# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, June 24, 2022 Southern University at Shreveport Jesse Stone Lecture Hall Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **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 Dr. Timothy R. Jones who is the Senior Pastor at Peaceful Rest Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SUSLA Student, Ms. Tami Williams who is the New Miss SUSLA 2022 – 2023.

# Swearing in and Induction of 2022–2023 New Student Board Member

Ms Naudia Foster was sworn in by Attorney Brandon Decuir as the student member to the SU Board of Supervisors for 2022 – 2023. Naudia is the SBA President at SULC.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: Roll Call**

## Roll Call by Dr. Ray L. Belton

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mrs. Christy Reeves, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Dr. Leon Tarver–Vice-Chair

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Mr. Myron Lawson recommending the agenda for adoption.

Motion Approved.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Dottie Bell with Caddo Parish School board discusses Dual Enrollment. She mentions the number of students enrolled in dual enrollment has increased.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(S)**

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary of the institute.

Motion was made by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 7A.

A. Request Approval to Establish the Insurance Law and Policy Institute at the Southern University Law Center (SULC)

Approval of this institute establishes a pipeline for creating academic and workforce opportunities with the La Department of Insurance.

Dr. Ammons gave a summary of the agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Ann Smith to approve Action Item 7B.

- B. Articulation Agreement between Washtenaw Community College (WCC) and Southern University at New Orleans in the following areas (SUNO)
  - 1. Biology
  - 2. Child Development and Family Studies
  - 3. HBCU Partnership
  - 4. Criminal Justice

Approval of this agreement solidifies a partnership between SUNO and Washtenaw Community College for the purpose of recruitment.

Dr. Belton gave a summary.

Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Ann Smith to approve Action Item 7C.

- C. Request Approval of Ratification of Favorable Tenure and Promotion Appeals (SUBR)
  - 1. Dr. Phillis Okwan Tenure and Promotion
  - 2. Dr. Yassar Ismail Tenure and Promotion

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS** 

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT** 

Mr. Myron Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

# ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Friday, June 24, 2022 (Following the Academic Affairs Committee) Southern University at Shreveport Jesse Stone Lecture Hall Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **MINUTES**

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Athletics Committee. Chair Atty Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by Dr. Belton

**Present:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge- Chairman, Dr. Rani Whitfield – Vice-Chairman, Mr. Myron Lawson, M. Richard Hillard. Raymond Fondel and Atty. Edwin Shorty – Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Jody Amedee, III

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

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

Motion passed.

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

None

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

Atty Rutledge gave comments on the extension for Head Coach. He commended the head baseball coach and team on a job well done for the past season. He recognized AD Banks.

Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Mr. Raymond Fonde to approve Action Item 5A.

A. Request Approval of Contract Extension for Head Baseball Coach Chris Crenshaw

Approval of this item extends the term by two-years to the existing contract. All other terms of the original contract remain the same.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raymond Fondel made motion to adjourn the meeting.

# FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Athletics Committee)
Friday, June 24, 2022
Southern University at Shreveport
Jesse Stone Lecture Hall
Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **AGENDA**

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 Dr. Belton

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: Vice-Chair, Mr. John Barthelemy and Dr. Leon Tarver

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Myron Lawson

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

None

## AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

Mr. Kenneth Dawson gave a brief update on the projects.

He announced the gateway groundbreaking will be on June 28, 2022. The announcement will be at the Valdry center. He wants to congratulate Dr. Belton before he leaves for retirement. This was a project that Dr. Belton is excited to see.

Motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Myron Lawson to approve Action Item 5 (1-4) in global.

#### Request to Submit Act 959 Projects for Approval

Act 959 of 2003 permits higher education institutions to initiate certain capital projects not exceeding \$5M that are funded with self-generated revenues, auxiliary income, grants, donations, local, or federal funds.

In accordance with the provisions of Act 959, the Office of Facilities Planning (on behalf of Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge) requests approval from the Facilities Committee of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors and the entire Board to submit the following projects

to the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Division of Administration, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for final approval:

- (1) Global Innovation and Welcome Center This project involves the construction of a 12,000sf building to house the Office of Sponsored Research and the Office for International Students while also serving as a Welcome Center for campus visitors. The building will have a large auditorium that can also be used as a social distancing compliant classroom as well as meeting/lecture rooms and conference rooms. The estimated project cost is \$5M which will be funded through a combination of HEERF funds and operating budget appropriations.
- (2) T.H. Harris Learning Lobby This project involves enclosing the walkways and a portion of the courtyard adjacent to T.H. Harris Hall and conditioning this enclosed space to provide an area for individual and collaborative student activities. The estimate for this project is \$1.5M which will be funded with Title III grant funds and HEERF funds.
- (3) Outdoor Classroom/Amphitheatre This project involves the construction of a 1500 seat outdoor classroom and lecture space. The estimated project cost is \$2M which will be funded with HEERF funds.
- (4) New Public Safety Building This project involves the construction of a new campus police station to relocate campus police operations in preparation for the construction of the new School of Business and Professional Accountancy building. The estimated project cost is \$1,500,000 which will be funded with HEERF funds.

## 2. Informational Item(s)

## Southern University Agricultural and Research Extension Center

- A.O. Williams Hall Renovations (\$5,600,400) –East wing under construction. Estimated construction completion Spring 2023
- Mega Disaster Relief Shelter (\$23,375,000) Design continues. Estimated construction completion TBD

#### Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus

- School of Business/Professional Accountancy (\$45,500,000) Programming meetings being held with designer and the University
- New STEM Complex Building (\$68,500,000) Design continues. Programming meetings being held with designer and the University
- Stewart Hall Wall Mounted HVAC Units 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors (\$1,800,000) Design phase continues
- Honors Dormitory Project (\$36,000,000) Preliminary Programming Underway. Anticipated designer selection in August 2022.
- New Student Life Center/Union (\$45,000,000) Preliminary Programming Underway. Anticipated designer selection in August 2022.
- DOTD Ravine Erosion Control & Road Improvements (TBD) Additional \$35M from USDA committed for project
- J.W. Fisher Renovations Phase 1 Classroom & Labs, Mechanical, Electrical, Window Systems,

Interior Finishes Upgrades (\$8,500,000) - Currently in Progress

- Demolition of Jesse Owens Hall, Dairy Barn (\$388,202) Demolition in progress
- Global Innovation Center (\$5,000,000) Preliminary programming in progress. Will proceed as a self-funded Act 959 project. Anticipated Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approval of Act 959 project in August 2022. Anticipated designer selection in September 2022.
- Administration Building Waterproofing (\$635,000) Design phase continues
- Southern University Museum of Art/National Historic District Building (\$5,625,876) Construction in Progress
- Modify or Replace Lift Station #2 (\$1,398,962) Ready to bid
- J.K. Haynes Hall School of Nursing Renovation and Addition (\$38,500,000) \$10M in Priority 5 General Obligation bond funding added to Capital Outlay bill by Senate floor amendment. Project is underfunded with no cash and cannot proceed in FY23.

### 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. Predesign conference pending.

#### Southern University – New Orleans Campus

- ADA Compliant Restroom and Public Accommodations. (\$1,650,000) —In design phase. FY23 progress will depend on lines of credit granted for the project.
- Campus Exterior Lighting Upgrades (\$1,000,000) New Project preliminary programming needed. Designer selection cannot proceed until Priority 2 cash line of credit is granted (most likely October 2022 or later).
- University Cafeteria (\$7,000,000) 2022 Capital Outlay Act appropriates \$1.5M less than requested. Preliminary programming needed. Will possibly need to scale down the project to proceed with design in FY23.

#### Southern University - Shreveport Campus

- Louis Collier Hall Science Building Renovation (\$4,200,000) Phase 1 of project is proceed with existing funding. Additional funding will be sought to complete additional phases required for the major renovation project desired.
- Health & Physical Education Building Demolition (\$510,000) Designer direct appointed Newman Marchive Inc. Scheduling Pre-Design Conference. Expected completion
- New Workforce Training and Technology Center (\$19,200,000) SUSL has received \$675,000 that will be used for design of the Center. The Preliminary programming required is underway. Anticipated designer selection in September 2022.
- Restoration of Atrium Glass Dome and Associated Roof Repairs and Waterproofing, Metro Building (\$635,000) Design phase continues.
- Gym Complex (\$9,000,000) SUSL has received \$750,000 that will be used for design of the Gym Complex. The Preliminary programming required is underway. Anticipated designer selection in September 2022.

# **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT** 

Mr. Myron Lawson made motion to adjourn the meeting.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
Friday, June 24, 2022
Southern University at Shreveport
Jesse Stone Lecture Hall
Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **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 Dr. Belton

**Present:** Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mr. Myron Lawson-Vice-Chair, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Sam Gilliam, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Dr. Leon Tarver

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Ms. Christy Reeves the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

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

None

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

Motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Ms. Christy Reeves/Atty Rutledge to approve Action Items 5A and 5B in global.

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval of Ratification of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Adjustment (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)
- B. Request Approval of Academic Program Fee Adjustments (SUSLA)

Approval of this item will allow for a fee increase for various academic programs in the area of Allied Health and Nursing programs.

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

A. Interim Financial Reports
Mr. McClinton Gave a summary

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

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT** 

Ms Christy Reeves made motion to adjourn the meeting.

# **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

(Following Finance Committee)
Friday, June 24, 2022
Southern University at Shreveport
Jesse Stone Lecture Hall
Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **AGENDA**

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Chair Mr. Myron Lawson called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by Dr. Belton

**Present:** Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Naudia Foster, Ms. Christy Reeves, and Atty. Edwin Shorty

**Absent:** Dr. Leon Tarver, II and Dr. Leroy Davis

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

Upon the motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and seconded by Ms. Naudia Foster 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.

- A. Request Approval of the Following Items to Ensure Compliance with SACSCOC Approval of this agenda item will ensure continued compliance with SACSCOC Standards for the 2021-2022 Annual Review Cycle
  - 1. Mission Review (Standard 4.2a)
    - a. SUBR
    - b. SUNO
    - c. SUSLA
    - d. SULC
    - e. SUAREC
  - 2. Board Conflict of Interest (Standard 4.2d)
  - 3. Board Self-Evaluation (Standard 4.2g)

# **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT** 

Ms. Naudia Foster made motion to adjourn the meeting.

# PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)
Friday, June 24, 2022
Southern University at Shreveport
Jesse Stone Lecture Hall
Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **AGENDA**

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Vice Chair Christy Reeves called the committee meeting to order.

Atty Shorty appointed the following Board members as Ad Hoc Committee members to have a quorum: Atty Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. Myron Lawson, and Mr. Sam Gilliam

Roll Call by Dr. Belton

Present: Ms. Christy Reeves-Vice-Chair, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Arlanda Williams, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty Jody Amedee, Dr. Leon Tarver and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

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

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

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Fred Moss – Faculty Senate President gave comment on Action Item 5C.

Ms. Cynthia Tobin – Faculty/Nursing gave comment on Action Item 5C and 5G, she mentioned the continued success of SUSLA and proper compensation for faculty is greatly needed.

Ms. Yvonne P. William – Faculty representing Southern Sons and Daughters gave comment on Item 5C, she mentioned they expect continuation of greatness.

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

There was a motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve action item 5A - 5F and 5H in global. There was a request to discuss action item 5G before approving the action item.

Mr. Sam Gilliam gave comment on 5C. He mentioned he supported the action 100% and commended Dr. Belton for approving the item.

# A. Request Approval to Implement Equitable Salary and Wage Adjustments for Faculty, as Aligned by SREB benchmarks (SUBR)

Rank	SREB Average	SUBR Current Salary	Percentage Increase	Projected Salary Adjustment	Allocation	Percentage to SREB Average
Instructor	\$48,578	\$46,518	\$1500	\$48,018	\$84,000	99%
Assistant Professor	\$65,971	\$65,204	3%	\$67,160	\$213,217	100%
Associate Professor	\$73,930	\$74,181	3%	\$76,406	\$106,820	100%
Professor	\$90,951	\$82,506	10%	\$91,000	\$407,712	100%
Total Allocation					\$811,749	

# B. Request Approval to Implement Equitable Salary and Wage Adjustments for Faculty, as Aligned by SREB benchmarks (SUNO)

			SU	JNO Current		Increase	Inc	crease Allocation		Increase		Total	Percentage to
Rank	SRI	EB Average	Av	erage Salary		Allocation 5%		80% of SREB	All	ocation <\$70k	Α	location	SREB Average
Instructor	\$	51,244	\$	36,333	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0%
Assistant Professor	\$	61,031	\$	55,292	\$	110,585	\$	-	\$		\$	143,152	99%
Associate Professor	\$	70,756	\$	55,626	\$	68,401	\$	52,092	\$	91	\$	155,978	90%
Professor	\$	82,216	\$	72,663	\$	76,297	\$	93,156	\$	15,921	\$	239,965	99%
Total Allocation											\$	539,095	

# C. Request Approval to Implement Equitable Salary and Wage Adjustments for Faculty, as Aligned by SREB benchmarks (SUSLA)

Rank	SREB Average by Rank	SUSLA Average Current Salary	Average Amount to attain SREB Avg. by Rank	Average Projected Salary Adjustment	Allocation	Percentage to SREB Average by Rank
Instructor	\$49,690	\$41,592	\$8,098	\$49,690	\$177,637	100%
Assistant Professor	\$55,014	\$44,436	\$10,578	\$55,014	\$173,945	100%
Associate Professor	\$60,773	\$45,258	\$15,515	\$60,773	\$109,733	100%
Professor	\$68,230	\$57,675	\$10,515	\$68,230	\$19,355	100%
Total Allocation					\$480,670	

- D. Request Approval to Implement Across the Board 5% Salary and Wage Increases to Eligible Full-time and Part-Time Employees at the Southern University Law Center (SULC)
- E. Request Approval to Implement Across the Board 5% Salary and Wage Adjustments to Eligible Full-Time and Part-Time Employees at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)
- F. Request Approval of Proposed Civil-Service Employee Retirement Incentive Plan (SUSLA)

Atty Domoine Rutledge stressed He is very concerned about Action Item 5G, and he ask that there be some discussion with Interim Chancellor Dr. Appeaning so he can understand the need for the Interim Positions. There was lengthy discussion with Dr. Appeaning around enrollment and faculty, after which there was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge.

Atty Domoine Rutledge made a motion to approve Action Item 5G minus any new positions which will be contingent upon upcoming enrollment, and they understand this is interim (at will base) and they may be placed back in their prior positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel. Based on the motion, Action 5G (1) will be deleted from the motion.

Motion Approved

# G. Request Approval of Interim Administrative Positions at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Saundra Bigham	Interim Assistant Dean of Workforce Development Interim Appointment (SUSLA)	\$ <del>62,712.00</del>	State
2. Lonnie McCray	Interim Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Workforce Development Interim Appointment (SUSLA)	\$108,576.00	State
3. Sharmain Talbert	Interim Director of Enrollment Management and Recruitment Interim Appointment (SUSLA)	\$62,712.00	State
4. Vanessa White	Interim Dean of Business, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (B-STEM) Interim Appointment (SUSLA)	\$66,272.40	State
5. Frank Williams	Interim Chief of Staff / Executive Director of the SUSF Interim Appointment (SUSLA)	\$82,600.20	State
6. Dameoyn Woodley	Interim Registrar Interim Appointment (SUSLA)	\$62,935.20	State

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source	
1. Brunetta Adams	Assessment/Accountability Coordinator New Appointment (SUBR)	\$64,271.00	State	
2. Kenneth Collins	Assistant Director of Bands Salary Adjustment/Additional Duties (SUBR)	\$67,000.00	State/Auxiliary	
3. Christopher Crenshaw	Head Baseball Coach Salary Adjustment (SUBR)	\$110,000.00	State	

4. Genara D. Freeman-Morris	Instructor/Academic Support Advisor New Appointment (SULC)	\$87,000.00	State/Grant	
5. Brian Frye	, ,		State	
6. Nadia Gadson	Assistant Dean and Associate Assistant Professor International Affairs, Service Learning and University Outreach Salary Adjustment/Additional Duties (SUBR)	\$74,000.00	State	
7. Cary Hollins	Associate Comptroller for Finance New Appointment (SUBR)	\$77,983.00	State	
8. Carl Johnson	Interim Dean College of Arts and Science Interim Appointment (SUNO)	\$90,000.00	State	
9. Candis Joseph	Chief Budget Officer New Appointment (SUBR)	\$82,482.00	State	
10. Rodney Kirschner	Asst. to Director of Athletics/ SID Director New Appointment (SUBR)	\$88,585.00	State	
11. Peter Kochenburger	Visiting Professor (9-month)  New Appointment (SULC)	\$117,000.00	State	
12. Alisa Ross	Director of Data Assessment and QEP Additional Duties/Salary Adjustment (SUBR)	\$70,000.00	Federal	
13. Felicia Roussel	Assistant Director of Facilities  New Appointment  (SULC)	\$72,000.00	State	
14. Lashonda Stirgus	CFO/SWA for Athletics New Appointment (SUBR)	\$94,700.00	State	
15. Kelly Smith	Chair of BSN Program/Assoc Prof Nursing New Appointment (SUNO)	\$125,000.00	State	
16. Kedric Taylor	Director of Bands Salary Adjustment/Additional Duties (SUBR)	\$127,832.00	State/Auxiliary	
17. Michael Taylor	Asst. Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Success Additional Responsibilities (SUBR)	\$98,600.00	Federal	
18. Cedric Todd	Assistant Director of Bands Salary Adjustment/Additional Duties (SUBR)	\$73,272.00	State/Auxiliary	
19. Sonia Wilson	TANF Program Manager and Business Consultant Additional Duties/Salary Adjustment (SUBR)	\$80,000.00	State	
20. Melva Williams	Chief of Staff New Appointment (SUS)	\$150,000.00	State	

Motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve Action Item 5I.

Motion Approved

- I. Request Approval of Leave/Sabbatical for Southern University Law Center Faculty Members:
  - 1. Adam Crepelle
  - 2. Katherine Macfarlane
  - 3. Kenya Smith

# **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

# **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Myron Lawson made motion to adjourn the meeting.

# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Personnel Affairs Committee)
Friday, June 24, 2022
Southern University at Shreveport
Jesse Stone Lecture Hall
Shreveport, LA 71107

#### **MINUTES**

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

Roll Call by Dr. Belton

#### **Present:**

Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Naudia Foster, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Rani Whitified, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

#### **Absent:**

Atty. Jody Amedee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

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

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adopt the agenda minus Action Items 6H and 6J. Ms. Christy Reeves seconded the motion.

Motion adopted.

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

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Check Presentations (SUSLA)

Dr. Appeaning recognized Ms. Stephanie Rogers who introduced the special guests for the check presentations.

CenterPoint Presentation - \$30k

Roy Griggs School of Business Presentation – total w/ endowment - \$125k

B. Above and Beyond Awards

Dr. Appeaning recognized Ms. Stephanie Graham - Director, Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) Office of the Chancellor for the award.

- C. President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton
  - 1. Video Presentation

There was a video presentation to Dr. Belton from the city of Shreveport, LA. There was also a check presentation for the Ray Belton Endowed Scholarship Fund.

2. Board Presentations
Chairman Shorty made a presentation to Dr. Belton on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Emeritus Domoine Rutledge made a motion to have an item added to the agenda. With unanimous approval, the board agreed and voted in favor of naming Dr. Ray Belton President Emeritus. Motion by Chairman Emeritus Rutledge and Second by Mr. Myron Lawson

Motion Approved

#### 6. Action Items

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve Action Items 6A and 6B in global.

- G. Request Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2022, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- H. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

Motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve Action Items 6C.

I. Request Approval of the Southern University System Sponsorship between Coca-Cola Bottling Company and the Southern University System (SUS) Approval of this sponsorship agreement will allow Coca-Cola to offer products for sale and/or sampling on the campuses, and to promote their consumption and sale.

Motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve Action Items 6D.

J. Request Approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Southern University System Foundation and the Southern University System for the Removal and Resurfacing of a New Track (SUS) Approval of this item will authorize the removal and resurfacing a new track for A. W. Mumford Stadium (2022-2023 Track Season).

*Item 6E* - Atty Domoine Rutledge had questions for the consultants. They were asked to come forward to podium.

There was lengthy discussion with the consultants and many questions were asked by Atty Rutledge as well as some of the other board members. There were many concerns that require further discussion.

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 6E. Atty Rutledge opposed. Motion Passed.

K. Request Approval of Resolution between Louisiana Energy Partners (LAEP) and Southern University and A&M College Baton Rouge Landmass (SUS) *This proposed resolution will lock-in funding to execute and agreement for thermal energy services.* 

Motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and Second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve Action Item 6F.

Motion Passed.

L. Request Approval to Establish the Ray L. Belton Endowed Scholarship Fund (SUSLA)

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve Action Item 6G.

- G. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between SULC and Zinpro (SULC)
  - Approval of this item provides for additional programs and opportunities within the Heirs Property Initiative. Zinpro Corporation has committed to providing \$25,000 for legal services to individuals for wills and successions.
- H. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University and A&M College and East Baton Rouge Parish School System to Establish the Southern University Teacher Academy and/or a Pathway to Teacher Education Programs

This project is of mutual interest to the parties. Driven by a common desire to provide the gold standard of education, approval of this new academy will better prepare tomorrow's leaders, scientists, researchers, and teachers for challenging careers that impact and require knowledge of the teaching profession.

Ms. Tracy Barley gave a presentation on Canvas and answered all questions from the board members. Motion was approved.

- I. Request Approval of Contractual Agreement between the Southern University
   System and Instructure to Implement new Learning Management System
   (Canvas) (SUS)

   Approval of this contractual agreement will allow campuses to implement the new
  - Approval of this contractual agreement will allow campuses to implement the new Canvas learning management system. This new system is widely used to enhance the delivery of academic services, while proving a more efficient online learning experience for instructors and students.
- J. Request Approval to Dissolve the October 1,2022 Memorandum of Understanding between the SUNO Foundation and SUNO. Additionally, to Repeal Section 6-4 Southern University at New Orleans Foundation by the Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Supervisors (SUNO)

  Approval of this item will dissolve SUNOs official relationship with the SUNO Foundation and allow it to be an unofficial, independent asset to SUNO's students.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### Resolutions

- Ms. Browne C. Lewis
- Mr. Garland Franchis Millet
- Mr. Walker Anthony Thomas
- Mr. Amos Wesley, III

## **Commendations**

- Dr. Ray L. Belton
- Lieutenant Colonel Chavez Cammon
- Leon E. Valdry

There was a motion by Ms. Arlanda Williams to approve the read resolutions with the additions and Mr. Raymond Fondel second the motion.

Motion approved.

# **AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

- a. Legislative Update
   Legislative Update was given by Dr. Robyn Merrick
- b. President's Report Dr. Belton mentioned it was "Good to Be Home." He thanked everyone for making his last board meeting a memorable one. He recognized his family and the Shreveport family. He thanked SUSLA for coordinating all the presentations and for the accommodations.
- c. Chancellor's Report
  All Chancellors gave a brief report.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Myron Lawson made motion to adjourn the meeting.