

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Committee of the Whole

Friday, March 12, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chairman Attorney Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Father Thowatermas Clark, S.J., , Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Scotlandville and the Priest at St. Joseph Chapel and Martin Luther King, Jr. Catholic student Center on the Southern University Baton Rouge Campus.

Roll Call by Dr. Ray Belton.

All Board Members Present: Chairman Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Vice Chairman Atty. Edwin Shorty, Atty Jody Amedee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Bakari Garvey, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Christy Reeves, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Ms. Christy Reeves, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Above and Beyond Award

Presented by Mr. Pitts and Mr. Wade from the Office of Facilities Service to Mr. Ralph Anthony Scott, Carpenter Foreman in the Office of Facilities Service. Mr. Anthony started in September 2018. In attendance was Mr. Pitts, Mr. Wade and the facilities service team gathered to support him. Mr. Pitts brought greetings from the Department of facility services. He mentioned briefly how Mr. Scott will be remembered for providing a safe space for people to return to work and thrive. He assisted with measuring and installing Plexiglass in the offices throughout the campus during the pandemic. He thanked Mr. Scott and told him “it was an honor and a pleasure to serve alongside with you.” Mr. Wade mentioned Mr. Scott was and added value to their department. He spoke about how Mr. Scott was detailed and will get his work done. He thanked Mr. Scott for being “the leader who had the motivation to go above and beyond.”

Mr. Scott thanked God for good health and thanked the facilities service department along with Mr. Pitts and Mr. Wade and lastly he thanked Southern University and the students who are like family.

Chairman Attorney Rutledge thanked Mr. Scott on behalf of the board, Dr. Belton, and the entire Southern University family. He presented him with the plaque. Photo was taking with the entire team and Mr. Scott along with Chairman Rutledge and Dr. Belton.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Rutledge acknowledged there were a few public comments. One is a public comment from a Dr. Tonya Rose, who has expressed due process issues with our tenure and promotion process. He mentioned, "I did speak to Dr. Rose. She called me and I conveyed her concerns to Dr. Belton, and I'm hopeful that Dr. Belton and Dr. Sahoo and the others will get with her and address her concerns, as I believe they are legitimate." The second public comment from Anthony I. Igiede. He is from the Southern University of Baton Rouge Faculty Senate in sociology. . He merely wishes to convey on behalf of the faculty senate condolences and convey them to the family of Dr. Kamran Abdullahi who is a longtime faculty member here on the Baton Rouge campus who recently passed away. Chairman Rutledge acknowledged there was another public comment related to the Southern University Law Center. He stated. "However, it does not align to an item that's on the agenda. But a letter was attached to a communication that was emailed to Mrs. Taylor- Jarrell. Board members, I've asked Mrs. Taylor-Jarrell to share the email with you, so she will be forwarding that email to you this morning."

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 7A.

Motion Approved

A. Request Approval of the Minutes from February 12, 2021 meeting of the Board of Supervisors

There was a global motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and second by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve in global (action items 7B – 7E)

Motion Approved

Brief Comments were provided by Chancellor Pierre (SULC) on Item 7B, Chancellor McMeans (SUAREC) on Item 7C and Chancellor Ammons on Item 7D and 7E. They were all available for any questions the board members may have. There were none other than Chairman Rutledge congratulating Dr. Ammons on Item D and he mentioned he was impressed with the list of students and confirmed that Dr. Ammons had collaborated with Dr. Sandra Brown which Dr. Ammons agreed he did.

B. Request Approval of the Law, Agriculture, Arts, Business, Science, Engineering, and Technology (LA²B-SET) Collaboration Initiative to Enhance Faculty Development and Student Career Opportunities (SULC)**C. Request Approval of MOU Between Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Davis Farms, INC. to solidify an Agricultural Partnership relative to Research, Extension and Teaching (SUAREC)****D. Request to Establish Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at Southern University at New Orleans for the 2022-2023 Academic Year (SUNO)**

E. Request Approval of MOU Between Southern University at New Orleans and Deep South Economic Mobility Collaborative to Enhance Economic Development and Business Procurement Opportunities (SUNO)

There was a global motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and second by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve in global (action items 7F – 7I)

Motion approved.

Brief comments were provided by Chancellor Pierre (SULC) and Dr. Appeaning (SUS and SUBR). They both were available for any questions the board members may have. Dr. Tarver asked Chancellor Pierre “what type of position would the individual be in, would it be a full time or tenure track?” Chancellor Pierre replied, “full time. He expects this to be a greater teaching role and not expecting the individual to do what a tenure track professor would do.” He gave a summary of professors. Dr. Tarver thanked Chancellor Pierre for the explanation. There were no other questions. Dr. Appeaning gave a brief summary of the polices and there were no additional questions.

- F. Request Approval to Create a New Academic Title of Professor from Practice at the Southern University Law Center (SULC)
- G. Request Approval of Cybersecurity Policy to establish the guiding principles for securing Information technology (IT) resources (SUS)
- H. Request Approval of Information Security Policy Plan to Safeguard Campus Data and Information (SUS)
- I. Request Approval of Graduate Council Policy for Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR)

There was a global motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve in global (action items 7J – 7L)

Motion approved.

Brief comments were provided by Chancellor Ellis (SUSLA) on Item 7J and 7K. He mentioned, Item 7J is an endowed scholarship made possible with a \$30k private donation from the Brookshire Grocery Company. The donation has been matched with \$30k from the Title III Fund for endowment support, totaling \$60k in non-state contributions. The private donation will be leveraged with a request for \$40k in matching state dollars from the La Board of Regents to fully endow the fund at \$100k. The Board of Regents established the First Generation Undergraduate Scholarship match program for the purpose of increasing college access and success for low-income and first-generation students. Item 7K is an endowed scholarship made possible with a \$50k private donation from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Incorporated. The donation has been matched with \$10k from the Title III Fund for endowment support, totaling, \$60k in non-state contributions. The private donation will be leveraged with a request for \$40k in matching state dollars from the La Board of Regents to fully endow the fund at \$100k. The Board of Regents established the First-Generation Undergraduate Scholarship match program for the purpose of increasing college access and success for low-income and first-generation students.

- J. Request Approval to Establish the Brookshire’s-Super 1 First-Generation Endowed Scholarship at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA)

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- K. Request Approval to Establish the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Endowed First-Generation Endowed Scholarship at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA)
- L. Request Approval for Professional Legal Services between Board of Supervisors and Decuir, Clark and Adams, L.L.P. (SUS)

There was a global motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mr. John Barthelemy to approve in global (action items 7M – 7N)

Motion approved.

Chairman Atty Rutledge asked Dr. Belton to explain the process in terms of layers that the individuals go through before they get to the board. Dr. Belton explained, “the promotion and tenure process is a peer driven process. The process begins at the departmental level and its reviewed by the department chair, the college and ultimately reviewed by a institutional committee that bring forth a recommendation to the Associate Vice Chancellor and ultimately to me in my role as Chancellor so there is considerable diligence that takes place. We lean on the experts themselves, the faculty in lieu of one’s request for promotion, and our tenure.” Chairman Rutledge thanked Dr. Belton for the explanation and asked if there were any questions from the board members for Dr. Belton or Dr. Sahoo?. Mr. Sam Gilliam asked either Dr. Belton or Dr. Sahoo to expound on function of university committee. He wants to know the role of the university committee in the promotion agenda? Dr. Sahoo mentioned, “this is a peer review process and the role in academic affairs and on is mostly to facilitate and coordinate the process and strengthen the peer review process. At every level, we get involved only when there is disparity or when the recommendations don’t agree.” Dr. Sahoo gave some examples and Mr. Gilliam thanked him for the response and said that he answered his questions.

There were no additional questions.

- M. Request Approval of Recommended Tenure Track Faculty Appointments to Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR)

Applicant	Rank/Status	College	Dept.	Applied for:	Recommendation by:						
					Dept. Committee	Dept. Chair	College Committee	Dean	University Committee	Associate Vice Chancellor	Executive Vice Chancellor
				Tenure	Approved.	Approved.	Approved.	Approved.	Approved for promotion to Associate	Approved. Dr. Mary C Carruth	Approved. Dr. Mary C Carruth
				Promotion	Approved.	Approved.	Approved.	Approved.	Not Recommended for Promotion or Tenure.	Not approved for tenure.	Not approved for tenure.
Herman Jackson	Assistant Professor (Not on Tenure-Track)	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies	Music	Tenure	The RTP Department Committee requested evidence of Professional Training and Experience, Professional Activities and Community Services, University (Southern) Services, and Advisement as listed on Mr. Jackson’s Curriculum Vitae. Mr. Jackson provided additional information to the committee.	Mr. Jackson has earned recognition on the national and international levels for music performance. Although he does not possess the terminal degree, his world-renowned performances and experiences in the music field compensate for the lack thereof.	Mr. Jackson received a unanimous vote in favor of tenure from the College-Level Evaluation Committee.	The Dean concurs with the recommendations that Mr. Herman Jackson is granted tenure.	Found Ineligible to apply for promotion or tenure.	Does not have a tenure-track appointment. No basis for review. Approved for longer-term three-year, renewable contract at the rank of Associate Professor.	Approved for longer-term three-year, renewable contract at the rank of Associate Professor.

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N. Request Approval of Tenure and/or Promotion Appointment for Faculty who Appealed Former Recommendations (SUBR)

Applicant	Rank/Status	College	Dept.	Applied for:	Tenure/Promotion Recommendations Recommendation by:							Spring 2021	Spring 2021
					Dept. Committee	Dept. Chair	College Committee	Dean	University Committee	Associate Vice Chancellor	Executive Vice Chancellor	University Appeals Committee	Executive Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Yolanda Campbell	Assistant Professor/ Tenure Track	Humanities & Inter-disciplinary Studies	Mass-Communication	Tenure X	Approved for Tenure and Promotion. Meets minimum standards.	Approved: concurs with Department Committee	Approved. Meets Criteria for Promotion.	Approved For Tenure and for Promotion	Not Approved for promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure. Deficiency cited in Teaching, in Research and in Service.	Not Approved. Concurs with University Committee. Deficient in Research and Peer-reviewed publication.	Not Approved. Not recommended/ approved for Tenure or Promotion to rank of Associate Professor.	Recommended for Tenure.	Approved for Tenure. Concurs with the Appeals committee
				Promotion X								Recommended for Promotion to Associate Professor.	Approved for Promotion. Concurs with the Appeals Committee.

❖ Dr. Yolanda Campbell was not recommended for tenure and not recommended for promotion using the peer-review process. However, she appealed the decision not to grant her tenure and promotion. An appeals committee comprising of her faculty peers further evaluated the evidence she cited and found evidence that her accomplishments were downplayed or not scored appropriately. The University Appeals committee unanimously approved her to receive tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

Dr. Ammons explained the SUNO process and mentioned “it is a peer review process that is long standing at SUNO. He believe they were consistent across the applicants for approval today.” There were no additional questions or concerns after Dr. Ammons discussed the process.

There was a motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve Action items 70.

Motion approved.

O. Request Approval of Recommended Tenure Track Faculty Appointments to Southern University at New Orleans for the 2021-2022 Academic Year (SUNO)

Name or Faculty Member. Attach Listing of Publications or Other Scholarly Works for Each	Department	Promotion from Present Rank to →	Next Rank	Years of Experience at SU as a Full-Time Faculty Member	Number of Years in Present Rank	Is Automatic Tenure Granted if this Promotion is Approved (Indicate Yes or No)?	Temporary track (non-Probationary) Probationary (Tenure track) Tenured
Dr. John Clifford Chib	Natural Sciences	Assistant Professor	Assistant Professor	7	7	Yes	
Name or Faculty Member	Department	Years of Experience at SUNO as a Full-Time Faculty Member	Present Rank	Number of Year in Rank	Number and % of Tenured Faculty in Department (include Chairs, if tenured) No. Tenured.....%		
Dr. Warren Jones	Arts & Humanities	7	Assistant Professor	7	8.....62.0%		
Dr. Krishna Poudel	Business Administration	6	Assistant Professor	6	5.....71.0%		

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Chancellor Pierre explained how the table was completed. He mentioned the individuals were separated between individuals recommended for approval of tenure and others for tenure track appointments. He discussed the evaluation process. He also discussed each individual in detail. There were no additional questions or concerns after Chancellor Pierre discussion.

There was a motion by Dr. Sam, Gilliam and second by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve Action items 7P.

Motion approved.

P. Request Approval of Recommended Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty Appointments to Southern University Law Center for the 2021-2022 Academic Year (SULC)

Deleso Alford	Professor of Law Tenure (SULC)	\$143,100.00	State
Linh Dai	Assistant Prof and Fellow of the St. Louis A. Berry Civil Rights and Justice Institute Tenure Track (SULC)	\$108,000.00	Federal
Charletta Fortson	Director of the Common Law Bar Preparation Program and Assistant Professor of Law Tenure Track (SULC)	\$132,000.00	Federal
Phebe Poydras	Professor of Law Tenure (SULC)	\$146,280.00	State
Mark Roark	Professor of Law Tenure (SULC)	\$119,059.20	State
Greg Sergienko	Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs /Professor of Law Tenure Track (SULC)	\$153,000.00	Federal
Kenya Smith	Professor of Law Tenure (SULC)	\$114,120.00	State
Ryan Stoa	Associate Prof. and Fellow of Cannabis and Hemp Law and Policy Institute Tenure Track (SULC)	\$108,000.00	Federal
Shandrea Williams	Associate Professor of Law Tenure Track (SULC)	\$108,000.00	Federal

Chairman Rutledge mentioned there were some new appointments on Item Q. He acknowledged Dr. Ammons who he asked to introduce them. Dr. Ammons introduced Mr. Adriel Hilton and Ms. Kim Rugon. He gave a brief background for each. Mr. Adriel Hilton and Ms. Rugon both were allowed the opportunity to speak to the board which they both thanked the board for their time and they mentioned they are looking forward to working with Dr. Ammons and the NOLA community. Mr. Sam Gilliam welcomed the new employees.

Chairman Rutledge recognized Dr. Belton who expressed his appreciation for consideration of all applicants and he wanted to speak specifically about Dr. Katara Williams. Dr. Belton, mentioned "Dr.

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Williams has done an exceptional job assuming additional responsibilities and advancing on behalf of the Southern University System. He wanted to express his appreciation to the board for recognizing her formally by way of this endorsement and his appreciation for them having done so.”

Dr. Ammons spoke on behalf of Dr. Torin Sanders. He thanked him for his significant contribution to the growth of the university and the School of Social Work.

Chairman Rutledge congratulated Dr. Katara Williams and Dr. Torin Sanders.

There was a motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and second by Mr. Richard Hilliard to approve Action items 7Q.

Motion approved.

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

1. Adriel Hilton	Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management New Appointment (SUNO)	\$120,000.00	State
2. Lucretia Jenkins	Asstistant Director in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness Additional responsibilities (SUBR)	\$62,295.00	Federal
3. Kim Rugon	Vice-Chancellor for Advancement New Appointment (SUNO)	\$120,000.00	State
4. Torin Sanders	Director of Online Certificate Program New Appointment (SUNO)	\$75,300.00	Federal/ State
5. Michael Thomas	Director of Marketing and University Relations New Appointment (SUSLA)	\$60,000.00	State
6. Katara Williams	Chief of Staff/Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives Additional Responsibilities/Title Change	\$145,000.00	State
7. LaTonya Wright	Interim Director of Records and Registration Continuation (SULC)	\$83, 700.00	State

There was a global motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to global (action items 7R – 7S).

Motion approved.

Chairman Rutledge asked Chancellor Pierre to give a brief discussion on Items 7R and 7S.

Chancellor Pierre stated, “As for Item 7R, the law center is blessed to have many endowed professorships and some of our faculty members who held those endowed professorships recently retired and those positions became vacant. So, in accordance with the procedures and processes that we have by the Board

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of Regents and with our own Southern University Law Center, the faculty appointment retention promotion and tenure committee met and evaluated the applications for endowed professorship and selected Professor Deleso Alford, and Professor Kenya Smith for the two endowed professorships that were vacant. And they have been approved by that committee and I am prepared with their recommendation. So I asked the board to grant them the endowed professorship.

Chancellor Pierre stated, “Item 7S with respect to the BA-7, just as an overview, it's prepared because we have been very fortunate to have a growth in enrollment, that we have had additional revenue that we did not anticipate, or at least we had not originally budgeted for. And that is the reason for the request for the BA-7. Mr. McClinton can probably give you more details because I let him and Mr. Hall, carry through all the managing the numbers and all of the stuff that goes with it, but I just try to keep pushing to make sure that we're in a good spot, but I want to thank Mr. Hall for all of his hard work and, and Mr. McClinton for making sure that we stay on top of these kinds of things”.

Mr. McClinton agreed with Chancellor Pierre and again mentioned “the enrollment increased and there was an increase in revenue, therefore a BA-7 is required to be prepared and submitted to the Board of Regents.”

R. Request Approval to Grant Endowed Professorships to the following for the 2021-2022 Academic Year: (SULC)

1. Deleso Alford
2. Kenya Smith

S. Request Approval of BA-7 for the Southern University Law Center (SULC)

T. Resolutions

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

- Dr. Kamran Abdollahi
- Ms. Marva Sue Jackson
- Ms. Gloria Spears Wright
- Ms. Bessie Mae Theus

There were additions:

- Mr. Marquis Jones – SUSLA Connect Student
- Mr. Michael Oko – Brother of Professor Oko at SULC

Received a resolution from Dr. Barbara Carpenter on behalf of the La House of Representative

Upon Motion from Mr. Myron Lawson to approve the read resolutions with the additions and Dr. Tarver second the motion.

Motion Approved.

8. Information Items

A. Finance Update

1. Interim Financial Reports

The Financial report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 as of February 28, 2021 was provided by Mr. McClinton for all campuses. He mentioned “the detailed information is provided in the board packet for each campus. He mentioned, “the last time we talked I indicated that we were still in the registration process, well those dollars have been posted now and the revenues have actually materialized. There were a few campuses that had a shortfall in revenue. In some cases, they are reducing their expenditures and in other cases, using Cares Act dollars. So at this point we have made whatever adjustments necessary to end with a balanced budget.”

Mr. McClinton mentioned he would entertain any questions from the members regarding the interim financial report. There were none.

B. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

Mr. Eli Guillory mentioned, “the report included in the packet, you will notice is mainly concentrated on the severe winter freezing temperatures that caused damages on various parts of the campuses throughout the system.” He discussed the water line breaks and electrical systems which will need to be enhanced in order to prevent future winter temperatures to withstand that in the future. He continue to request reports from the campuses. After receiving the reports, Mr. Guillory will have a more detailed report. He discussed, “I’m excited to report that I will be meeting with Dean Andrews, and a couple of his committee members to discuss the future college of business building facility. We’re going to look at possibly anywhere from 80 to 100,000 square foot facility. I’ve also started to look at a future football complex for the lab school. So this will complete my report. If you have any questions I will be here to answer.”

Dr. Davis congratulated Mr. Guillory and the faculty of the College of Business. He mentioned “this new building will position the university to be competitive with a number of other institutions who have built Colleges of Business. He is excited about seeing the rendering of the new facility.” Mr. Guillory thanked Dr. Davis and told him he will make sure he is added to the contact list for the meetings. Chairman Rutledge asked if there were other questions or concerns.

Mr. Myron Lawson expressed his concerns about the infrastructure system wide. He inquired about a comprehensive look across the system. He wanted to know if there was a report he could review? Mr. Guillory responded there is a report that has been established 20 years ago. He discussed the infrastructure in detail. Mr. Lawson questioned the 20 year report.

Mrs. Ann Smith asked Mr. Guillory to give a brief report on the SULS Athletic Department he discussed earlier. Mr. Guillory gave details and mentioned “the project was in discussion process right now. When it is finalized, he said it will be submitted to the BOS for a future approval.. Not final, just in discussion. “ Chairman Rutledge discussed the shelf life of a facility assessment being less than 10 years. He asked Mr. Guillory and Dr. Belton to “give thought to an updated comprehensive facility assessment to include water and sewer.” He requested this for Baton Rouge Landmass, Shreveport, and New Orleans. There was discussion around how the residential housing look as far as the condensation on the building. In conversation as to cost for reconfiguring and starting this update in the summer. Mr. Chairman encouraged Dr. Belton and Mr. Guillory to take a look at the buildings and consider pressure washing them. The appearance is very important for guests coming on campus.”

No other observations.

C. President’s Reports

Dr. Belton thanked Dr. Robyn Merrick for her efforts and her team for facilitating Founder’s Day activities for the Baton Rouge campus. He mentioned “there were several events held during the week.” “We were able to facilitate a convocation on Tuesday this week, actually on today represents spirit day

for the Southern University Alumni Federation, where they are facilitating a scholarship drive that invites members throughout our community and, of course, members of this board to join to advance a Memorial Brick Wall. That brick actually costs \$500. But we certainly would welcome your participation in supporting the scholarship fund. One of the major activities that we facilitated this week was the acknowledgement of faculty, staff and administrators who have contributed to advancing the mission of Southern University over the years. We recognize members who had fulfilled 10 years of service 20,30, 40 and one individual who had contributed more than 50 years of service to Southern University. And that individual is with us today in the name of Mr. Flandus McClinton.” Dr. Belton publicly acknowledged Mr. McClinton for his service to Southern University. Dr. Belton also gave a brief update on the resources provided to higher education through the cares act. He discussed how the university is continually serving faculty and staff and now students with the vaccinations. He mentioned, “We have scheduled drive through vaccines through the work of board member Christy Reeves, which we are positioned to facilitate and serve more than 2000 citizens in our community by way of a drive thru location at the FG Clark Activity Center this weekend.” And finally, Dr. Belton wanted to share, “the governor is moving toward phase three in terms of reacting to this global pandemic, we are not prepared at this point to go to phase three, we are working on a plan that would gradually move us to that point. But I will say to you that we are planning for the fall of 2021. And at this point we are optimistic that we will facilitate an environment that will be comparable to the schedule and activities that would resemble what was in place in Fall 2019 prior to the pandemic. And so we are optimistic that we will be facilitating and hosting students that would resemble some sense of normalcy. And that would enable us to provide for our stakeholders an environment that speaks to the Southern University experience in the fall 2021. Of course, we nevertheless will be cautious and be guided by science and by those who advise us along the way. But we are optimistic that may unfold in that manner. Thank you, Mr. Chair. That is my report.”

Chairman Rutledge Thanked Dr. Belton and asked Ms. Reeves if she would like to add anything regarding the availability at Ochsner for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine?

Ms. Reeves mentioned they have Pfizer Madonna j&j vaccinations. “We have a lot of additional slots that have come available for this weekend and next week. But for any, anyone who is eligible, just call the 844-888-2772 number. And you can actually say which preference you have across the entire state, we have this kind of surplus. So we're excited about that and any questions you might have, feel free to reach out to me directly.”

Chairman Rutledge thanked Ms. Reeves and he mentioned that Senator Barrow sent him a message that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is available today at the Zachary youth Park. “Mrs. Taylor-Jarrell will forward the message to you via email board members and you can share it accordingly. Any questions of Dr. Belton regarding his report colleagues?”

There were none.

D. Campus Reports

Dr. Ammons (SUNO) – Dr. Ammons “thanked the board for the approval of what he think is some really impactful initiatives at Southern University in New Orleans, especially the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and the approval of the new members of the administrative team.” He thanked the New Orleans community for their enthusiastic support of the university especially as it relates to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and all of the partners who he mentioned earlier. Dr Ammons mentioned, Ms. Reeves I definitely want to continue to build on the relationship with Ochsner health in the New Orleans

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community and all of the work that we have already done together as it relates to COVID.” Dr. Ammons informed the board that the Chancellor's report is in their packet. He gave a brief report in reference to the vaccinations for the SUNO Community. He discussed the accreditation at SUNO. He spoke of the mock and virtual visits. Dr. Ammons thanked the board members and everyone for their support. He mentioned “all of that support is paying off as we get ready to go into the last stage now for the next 10 years of accreditation. So Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report.” There were no additional questions.

Dr. Ellis (SUSLA) – Dr. Ellis mentioned the entire Chancellor's report is included in the board packet. However, there are some items Dr. Ellis would like to highlight. He gave a brief report in reference to the vaccinations for the SUSLA Community. “LSU health has provided over 40,000 vaccinations to this area.” Dr. Ellis mentioned, “about two weeks ago, we signed the historic agreement with the country of Uganda and the International University there in Uganda to begin an international exchange program whereby our students can start participating in some of their academic programs and their students can begin participating in some of ours via online and hopefully as this pandemic subsides, There will be actual physical exchanges both with students and faculty.” Dr. Ellis announced that SUSLA is one of the 13 HBCU hubs that were chosen to serve as a propel center who serves as resources to the community to help with racial inequity and digital divide in the areas of coding and programming. Apple announced they would donate about \$100 million that it was focusing on social and racial equity.” Dr. Ellis also spoke about the La State designation as well as the National designation for Barksdale Air Force and the military institutions. Dr. Ellis closed by acknowledging Dr. Alan Jackson for all his assistance to the students during the snowstorm. He mentioned “And so we're very proud of him for going above and beyond. That concludes my report. And I'll take any questions if you have any.”

There were no additional questions. Chairman Rutledge mentioned he was in Shreveport earlier in the week for business and he thanked Dr. Ellis for taking time on such short notice to sort of give he, the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and Senator Cleo fields, a tour of the facilities and mention the wonderful programs that are underway.

Dr. McMeans (SUAREC) – Dr. McMeans acknowledge, “It is indeed an honor to come before you to give a brief report and I'll end my report by further acknowledging our colleague who recently passed, Dr. Abdullah.” Dr. McMeans mention the detailed Chancellor's report is in the board packet. “March 15. Through the 19th is our ag week celebration. During that week, we showcase how Southern University's College of Agricultural Family and Consumer Sciences and also LSU College of Agriculture are making a difference in not only Louisiana but the world. We will have an event each day, next week. And of course, most of it is tailored around our students.” The Southern University Ag Center will be hosting its 79th livestock show on March 25. And it will be from 9am to 2pm. And it will be virtual. Because of the current status we decided back in the fall that we will deliver this virtually. We're the only HBCU with the livestock show. So that is something that's important. “To give an update since A number of individuals have been emailing and calling regarding some of the Congressional language coming out about black disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Over the next two or three meetings, I will give you updates on how the Ag Center, specifically the cooperative extension program is engaging those of black farmers disadvantaged minority farmers. If you notice in the recent act that Dr. Belton mentioned earlier, there's \$5 billion in therefore for black farmers, out away from loans for 1890s to support sales group, and a number of things and Chancellor Pierre and I will be working together to look at how we can collaborate on some of these efforts around our black farmers. And last but not least, Dr. Williams did an outstanding job of updating us on the recent passing of Dr. Abdullah. Dr. McMeans gave some background information and acknowledge Dr. Abdullah. He mentioned he will be missed. That concludes my report”

Chancellor Pierre (SULC) – Chancellor Pierre mentioned, “I want to thank the board for its continuous and constant support of the initiatives for Southern University Law Center that allow us to do bigger and better things as we progress in and the work that we do. I just wanted to say a couple of things. One, obviously next month, we will be meeting in Shreveport. And we will have a report on the progress of our initiative to bring legal education to Shreveport. Next year, if all goes well, in the spring of 2022. We'll start with the semester in Shreveport initiative that we will bring a report on as well. And I think later this month, members of the Law Center staff will be going to the downtown St. Memorial Library to work on some things that we've been working with Dr. Ellis on the for the downtown location. Chancellor Pierre thanked Dr. Ellis and for having working with us on the Shreveport situation and thanked Dr. McMeans for the work they've been doing together. He mentioned. One thing obviously that I did not get a chance to talk about, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund has essentially created a situation where the John Deere corporation is funding three of the Southern University Law Center students to work with the land Assistance Fund in Atlanta for internships this summer. It'll be a 12 week internships, to work on the issue of black agricultural land loss. So we've been involved a little bit in a lot of different things. So again, we just look forward to working with all the various units of the Southern University system to make our work be more fruitful. Thank you.”

Dr. Sahoo (SUBR) – Dr. Sahoo thanked the board and the president for their support. He mentioned the detailed report is in the board packet. He mentioned, “We did go through an accreditation visit for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. I would like to compliment and commend the leadership in the College of Nursing Dean Sandra Brown, the faculty staff and the students for presenting Southern University in such a positive way, and also demonstrating how we are committed to continuous improvement. I would also like to mention that we are working very closely collaboratively with the mayor's office of Baton Rouge to find ways how our students can take advantage of internships and subsequent placements. And this is just one company that is interested in collaborating with us. But we are going to use this model and working with the mayor's office to make sure that experiential learning internship opportunities and subsequent placement is available to all our students. I also want to end by asking each of you to mark your calendar on May 14, we plan to host an in person commencement ceremony for the Southern University Baton Rouge campus at our stadium.. And so I would like to invite you to be present. This concludes my report.”

9. Other Business

Chairman Rutledge mentioned he had a few housekeeping matters. He discussed the in person meeting in April will be in Shreveport. As for the plans for the weekend, There will be a reception on Thursday night and board meeting on Friday morning. The location has yet to be determined. He mentioned collaborating with Dr. Ellis and Chancellor Pierre to learn a little bit more information on the initiatives underway at the Shreveport Campus as well as the Law Center. He asked the members to confirm their presence and participation with Mrs. Taylor-Jarrell so they can be accommodated appropriately. He mentioned the game day accommodations are still in the works. He is working with Athletic Director Banks. Chairman Rutledge mentioned the sexual harassment trainings as well as other trainings the board members are required to complete. He asked all board members to please take the opportunity to complete the trainings when they receive the emails. He asked if there were any additional questions or comments and Mr. Gilliam commended all the campuses for significant increases in dual enrollment. He requested that each campus would give a brief update at the meeting to be held in Shreveport next month.

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Chairman Rutledge agreed and mentioned Dr. Belton will make certain that the reports are complete. Mr. Gilliam thanked Mr. Chairman and Dr. Belton and mentioned they are excited about hosting everyone in April. Chairman Rutledge thanked Mr. Gilliam and asked for an adjournment of meeting.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Christy Reeves made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

**Pursuant to La R.S. 42:17 Executive Session May be Required.*