

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Hyatt Regency Hotel
601 Loyola Ave. | New Orleans, LA 70113
Friday, November 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Anthony Taplin/Coming to the Light Ministries. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SUNO SGA President Dana Marie Bailey.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ROLL CALL

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Dennis J. Shields

Present: Atty. Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Ms. Arlanda Williams, and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2024

A. Chairman – Nominations for Chairman was opened by Vice Chairman Rani Whitfield. Mr. Myron Lawson was nominated by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Atty Tony Clayton. There were no additional nominations. The nominations were closed by Atty Tony Clayton. Mr. Myron Lawson is reelected as Chairman.

Motion Approved.

B. Vice Chairman - Nominations for Vice Chairman was opened by Chairman Myron Lawson. Dr. Rani Whitfield was nominated by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver. There were no additional nominations. The nominations were closed by Atty Domoine Rutledge. Dr. Rani Whitfield is reelected as Vice Chairman.

Motion Approved.

Mr. Lawson and Dr. Whitfield both gave brief comments and thanked everyone for their support, and they are looking forward to the new year.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Lawson announced that Action Item 11B (SUSLA) will be moved to 11D and 11D will be moved to 11B. Upon the motion by Mrs. Christy Reeves and second by Mr. Raymond Fondel. The agenda was recommended for adoption with the update for Action 11B and 11D.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: GREETINGS FROM DR. RICK GALLOT, PRESIDENT OF GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Gallot thanked President Shields and the Board of Supervisors for the invite. He mentioned he was accompanied by Dr. Derrick Warren; Dean of College of Business He acknowledged him and asked him to stand to be recognized. President Shields and Chairman Lawson thanked Dr. Gallot for attending the meeting. President Shields gave a few comments.

AGENDA ITEM 9: GREETINGS FROM DR. CHARLES McCLELLAND, SWAC COMMISIONER

Dr. McClelland acknowledged President Shields and President Gallo. He Spoke on SWAC and all that is going on in the conference.

President Shields commended Dr. McClelland and acknowledge him for his work. Chairman Lawson thanked Dr. McClelland for attending the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ABOVE AND BEYOND (All Campuses)

Chairman Myron K. Lawson thanked Ms. Ann Smith for being the visionary for the Above and Beyond award. Today All campuses will award a employee.

SUNO - Mr. Marvin Harris

SUBR – Mrs. Nahla Anderson

SULC – Ms. Paula Matthews

SUSLA – Ms. Angelica Hart

SUAREC –Ms. Keisha Caesar

Chairman Lawson acknowledged the visitors in the room for the meeting. He acknowledged Troy Carter and asked him to come to the podium and give greetings.

He introduced his team that accompanied him.

AGENDA ITEM 11: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. SUNO – Chancellor Ammons and Dr. Rugon

1. Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office
 2. BASH, SUNO Alumni Association and Foundation
 3. Center for Financial Advancement
- B. SUSLA – Dr. Gantt
1. Check Presentation
 - a. SUSLA Alumni Association
 - b. CenterPoint
 2. Presentation on SUSLA Engineering & Technology program by Dr. Kenie Moses (Department Head-Engineering & Technology/Assistant Professor of Engineering & Technology/Project Coordinator for STEM Grant Initiatives)
- C. SUAREC – Dr. McMeans and Dr. Williams and Mr. Robert Easley
1. Mosaic Fertilizer Fall Programming
 2. Joe W. & Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation
- D. SUBR – Dean Derrick Warren and President Gallot and Dr. Luria Young
1. Pilot Academic Collaboration between Southern University and Grambling State University
 2. Update on Proposed New Academic Programs
 3. Update on Medical School – Dr. Whitfield and Dr. Appeaning/Dr. Manogin
- E. SUS
1. Ms. Evelyn Adams Endowed Scholarship – Mr. Alfred Harrell introduced Ms. Adams and she spoke briefly.
- F. Intelligence Centers for Academic Excellence
- Atty Clayton introduced the FBI Representative Roche' who made a presentation on the Intelligence Centers for Academic Excellence and spoke of the partnership.

AGENDA ITEM 12: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve action items 12A –12I be approved globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2023, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request Approval of Posthumous Honorary Degree for Tia Meshawn Gorrell

(SUAREC/SUBR)

C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUS)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Current	Suggested	
1. Sandra Steper	Facilities Planner <i>Office of Facilities Planning</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	-	\$75,000.00	State

D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Current	Suggested	
1. Consuella Briggs	Project Coor/Asst Dir/CCp Manager <i>Educational Talent Search</i>	Additional Duties/ Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$66,843.00	\$70,843.00	Federal
2. Lasonia Brown	Guidance Counselor <i>Southern University Laboratory School</i>	New Appointment/ New Position	<i>Waived</i>	-	\$70,000.00	State
3. Stephenne Calhoun	Mental Health Therapist <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Staff Retention Salary Adjustments	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	State
4. Patrick Carriere	Sciences and Engineering	Salary Adjustment from Dean to Professor	<i>N/A</i>	\$192,000.00	\$153,600.00	State
5. Ariana Hollins	Mental Health Therapist <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Staff Retention Salary Adjustments	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 61, 500.00	\$ 72,000.00	State
6. Porshe Hitchens	Mental Health Therapist <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Staff Retention Salary Adjustments	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	State
7. Charnal Jackson	Mental Health Therapist <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Department Change ONLY	<i>N/A</i>	-	\$ 78, 000.00	State
8. Valary Irvin	Director <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Staff Retention Salary Adjustments	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 99, 798.00	\$115,000.00	State
9. Shanta McCall	Guidance Counselor <i>Southern University Laboratory School</i>	New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	-	\$70,000.00	State
10. Amanda O' Connor	Graduate School Admissions Coor <i>Graduate School</i>	New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	-	\$73,000.00	State/Federal
11. Sean Stanford	Mental Health Therapist <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Staff Retention Salary Adjustments	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	State
12. Crystal Taylor	Coordinator, Degree Audit/ Scheduling <i>Registrars' Office</i>	New Appointment/ New Position	<i>Search</i>	-	\$70,000.00	Federal

13. Andrea Travis	Mental Health Therapist <i>Univ Counseling Center</i>	Staff Retention Adjustments	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	State
14. Cariola Watson	Project Coor/Asst Dir/CCp Manager <i>Educational Talent Search</i>	Additional Duties/ Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$66,843.00	\$70,843.00	State

E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Current	Suggested	
1. Layton Lynch	Property and Safety Manager <i>Office of Facilities Management</i>	New Appointment/ New Position	<i>Search</i>	-	\$65,000.00	State/Federal

F. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Current	Suggested	
1. Teodora Esoinosa-Solares	Research Professor/ Food Science and Bioprocessing <i>Research and Development</i>	New Appointment/ Existing Position	<i>Waived</i>	-	\$110,000.00	Federal
2. Angell Jordan	Family and Consumer Sciences Regional Coor. <i>SU Cooperative Extension</i>	New Appointment/ Existing Position	<i>Waived</i>	-	\$ 60,800.00	State/Federal
3. Charity Schaffer	Agent, Youth Development <i>SU Cooperative Extension</i>	Additional Duties/ Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 51,351.00	\$ 62, 000.00	Federal

G. Request Approval for Athletic Director to Conduct a Focused Search for a New Head Football Coach (SUBR)

H. Request Approval of Leave of Absence for Professor Aloyce Kaliba (SUBR)
Professor Aloyce Kaliba, Department of Finance and Economic is requesting that the Southern University Board of Supervisors consider his petition to for an 8- month leave of absence with pay to obtain professional and cultural improvement. Dr. Kaliba was selected as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar for 2023-2024 in Tanzania. The Fullbright Fellowship will provide beneficial opportunities for the Scholar and their home institution in the platforms of long-term collaborative capacity building research, continued international exchange and greater cross-cultural communication.

I. Request Approval of Contracts, Amendments, Agreements, Grants, etc.... Equal to or Greater than \$300,000.00.

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. Interagency Technology Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (Second Amendment)	Amended to reflect additional funding and extend to June 30, 2025	\$1, 614, 900.00	SUSLA/ LA. Dept. of Eco. Dev.
2. Nurse Capitation Program (Contract)	Amended to reflect additional funds	\$336, 000.00	SUBR/ Board of Regents
3. Department of Justice Stop the Violence Against Women (Grant)	Grant awarded to establish programs that will combat domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking on campus	\$400,000.00	SUBR/ Dept of Justice
4. Climate-Smart Commodities Federal Grant (Subrecipient Agreement)	Grant awarded to support the production and marketing of climate smart commodities by implementing best agricultural practices on working lands	\$611,537.60	SUBR/ Supreme Rice, LLC
5. Carbon-Inverted Manufacturing of Inverted Cements (Grant)	Grant Awarded to develop a practical technology to facilitate the carbon-inverted manufacturing of inverted cements.	\$346, 168.00	SUBR/ Univ. Mass Amherst
6. Louisiana Biomedical Research Network (Subaward Agreement)	Agreement is to perform research and/or/ services to support PTE's Obligations to the Federal Awarding Agency	\$467,053.00	SUBR/LSU
7. FY23 Southern University and A&M College, LA Crisis Intervention Team (Grant)	Grant Awarded to Implement 24/7 Crisis Intervention Teams- Community Policing Solicitation for after hour situations	\$351, 568.00	SUBR/ Dept of Justice
8. Personal, Professional, Consulting or Social Services (Subaward Contract)	Contracted to provide training and professional development opportunities to child welfare staff and stakeholders	\$1, 992,162.00	SUBR - SUNO/ NSU
9. Statewide Media Campaign (Subaward Contract)	The purpose of the contract is to develop a statewide Media Alcohol Awareness Campaign	\$ 750,000.00	SUBR/LA Dept of Health
10. Elizabeth City State University (Subaward Contract)	Phase II of the Consortium for Nuclear Security, Advanced Manufacturing Enhanced by Machine Learning	\$1, 750,000.00	SUBR/ ECSU

AGENDA ITEM 12.5: RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences

- Ernestine Meyers Lamark
- Bernice Jones Washington
- Raynaud Fisher Henton
- Dorothy Browser "Marion" Harvey

Commendations

- Dr. Rick Gallot

- Dr. Jim Henderson
- Colonel Lamar A Davis

There was a motion by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve the read resolutions and Atty Edwin Shorty second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 13: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Facilities Planning Updates

Mr. Ken Dawson gave a update on all the projects.

B. Interim Financial Report

Mr. McClinton gave information on the different areas and highlighted specific areas on the report. He informed the board members that he will take a deeper dive in to the financials in January 2024

Atty Clayton commended Mr. McClinton.

C. President's Report

President Shields gave a brief report

D. Chancellor's Reports

All Chancellor's gave a brief report.

AGENDA ITEM 14: OTHER BUSINES

Chairman Lawson thanked everyone for staying until the end of meeting. He thanked the board for their attendance. Everyone was in attendance. All 16 members. He thanked everyone who assisted with the meeting.

Wished everyone a Merry Xmas.

AGENDA ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Atty Clayton to adjourn the meeting.