

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 21, 2025

Leon R. Tarver II Cultural & Heritage Center
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Tony Clayton

Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee.

The invocation was given by Rev. Mary Moss. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Aiden Jones who is a student at Southern University Laboratory School.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Ann Smith – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Atty Tony Clayton Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Henry Whitehorn and the second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and second by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve Action Item 6A.

Motion was approved.

- A. Request Approval of the Recommendation Letter of Approval for Tenure and Promotion (SUNO)

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FACULTY TENURE and PROMOTION IN RANK

*Effective Date: Fall Semester of 2025 Campus: Southern University at New Orleans

*Provided all approvals are secured prior to this date.

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Name of Faculty Member	Department	Promotion from Present	Next Rank	Years of Experience at SU as Full-Time Faculty Member	Number of Years in Present Rank	Is Automatic Tenure Granted if this promotion is approved? (Yes or No)	Number and % of Tenured Faculty in Department (including chairs if tenured)	Temporary Track (non-Probationary) Probationary (tenure track) Tenured
John Barrilleaux	Health Information Systems	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	7	7	Yes	1/33%	Probationary (tenure track)
Deborah Darby	Teacher Education	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	24	24	No	1/50%	Tenured

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Presentation by Dean Damien Ejigiri – Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

March 21, 2025

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MINUTES

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Member Donald Ray Henry called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Donald Ray Henry – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith and Dr. Rani Whitfield and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Masingill and Mr. Paul P. Matthews

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and a second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adopt the agenda.
Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and a second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion approved

A. Approval of the process of Act 751 Projects. (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

Mr. Dawson provided an update on all projects and answered questions from board members.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
February 21, 2025

Leon R. Tarver II Cultural & Heritage Center
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MINUTES

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Mr. Myron K. Lawson called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Myron K. Lawson – Chair, Mrs. Ann Smith – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Atty. Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Atty. Domoine Rutledge and Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and a second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Interim Financial Statement

Mr. Lawson mentioned that Mr. McClinton included the financial statements in the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty. Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(Following Finance Committee)
February 21, 2025

Leon R. Tarver II Cultural & Heritage Center
Baton Rouge, LA
MINUTES

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty. Edwin Shorty– Chair Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Ms. Zazell V. Dudley, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and a second by Ms. Zazell Dudley, the agenda was recommended for adoption Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Mr. Henry Whitehorn and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion Approved

A. Request for Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$100,000.00 (SUS)

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/ Search	Salary Previous Suggested	Funding Source
1. Carl Grant	Acting Associate Vice President/Director of the Division of Information Technology	Interim Position	N/A	N/A \$144,000	State

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Maple Gaines to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(Following Personnel Committee)
March 21, 2025

Leon R. Tarver II Cultural & Heritage Center
Baton Rouge, LA
MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Tony Clayton.

PRESENT

Mr. Reggie Abraham, Miss Dana Bailey, Atty Tony Clayton, Atty Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Mr. Paul Matthews, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Dr. Rani Whitfield

ABSENT

Mr. Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Aurelis Martinez
- Larry Ferdinand Sr.
- Caleb Jayden Wilson
- Dr. Gaynell C. Young
- Cynthia Jane Reaux Dartest
- Margaret Ann Styles Ambrose

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve the read resolutions and second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and Mr. Reggie Abraham to approve action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2025, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Update to Board Policy Website (SUS)
Update provided by Dr. Appeaning and Ms. Rachel Carriere
- B. Presidential Report/Legislative Priorities
President Shields gave an update.
- C. Chancellor Reports
All Chancellors provided their report which can be found in the packet.
- D. SU System Foundation Quarterly Report
Report provided by Mr. Darrin Dixon
- E. SU Alumni Federation Quarterly Report
Report provided by Mr. Alfred Harrell
- F. Discussion and update on investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. EXECUTIVE SESSION¹

The board went into executive session. There were no actions taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith to adjourn the meeting.

¹This item may require executive session pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:17(A)(4) to discuss investigative proceeding regarding allegations of misconduct.