

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.
December 10, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Committee as a Whole meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by board Chairman Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Gerard Robinson, pastor of McKowen Missionary Baptist Church.

Everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Dr. Ray Belton.

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Atty. Jody Amedee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Ms. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Mr. Kevin Taylor-Jarrell, II and Mrs. Arlanda Williams.

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam, Ms. Christy Reeves, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Attorney Edwin Shorty and second by Mr. Richard Hilliard the agenda was recommended for adoption with addition of Resolution being added under informational items.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and Second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve item A.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the November 26, 2021, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting

There was a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and Second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to approve in global items B (1-3).

Motion passed.

- B. Request Approval for Internal Audit Items (SUS)
 - 1. Charter for the Internal Audit Department
 - 2. Audit Schedule
 - 3. Internal Audit Quality Improvement Plan

There was a motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and Second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve item C.

Motion passed.

- C. Request Approval for Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Baton Rouge and Southern University Ag Center and Terra Vega, Inc. (SUBR/SUAREC)

There was a motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and Second by Mr. Myron Lawson to approve in global items D & E. Note: Chairman Rutledge did not participate in the voting – Vice Chairman called for the motion.

Motion passed.

- D. Request Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Southern University Law Center, the Louisiana Housing Cooperation, and the Office of Community Development (SULC)
- E. Request Approval to Utilize Prior Year Funds for Student Transit (SUBR)

There was a motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and Second by Ms. Arlanda Williams to approve item F.

Motion passed.

Chairman of Athletic committee, Mr. John Barthelemy introduced AD Roman Banks who introduced Coach Dooley to the board members and gave brief comments of Coach Dooley success at Prairie View. Coach Dooley thanked everyone for their support. He thanked President Belton and Chairman Rutledge and he mention that he is looking forward to the new beginnings and new season.

- F. Request Approval of Head Football Coach Contract (SUBR)

There was a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and Second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to approve in global items G (1-7). Note: Chairman Rutledge did not participate in the voting – Vice Chairman called for the motion.

Motion passed.

G. One-Year Salary Adjustment for Additional Duties Assigned through the Housing Eviction and Diversion Project Funded by the LCH and DOA Grant (SULC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Marla Dickerson	Project Director Additional Duties (SULC)	\$151,000.00	State
2. Alycia Grace-O’Bear	Project Manager Additional Duties (SULC)	\$109,900.00	State
3. Keegel Henderson	Administrative Additional Duties (SULC)	\$61,000.00	State
4. Jasmine Hunter	Public Relations Additional Duties (SULC)	\$85,000.00	State
5. Gloria Jones	Administrative Additional Duties (SULC)	\$61,000.00	State
6. Paula Matthews	Administrative Additional Duties (SULC)	\$91,000.00	State
7. Alvin Washington	Attorney Additional Duties (SULC)	\$119,800.00	State

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and Second by Ms. Arlanda Williams to approve in global items H (1-9).

Motion passed.

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Krystle Allen	Assistant Specialist/Program Leader (CED) Salary Adjustment (SUAREC)	\$68,000.00	Federal
2. Zanetta Augustine	Assistant Specialist/Program Leader (ANR) Salary Adjustment (SUAREC)	\$70,000.00	Federal
3. Tambria Bradford	Associate Director of Academics New Appointment (SUBR)	\$65,000.00	State/NCAA Grant
4. Phillippe Carter	Director of Athletic Compliance New Appointment (SUBR)	\$75,000.00	State
5. Ajeanne Dillon	Director of Student Athlete Academic Services Additional Duties (SUBR)	\$68,165.00	NCAA Grant
6. Allison Ezidore-Tassin	Graphic Artist and Web Content Specialist Salary Adjustment (SUAREC)	\$60,000.00	Federal

7. Marlin Hollins	Director of Development New Appointment (SUBR)	\$75,000.00	State
8. Tamika Porter	Program Manager Salary Adjustment (SUAREC)	\$65,000.00	Federal
9. Jeremiah Sams	Associate General Counsel for Procurement, Contracts, Leases and Public Records New Appointment (SUS)	\$80,000.00	State

There was a motion by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and Second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve in global items I & J.

Motion passed.

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary of items I & J.

- I. Clarification of Personnel Action for Charles Rice, SULC Program Manager and Consultant (\$119,700.00)
- J. Clarification of Personnel Action for Samantha Thompson, SULC Analyst for Institutional Effectiveness (72,000.00)

8. Informational Item(s)

A. Resolutions

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

- Mr. Russell Eugene Cooks, Sr.
- Mr. Theodore Fountaine, Jr.
- Mr. Roy Dene Stallworth, Sr.

There was a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson to approve the read resolutions and Mr. John Barthelemy second the motion.

Motion approved.

A. President's Report

Dr Belton expressed appreciation to board members for their participation in the Fall Commencement this morning where 450 students received diploma. He thanked the faculty and staff as well. He extended Season's Greetings to everyone and wished them a Happy Holiday. He wanted to inform the members that the civil service has approved the salary increase for all the hourly employees who will now receive \$10/hr and/or more. Those that are making less than \$10 will be increase to \$10. He thanked Atty Tracie Woods for all her hard work and diligence in meeting with civil service to make sure the employees get an increase. He also thanked the leaders on the campuses. The employees will receive 5% increase. This has been long time coming. He thanked everyone for their support.

B. Chancellor's Reports

(SUNO) Dr. Ammons extended Season's Greetings to everyone and wished them a Happy Holiday. He mentions the holiday season has started early at SUNO. The SACSCOC has

reaffirmed SUNO accreditation for ten years without further reporting. SUNO won't have to provide any additional information to SACSCOC. Also, the Gulf Coast Athletics will readmit SUNO pending NAIA approval. Received a call that the NAIA membership committee voted to approve the application. The next step is to send a site visit team to SUNO in February and based on the site visit, there will be recommendations to the council of presidents who will vote in April on SUNO athletics. In closing, Dr. Ammons said "SUNO Athletics are coming back."

(SUSLA) Dr. Appeaning mentioned he has been in the interim position for one month. He mentioned it has been a productive one month. He's spent time being engaged with faculty, staff, and students to discuss Spring 2022 vision. He thanked everyone for their support and gave a shoutout to Dr. Belton and Chairman Rutledge for all their support. Dr. Appeaning thanked the foundation and the Shreveport Community for celebrating SUSLA. They collected \$100k donation from the community. He thanked Dr. Belton and Mr. Sam Gilliam for supporting the community event.

(SUAREC) Dr. McMeans discussed the 1890 Center of Excellence. He mentioned they received \$1.68 million from the center. He also announced that Walmart Foundation has awarded the Center of Excellence \$500k to support the advancement. Dr. McMeans acknowledged the project director and other team members who were in attendance today.

(SULC) Chancellor Pierre acknowledged SULC tech. He mentioned the Caddo Parish voted on December 1 and approved an additional \$700k for technology. Professor Deleso Alford will be leading the effort and has 30 days to get everything ready by the time class start around January 10. He mentioned on the 20th of December, Congressman Troy Carter will be on campus at the Valdry Center. He wants to come in to see what we're doing with the minority business development center. There will be a reception around 1230. Chancellor Pierre was asking for the board support at the event.

(SUBR) Dr. Sahoo thanked the board members for attending the commencement today. He mentioned the meeting he had with the PhD Faculty. He thanked the faculty and staff. He gave kudos to Dr. Johnson who leads freshman 1st year Experience Student Success.

9. Other Business

Chairman Rutledge reminded the members of the January 2022 Board meeting. It will be held on January 7, 2022, in the SU Board of Supervisors Board Room on Baton Rouge Campus at 9am.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Myron Lawson made a motion to adjourn.