

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, July 21, 2023

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J S Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph James Mitchell, Pastor of True Vine Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ariel Stewart, a Senior at Southern University Lab School.

Amendment was made to the agenda. Added Agenda Item B under Special Presentations.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Chairman Myron K. Lawson

A. Above and Beyond Award

Dr. Appeaning introduced the recipient as his mentee. He presented the award to Dr. Toni W. Manogin, she is The System Associate Vice President and SUBR Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Effectiveness Policy and Planning.

B. Special Recognition of Harry Williams / President and CEO of Thurgood Marshall College Fund (SUS)

C. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Chat GPT Presentation by IBM and the Southern University Law Center (SULC)

Chancellor Pierre introduced Dr. Derrick Warren to come to podium and discuss AI and introduce the IBM representatives. Dr. Warren introduced the AI team (Alexis, Spark, and Rick) who gave a brief AI presentation. There were questions and comments from Dr. Whitfield and Atty Rutledge. Dr. Warren and Mr. Rick Weaver responded to the board members.

The academic affairs committee was called to order by Dr. Leon Tarver.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ROLL CALL

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Dennis J. Shields

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

Absent: Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Atty Jody Amedee that the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(s)

Dr. Sahoo gave a summary. The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Items 6A.

Motion Approved.

- A. Request Approval of Curriculum Change (New Undergraduate Degree in Construction Management) – College of Sciences and Engineering (SUBR)
- B. Request Approval of Curriculum Revision – (Traditional on-campus) Master of Science in Criminal Justice (SUBR)

The motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith and seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve Action Items 6B.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Friday, July 21, 2023

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9:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chairman 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, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Paul Mathews

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver 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)

Mr. Kenneth Dawson and Ms. Simone Whitmore gave a presentation and update on all campuses. There were questions from the board members. Mr. Dawson addressed all questions.

Information provided in package.

- A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

Friday, July 21, 2023

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9:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron K. Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Vice Chair Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

Present: Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon Tarver II, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Mr. Raymond Fondel sat in on the committee (quorum)

Absent: Mrs. Christy Reeves and Dr. Arlanda Williams- Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

Mr. McClinton mentioned the information was in the package, but he is available for any questions. Atty Domoine Rutledge asked Mr. McClinton if there should be any concerns about the finances. Mr. McClinton addressed with additional details. Atty Rutledge thanked Mr. McClinton for the information.

The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge that Action Item 5A be approved.

Motion Approved

A. Request Approval of Ratification of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Adjustment (BA-7) #1 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)

The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mr. Raymond Fondel that Action Item 5B be approved.

Motion Approved

B. Request Approval of Ratification of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Adjustment (BA-7) #2 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)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

A. Interim Financial Reports (SUS)

Per Mr. McClinton, The detailed information is in the packet. There were some questions from the board members in reference to the financial report. Mr. McClinton addressed all questions.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**(Following Governance Committee)****Friday, July 21, 2023**

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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 9:00 AM

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, Atty Jody Amedee, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II., and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair and Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dr. Anthony Igiède – Reference to Action Item 5H – In support of Reorganization.
2. Dr. Thomas Miller - Reference to Action Item 5H – In support of Reorganization.
3. Dr. Albert Samuels Reference to Action Item 5H – Need to split the roles of President and Chancellor
4. Dr. Jill Murray – Reference to Action Item 5E – Ask for delay of vote
 Dr. Ammons responded to Dr. Murray. He wanted to let her know that the PAFs submitted in the board packet were incorrect.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Action Item 5(A-E) be approved globally with amendment to correct title on 5E (5 & 6).

Motion Approved

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

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Tracey Taylor-Jarrell	Coordinator of Board Relations Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$85,000.00	State

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B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000 (SUSLA)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
2. Michael Thomas	Director of Marketing and University Relations New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$72,400.00	State

C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000 (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Devaiah Kambiranda	Research Professor Rehire	<i>Waived</i>	\$97,500.00	State
2. Oscar Udoh	Director of Grants and Contracts Title Change Only	<i>N/A</i>	No Change	State

D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Winton Anderson	Director of Student Leadership and Engagement Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$65,000.00	State
2. Dale Auzenne	Director of Intramural Sports and Recreation Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$74,165.00	State
3. Michael Rennie Bailey	Asst Men's Basketball Coach New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$65,000.00	State
4. Alencia Ellis	Assistant Director of the Health Center Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$116,418.50	State
5. Anthony Jackson	Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$107,000.00	State
6. Jermaine Proshee	Director of Student Media Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$67,980.00	State
7. Rashaad Richardson	Academic Liaison/Asst Men's Basketball Coach New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$75,000.00	State
8. Sean Stanford	Mental Health Therapist 2 New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$64,000.00	State
9. Greta Wilkes	Director of the Health Center Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$148,500.00	State

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E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Heather Freeman	Director of University College, Access and Inclusion New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$105,000.00	State
2. Gregory Ford	Tenured Associate Professor Biomedical Science New Appointment	<i>N/A</i>	\$108,000.00	State
3. Alonda Gibson	Chief Disbursement Officer Salary Adjustment	<i>Search</i>	\$70,907.00	State
4. Adriel Hilton	Associate Professor Education & Human Development New Appointment	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 84,000.00	State
5. Treniese Monday	Tenured Professor Instructor Bachelor of Science in Nursing New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$75,000.00	State
6. Tanisha Smothers	Tenure Track Instructor Bachelor of Science in Nursing New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$75,000.00	State

F. Request Approval of Leave of Absence for Tracie Reed (SUSLA)

There were questions from Dr. Tarver and Atty Shorty. Atty Blache responded to the questions.

The motion was made by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Action Item 5F be approved.

Motion Approved

G. Request Approval of the Recommendation of Chancellor Emeritus for Dr. Leodrey Williams at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. (SUAREC)

The motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Action Item 5F be approved.

Motion Approved

H. Request Approval of Southern University System Reorganization Plan (SUS)

There was lengthy discussion around the Reorganization Plan and separation of positions. Several Board members made comments.

The motion was made by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Chancellor John Pierre be appointed to be the Interim Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer.

Motion Approved

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Discussion on Filling Key Vacancies on Each Campus

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

PRESENT

Atty Jody Amedee, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Rev. Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Jy'Ron Young

ABSENT

Mr. Paul Matthews, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel Tolbert, and Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion and second to approve action item (5A-5D) to be approved globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the June 16, 2023, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Recommendations
- C. Request Approval of Ratification Authorizing the Southern University Law Center/ Southern University System to Apply for Infrastructure Grants (SULC)
- D. Request Approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between Southern University and A&M College and the Southern University System Foundation (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolutions

- Cheryl Coleman Bass
- Vera Skinner Henry
- Macqueline Arline Jenkins Joseph

Commendations

- Southern University Alum Colonel Paris D. Davis

There was a motion by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve the read resolutions and commendations and Dr. Rani Whitfield second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):

- A. Presidential Report
- B. Chancellor's Reports

To Do: For next meeting, CISCO Presentation (SUNO) and recognize the Cricket Team (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lawson thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a great weekend.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.