

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**Southern University System Board Meeting Room**

**J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70813**

**9:00 AM**

### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Attorney Domoine Rutledge.

The invocation was given by Father Arockiam of the St Paul Catholic Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Christopher Bess, a senior from Southern University Laboratory School. He is the son of Quincy and Angela Bess.

Chairman Rutledge thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. He mentioned, he “especially wanted to thank Dr. Robert Rene and Ms. Tracey Taylor-Jarrell for their assistance as board staff, he thanked Dr. Belton and all the Chancellors for their hard work; he thanked the General Counsels, Atty Decuir and Atty Blache; Mr. Marcus Brown and Clourth Wilson who worked very hard to make certain the meetings go without a hitch. He informed the chairman and vice chairman that they have his full support and cooperation and he look forward to following their leadership.”

Proceed with the Installation of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

#### **Installation of Board Officers for 2021**

Attorney Brandon Decuir administered the oath of office to Attorney Edwin Shorty, Board Chair and Dr. Rani Whitfield, the vice chair.

Chairman Atty Shorty thanked his wife and kids for all their support. He also thanked Atty Rutledge who gave great commendations and steadfast leadership. Lastly, He thanked Congressman Senator Cedric Richmond and Congressman Troy Carter for all their support and partnership.

He is looking forward to the new year and the opportunity to serve and work with all the members.

Vice Chairman Dr. Rani Whitfield thanked his family for all their support. He thanked the board for all their support. He is looking forward to working with Chairman Shorty and with the members.

Board Chairman Atty Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

#### **Roll Call by Dr. Ray Belton.**

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Dr. Leon Tarver–Vice-Chair, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mrs. Christy Reeves  
Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

**Absent: None**

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

Mr. Gilliam mention there are amendments to the agenda. Agenda Item F (C) will be moved to full board agenda. Agenda Item F (D) will be deleted from the agenda. There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Ms. Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendments.

Motion Approved.

### **AGENDA ITEM F: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM F: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### A. Recognition of 2021 Board Officers

Dr. Belton presented the outgoing Chairman Atty Domoine Rutledge and Vice Chairman Atty Edwin Shorty with a small token of appreciation.

Dr. Tarver recognized and acknowledged Atty Domoine Rutledge for his leadership for the last three year and he made a motion to store upon the outgoing chairman, the title of Chairman Emeritus and the motion was second by Dr. Rani Whitfield.

Motion passed.

#### B. Recognition of Southern University Laboratory School's Football Team (SULS)

Chairman Shorty recognized Dr. Rani Whitfield who recognized the SULS football team and he asked Mr. Herman Brister to come and introduced SULS Football Coach Asberry. Mr. Brister thanked everyone for their support and gave a few comments about the football team and the championship game. He introduced Coach Asberry who thanked everyone for their support. Members of the board congratulated the coach and the team and they took a picture with the team and Coach.

#### ~~C. Jefferson Parish Council (SUNO)~~

#### ~~D. Center Point Energy Check Presentation (SUSLA)~~

#### E. AEP (American Electric Power) Foundation Check Presentation (SUSLA)

Dr. Appeaning thanked Dr. Kenny Moses and Stephanie Rodgers. – Michael Corbin presented check to SUSLA in the amount of \$100k.

F. Path Forward to Becoming a Carnegie Classified R2 Research University (SUBR)

Dr. Belton asked Dr. Sahoo to come and make the presentation. He presented the power point presentation.

*(This presentation highlights SUBR's effort to be recognized as a doctoral research-intensive university along with our core commitment to provide a student-centered learning environment.)*

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

Motion was made by Ms. Arlanda Williams and second by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve Action Items A & B in global.

Motion Approved

A. Request Approval of New Graduate Degree Program - Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences (SUBR)

*(The Master of Science graduate program is fulfilling a market need and will prepare students for productive careers in areas where we have undergraduate programs in the college.)*

B. Request Approval of Proposed Curriculum Changes for the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (CRC) and Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) Merger (SUBR)  
*(The CMHC program will attain accreditation and SUBR will have efficiency gains through the consolidation of several courses that are common to both programs.)*

C. Request Approval to grant Dr. Nadia Nedzel the status of Emeritus Professor (SULC)

Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II that Item C be approved.

Motion Approved

**AGENDA ITEM I: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM F: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Ms. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Friday, January 7, 2022

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

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### **MINUTES**

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–Vice-Chair, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leon Tarver, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Mr. Richard Hilliard

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

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

Motion passed.

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

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

Mr. Maurice Pitts highlighted all projects on each campus.

There was discussion around the timeline for the projects and Mr. Pitts was asked to continue to collaborate with Dr. Ammons (SUNO) and Mr. Sam Gilliam (SUSLA).

He was also asked to seek minority contractors.

##### **A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)**

###### ***SUBR***

- *Fisher Hall Renovation - Contract awarded to Cangelosi Ward General Contractors*
- *STEM Science Building - Completed Programming Phase*
- *Sewer Lift Station #2 - Engineering Firm in Design Phase*

- *Ravine Repair - Permanent repairs underway behind the Student Health Center and the parking lot perimeters at the Millennium Apartments*

***SUSLA***

- *Collier Science Building – Contract Awarded to the LeBlanc & Young Architects, LLC for \$178k. Total renovation of 3.1million.*
- *Gymnasium - Demolition Scope added to Capital Outlay Request (\$9M). Letters requesting demolition were mailed to legislators in November*
- *Drainage Project and Road Overlay - Contract Awarded to the LeBlanc & Young Architects, LLC for \$178k. Total renovation of 3.1million.*

***SUNO***

- *ADA Bathroom Upgrades - Design Contract awarded November 30th (Meyer Engineers and Architects)*
- *Security Fence Guard-shack Repairs - In discussion with FP&C to determine status as Project or Major Repair.*

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Facilities and Property Committee)**  
**Friday, January 7, 2022**  
**Southern University System Board Room**  
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**Baton Rouge, LA 70813**

**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, Dr. Leon Tarver, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Sam Gilliam, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

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

Motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam to approve Action Items 5A.

Motion Approved.

Mr. McClinton presented a brief summary of the adjustments.

- A. Request approval for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments (FY22 BA-7) (SUS)

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

A. Interim Financial Reports

Mr. McClinton gave a summary for each campus. The detail information is in the packet.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

## **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**(Following Finance Committee)**

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**Southern University System Board Room**

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### **MINUTES**

Board Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Dr. Leon Tarver, II called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by Dr. Belton

**Present:** Dr. Leon Tarver - Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Atty. Jody Amedee, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Mr. Samuel Tolbert

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

Upon the motion by Ms. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Mrs. Christy Reeves the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

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

Comment from Dr. Albert Samuels – Stating he support Action Item 5A

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

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Ms. Arlanda Williams that Action Item 5A be approved.

Motion Approved

Chairman Shorty requested all campus representatives to look at the equity adjustments on their respective campuses. He wants the chancellors to do an analysis to find out if they can do the same.

- A. Request Approval of Equity Adjustments for Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge Faculty (SUBR)  
*(The recommended equity adjustments are a small step to reduce severe inequities amongst faculty who hold the rank as associate professors.)*



~~B. Request Approval of Faculty Retirement Incentive Plans for Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge (SUBR)  
(This recommendation is revenue neutral and offers just recognition of senior faculty while simultaneously allowing for the recruitment of newly minted talent.)~~

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam that Action Item 5C (1-13) be approved in global w/ the exception of #4.

Motion Approved

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Peter Bonnee	Chief Information Officer (CIO) New Appointment (SUNO)	\$95,000.00	State
2. Jacqueline Dixon	Special Assistant to the Chancellor-Dean Additional Duties (SUAREC)	\$65,000.00	State
3. Gabriel Fagbeyiro	Associate Vice-President/Chief Information Officer Equity Adjustment (SUS)	\$177,500.00	State
<del>4. Mark Frederick</del>	<del>Assistant Football Coach New Appointment (SUBR)</del>	<del>\$65,000.00</del>	<del>State</del>
5. Barry Hester	Interim Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workplace Development New Appointment (SUSLA)	\$108,576.00	State
6. Toni Jackson	College of Engineering and Sciences – Director of Advancement New Appointment (SUBR)	\$85,000.00	State
7. Henry Miller	Assistant Football Coach New Appointment (SUBR)	\$80,000.00	State
8. LaSonia Morris	Director of Accounting New Appointment (SUSLA)	\$68,000.00	State
9. Damon Nevins	Assistant Football Coach New Appointment (SUBR)	\$65,000.00	State
10. Kelly Smith	Interim Chair - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program New Appointment (SUNO)	\$125,000.00	State
11. Ursula Square	Director of Literacy New Appointment (SU Lab/SUBR)	\$65,000.00	State
12. Quiana Skidmore	Interim Director - Human Resources New Appointment (SUSLA)	\$67,702.75	State

D. Request Approval of Sabbatical Leave and Faculty Appointment for Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA)

Dr. Belton gave brief comments on Items 5D.

Motion was made by Ms. Arlanda Williams and second by Mr. Raymond Fondel that Action Item 5D be approved.

Motion Approved

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mrs. Christy Reeves to adjourn the meeting.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following Personnel Committee)**

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**Southern University System Board Room  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70813**

### **MINUTES**

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

#### **PRESENT**

Mr. John Barthelemy, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Myron Lawson  
Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Kevin Taylor-Jarrell II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

#### **ABSENT**

Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Richard Hilliard, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

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

Chairman Shorty mentioned the agenda will be amended. Agenda Item 5A Above and Beyond Award will be removed. Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield, the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed.

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

~~A. Above and Beyond Award~~

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):**

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Mrs. Christy Reeves to approve action item A.

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2021, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Mrs. Christy Reeves to approve action item B.

Motion passed.

B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Mrs. Christy Reeves to approve action item C.

Motion passed.

Chancellor Pierre gave brief comments.

C. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern University Law Center and Pensole Lewis College (SULC)  
*(This MOU offers no-cost opportunities to engage with Pensole Lewis College, therewith advancing career pathways in the fashion and design industry.)*

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Mrs. Christy Reeves to approve action item D.

Motion passed.

There was lengthy discussion in reference to Item D and there were some concerns from the committee, therefore Dr. Whitfield and Ms. Reeves withdrew the motion. Item D will be tabled until next month's meeting after the committee receives additional information.

D. Request Approval of Dissolution of Agreement between SUSLA and Texas A&T (SUSLA)  
*(Dissolution of the MOU between SUSLA and third-party entity which created the Southern University Shreveport Jaguars.)*

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and Second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve action item E.

Motion passed.

E. Request Approval of Resolution for CEA between Southern University A&M College and the Louisiana Leadership Institute (SUBR)

**AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS**

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

- Ms. Janice Faye Dickerson
- Ms. Keneshie Morrison

- Ms. Anna Pierre
- Bishop Roy Lawrence Hailey Winbush
- Mr. Audis Truxillo
- Ms. Betty Hardy Smith

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

Motion approved.

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

#### A. Medical Marijuana Update

Dr. McMeans gave a brief update on the rollout of flower which is huge. Dr. Snowden will give a more detailed report on next month.

#### B. President's Report

Dr. Belton congratulated Chairman Shorty and told him he is looking forward to working with him. Dr. Belton gave information on the COVID Protocols @ System for Spring semester.

#### C. Chancellor's Reports

(SUNO) Dr. Ammons congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He gave information on the COVID Protocols for SUNO for Spring Semester.

Councilmen Byron Lee and Dr. Kim Rugon had a presentation from Jefferson Parish City Council. Councilmen Lee presented SUNO with a check in the amount of \$100k – tuition assistant \$25k/yearly for 4 years.

(SUSLA) Dr. Appeaning congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He congratulated Ms. Tiffany Varner on Pinning Ceremony. He gave information on the COVID Protocols for SUSLA for Spring Semester.

(SUAREC) Dr. McMeans congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He thanked Atty Rutledge for his leadership and he thanked Dr. Belton for all his support. He mentioned SUAREC motto is “Bigger and Better in 2022”. He acknowledged Ms. Lisa Williamson who will be leaving after 22 years.

(SULC) Chancellor Pierre acknowledged Chancellor Agnihotri. He presented the Chairman and Vice Chairman with gifts from the SU Law Center. He gave information on the COVID protocols for SU Law Center for Spring Semester. He introduced General Honore who is present at the meeting. He will give information on the Haiti Conference.

(SUBR) Dr. Sahoo congratulated the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. He mentioned there was a Spring 2022 Faculty Convocation on yesterday, January 6, 2022. He briefly mentioned the IBM Research and he congratulated Dr. Sandra Brown who received the award from Mary Bird Cancer.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Shorty gave information on the presidential search and the remaining timeline.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.