

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, July 15, 2022

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Admin Bldg.

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Attorney Edwin Shorty.

The invocation was given by Vice Chairman Dr. Rani Whitfield

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kalen Williams, a 7th grade student at Southern University Laboratory School.

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Roll Call

Roll Call by President Dennis J. Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Dr. Leon Tarver, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Myron Lawson

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Ms. Arlanda Williams and second by Ms. Christy Reeves recommending the agenda for adoption.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(S)

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Ann Smith to approve Action Item 6A.

- A. Request Approval to conduct a feasibility study at the Southern University Law Center to offer a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies at its Shreveport Office Campus Instructional Site (OCIS) (SULC)

Having a feasibility study would help determine if the Law Center should follow this trend and expand legal education opportunities in the Shreveport/Bossier Metropolitan area as we build capacity to develop legal education opportunities in that region of Louisiana.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Three-Year Plan for New Academic Programs and Board of Regents Summary (SUS)

This new process has a requirement that each institution will develop and submit for approval, a Three-Year Academic Plans to coordinate with the annual budget process in September.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Arlanda Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.**

MINUTES

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Dennis J. Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leon Tarver, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. Richard Hilliard, , Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Myron Lawson

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Rani Whitfield and second by Dr. Leon Taraver

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

Mr. Dawson gave a brief summary of the current projects.

A. Facilities and Properties Updates

Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus

- Honors Dormitory Project (\$36,000,000) – Stakeholder meeting held with campus, Office of Facility Planning and Control (FPC), lender, and program representatives. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between University and FPC being developed. Preliminary Programming Underway. Anticipated designer selection in September 2022.
- New Student Life Center/Union (\$45,000,000) - Stakeholder meeting held with campus, Office of Facility Planning and Control (FPC), lender, and program representatives. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between University and FPC being developed. Preliminary Programming Underway. Anticipated designer selection in September 2022.

Southern University Law Center

- Renovations and Addition to Existing Law Library (\$11,400,000) – Fusion Architects, APC + Williams & Williams Architecture, LLC - A Joint Venture Partnership selected as designer. Pre-design conference held June 30th

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Rani Whitfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Chair Ms. Arlanda Williams called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Dennis J. Shields

Present: Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon Tarver, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Myron Lawson–Vice-Chair,

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):

A. Interim Financial Reports

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Ms Christy Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**(Following Finance Committee)
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.**

AGENDA

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Vice Chair Mr. Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by Mr. Denis J. Shields

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Vice Chairamn, Dr. Leroy Davis, Ms. Naudia Foster, Ms. Christy Reeves, and Atty. Edwin Shorty

Absent: Mr. Myron Lawson

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S):

Motion was made by Ms. Christy Reeves and seconded by Ms. Naudia Foster to approve Action Items 5A.

Motion passed.

Chancellor Pierre gave a brief summary of the policy.

- A. Request Approval to Establish a Health Equity Law & Policy Institute at the Southern University Law Center (SULC)

Recently the Law Center has developed a partnership with the Office of the Mayor President in Baton Rouge to advance health literacy in East Baton Rouge Parish. The project to advance health literacy formally known as the Baton Rouge Advancing Health Literacy (BRAHL) project is a first step towards positioning the Law Center to be a leader in doing research,

educating law students, and promoting advocacy and policy solutions to reduce health disparities and increase health equity.

Motion was made by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Ms. Naudia Foster to approve Action Items 5B.

Motion passed.

Attorney Tracie Woods gave a brief summary of the policy.

B. Request Approval of Shared Leave Pool Policy (SUS)

In July 2005, this policy was originally approved by the SUBOS, however, the SUBOS never really implemented the policy or procedures. During the 2022 Louisiana House of Representatives Regular Session, House Bill No. 980/Act 649 was passed. This House Bill requires all state agencies to provide a shared leave pool for employees or for employees to care for family members when an employee does not have sufficient annual, sick or compensatory leave. The SU System will develop procedures to accompany this policy.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Leroy Davis made motion to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Dennis J. Shields

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver, Chair, Ms. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Atty Jody Amedee, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Ms. Arlanda Williams, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Tarver acknowledge several changes to the agenda. 1) Remove 5A and 2) update salary for 5B(2). Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and second by Ms. Arlanda Williams, the agenda was recommended for adoption with the noted changes.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Request Approval of Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure Track) Positions in the School of Nursing equal to or greater than \$75,000.00 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Brandi Wicks	Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure Track) New Appointment	\$82,482.00	State

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5B(1).

Motion Approved

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5B(2).

Motion Approved

There was a motion by Chairman Shorty and second by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve action item 5B (3).

Motion Approved – Voting - Abstention – Ms. Arlanda Williams

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Lanetta Barthelemy	Program Coordinator/ Facilities Planning New Appointment	\$75,000.00	State
2. Jamaul Jackson	DOIT System Administrator New Appointment	\$75,000.00 \$65,000.00	State Federal
3. Allen Vital	Chief of Staff New Appointment	\$150,000.00	State

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5C (1-2) in global.

Motion Approved

Chancellor Ammons explained these individuals are replacements. Chairman Shorty and Ms. Arlanda Williams asked about enrollment @ SUNO and the # of students graduating. Dr. Ammons informed them that he will get that information to them. It was a request to have the # of graduate students on the academic committee next month.

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Willie Jones	AVC for Graduate Studies New Position	\$100,000.00	State
2. Tanya Rose	Dean of The College of Education and Human Development New Appointment	\$100,000.00	State

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5D.

Motion Approved

Dr. Appeaning gave explanation of Interim Position and informed the board that this is temporary.

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Michael Taylor	Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management New Appointment (6 months)	\$60,300.00	State

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5E.

Motion Approved

Chancellor McMeans gave explanation of New Appointment.

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
2. Harold Mellieon	Research Assistant Professor and Academic Coordinator New Appointment	\$90,000.00	Federal

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Arlanda Williams made motion to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**(Following Personnel Affairs Committee)
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Atty Edwin Shorty.

Roll Call by President Dennis J. Shields

Present:

Atty. Jody Amedee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Naudia Foster, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Leon R. Tarver II, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitified, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

Absent:

Mr. Myron Lawson

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion and second to adopt the agenda minus Action Items 6H.
Motion adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Name – Ms. Gloria B. Moultrie

Organization – Retired

Agenda Item – 6H

Comment – The SUNO Foundation should remain in place. (Requested to speak)

Name – Senator Bowie

Organization – District 3

Agenda Item – 6H

Comment – Speaking on behalf of The SUNO Foundation. Will have a meeting with Chairman Shorty to discuss in more detail and come to an agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Above and Beyond

The Above and Beyond Award was presented by Mr. Maurice Pitts. He presented the award to Mr. Raymond Plain who is the Superintendent of Grounds.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(S)

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis to approve Action Items 6A and 6B in global.

Motion Approved

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of the June 24, 2022, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

Motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Mr. John Barthelemy to approve Action Item 6C.

Motion Approved

- C. Request Approval to initiate the search by hiring a search firm and appointing a search committee for chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, Louisiana. (SUS)

Motion was made by Ms. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to approve Action Item 6D.

Motion Approved

- D. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between SUNO and National Investment Division (NID) Housing Counseling Agency (SUNO) *The purpose of this MOU is to include SUNO, as one of several HBCUs, in an NID-HUD grant to perform housing counseling. The NID training will be done at SUNO's Small Business Incubator by one of the Small Business Development Management Institute (SBDMI) residents, who is a certified HUD Counseling Agent. This initiative will bring more resources to our community and stipends for our students (in the amount of \$1,000 per eligible student, up to 30 students) to complete the housing counseling internship, certification, training and exam.*

Motion was made by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Ms. Arlanda Williams to approve Action Item 6E.

Motion Approved

- E. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between SUNO and the California Community College (CCC) (SUNO) *The purpose of this agreement is to ensure acceptance of prior coursework and to facilitate the transfer of CCC students who have completed their Associates degree with a 2.5 or high GPA or a minimum of 30 transferrable semester units with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Through this agreement, recruitment activities will include transfer conferences, transfer fairs, professional conferences, and to visit SUNO. Additional efforts*

will be made for STEM majors.

Motion was made by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Ms. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 6F.

Motion Approved

- F. Request Approval for Data Use and Registration Agreement between Vanderbilt Medical Center (VUMC) and Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)

The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure the security and confidentiality of any information that an Authorized Data User accesses, receives, uses, discloses, transmits, maintains or creates.

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and seconded by Mr. John Barthelemy to approve Action Item 6G.

Motion Approved

- G. Request Approval for Renewal of Accidental Insurance Policy (SUS)

Approval of the Student Accident and Athletic Insurance Proposals will provide accidental coverage for all students and provide insurance coverage for athletes. Approval will result in the fee being increased from \$20 to \$23 as it was prior to 2020 COVID reduction.

- ~~H. Request Approval to dissolve the October 1, 2020 Memorandum of Agreement between the SUNO Foundation and SUNO, to repeal Section 6-4 Southern University at New Orleans Foundation of the Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and to encourage the SUNO Foundation and the Southern University System Foundation to engage in discussions of a possible merger of the foundations and report such efforts to the Office of General Counsel. (SUNO)~~

~~*Approval of this item will dissolve SUNO's official relationship with the SUNO Foundation and encourage possible merger discussions between the SUNO Foundation and Southern University System Foundation.*~~

AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Melva Williams, Chief of Staff read resolutions and commendations for the following:

Resolutions

- Ms. Willie Mae Freeman Alexis
- Rev. Dr. Huey Price Lawson
- Ms. Carrie Ponds
- Ms. Patricia Robinson
- Mr. Jimmy Ray Williams, Jr.

There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve the read resolutions with the additions and Mr. John Barthelemy second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- a. President's Report
President Dennis J. Shields gave a brief report.
- b. Chancellor's Report
All Chancellors gave a brief report. Detail Chancellor reports are located in the Board office as well as online.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Shorty recognized Senator Bowie.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Samuel Tolbert made motion to adjourn the meeting.