive. AD Banks said he is working out a quarantine plan with CareSouth and the plan

is for the students to come back in July for workouts and training. He recognizes the importance of the quarantine plan because he understands there will be a high possibility that will be needed when the students return.

Mr. Raymond Fondel commended AD Banks on his hard work with SWAC and commended the athletic department. He realizes that sports are fluid and constantly change and understand that plans can be changed in the upcoming months. Encouraged AD Banks to stand strong. AD Banks echoed Mr. Fondel by stating that the information is changing daily. Each day is something new.

AD banks were asked to speak on the game against LSU. He mentioned the student athletes wanted the challenge and they wanted to engage with LSU. He said the game speak volume and it is going to be a major event with weeklong activities leading up to the Saturday of the game which is scheduled for September 10, 2022.

Attorney Rutledge thanked AD Banks for the detail report and all additional information provided. He understands that information is subject to change. He thanked the Athletic Chair Mr. John Barthelemy for his constant contact with AD Banks and asked him to please update the board as the information change. He thanked him for all his work and his teamwork.

- E. SUNO Accreditation Update – Dr. Ammons discussed in detail the SACSCOC. He mentioned “the meeting had been rescheduled to July 7 – 9, 2020. The meeting will virtual. None of the members will be visiting in person, the visit will be virtual. The visit will be after the fiscal year which will allow them to share the actual amounts. They have discussed actions taken and planned but requested actual audit numbers for compliance.” Dr. Ammons mentioned everyone has been working hard to get all requested information and will have the final report to present by July 1. Dr. Ammons was optimistic about the sanction being removed and mentioned they would have a mock site visit to get ready for the actual visit. He reminded the board that Aug 31 – Sept 3 is the meeting in Tampa, Florida. SUNO will be required o participate and attend the meeting but will provide more information as it come available.” Dr. Ammons concluded his report. There were no questions.

- F. Finance Update

- 1. Interim Financial Reports

- Mr. McClinton gave a brief overview of the General Operating Budget Financial Statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 As of May 31, 2020. He mentioned he will be watching revenues going forward. He commented that “there will be no cuts for the fiscal year. He said the summer school numbers are fluent, but he didn’t have final numbers. The CFOs on the campuses are making provisions in case the numbers are not materialized and they will adjust accordingly.” Mr. McClinton concluded his report. There were no questions.

- Mr. John Barthelemy asked to be dismissed, he had to leave the call for another appointment. Attorney Rutledge acknowledged his departure.

G. COVID – 19

1. Louisiana Health Equity Taskforce – Atty Domoine Rutledge commended Dr. Sandra Brown, the Co-chair of the La COVID-19 Health Equity Taskforce Executive Committee for her efforts and hard work. He thanked her for attending the meeting and wanted to let her have a few minutes to update the board on the LA COVID-19 Health Equity Taskforce Executive Committee. Dr. Brown thanked Atty Rutledge for the invite and greeted all BOS Members. Dr. Brown discussed in detail, the committee’s charge, the goals and outcomes, the timeline, the subcommittees and the deliverables for each subcommittee. She concluded her presentation by recognizing Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Orlando McMeans, two individuals from Southern University who was chosen to be on the executive committee.

Dr. Whitfield and Dr. McMeans thanked Dr. Brown for being a part of the committee. They also acknowledged Dr. Brown and thanked her for her leadership. Dr. Ammons “acknowledged Dr. Brown for taking on the role and representing Southern University. He also acknowledged Senator Fields and Governor Edwards for choosing her, because she has great talent.”

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty Rutledge thanked the chancellors and the SU Coronavirus Task Force for all their work and caring out the mission of the university. He also acknowledged all members of the Board of Supervisors for enable the system to advance the mission and challenges to navigate through this period. He hopes to meet in person soon.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Samuel Tolbert made a motion to adjourn, Atty Domoine Rutledge second the motion. Motion passed.