

Southern University Board of Supervisors

1:30 p.m.

Friday, December 14, 2012

J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

Present

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Marc A. Guichard
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Absent

Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. LOUISIANA STAR JOBS: CHARTING THE COURSE FOR A STRONGER WORKFORCE

Mr. Charles Moniotte, Chairman of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council, tendered the presentation on *Louisiana Star Jobs*, an online tool developed by the Louisiana Workforce Commission to assist Louisiana citizens (especially students) in exploring career options and in locating employment. Current and future job opportunities on a regional and statewide level are provided by rank (one star --lowest to five stars – highest) and include income, educational background requirements, skills and interests for each job listed.

The portal which serves as the central depository for the State's job data is updated annually so that the public schools and universities can align their curricula with those jobs that are rated three-five stars.

The University's active involvement and support of this project were solicited as the State seeks to assist its citizenry in meeting top job opportunities.

President Mason indicated his interest in membership on the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council. The Council advises the Governor on the needs of Louisiana's employers and workforce and also develops strategic plans to assure efficiency and cooperation between State government and business and industry.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, SUBR

Dr. William Broussard recommended the appointment of Mr. Dawson Odum as Head Football Coach at Southern University – Baton Rouge. His recommendation was supported by Chancellor James Llorens and System President Ronald Mason. The Board also received a letter from Mr. Dennis Brown, President of SU National Alumni Association, in support of the Administration's recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Lawson and Atty. Clayton and seconded by Atty. Magee,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Mr. Dawson Odums as Head Football Coach at Southern University – Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM, SUNO

Chancellor Victor Ukpolo announced the accreditation of the SUNO College of Business and Public Administration by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The Chancellor recognized the work of the Dean and key faculty and staff in gaining accreditation for the College.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Mire recognized the presence of the following individuals:

- Mr. Demetrius Sumner, former Student Board Member
- Mr. Willie McCorkle, SUBR SGA President
- Mrs. Glenda Llorens, wife of Chancellor James Llorens
- Mr. Marc Morial, CEO of the National Urban League and former Mayor of the City of New Orleans and guest speaker at the SUBR Fall 2012 Commencement.

Mr. Morial commended the members of the Board and Administration for their work on behalf of Southern University.

Chairman Mire thanked Mr. Morial for his assistance in defeating legislation seeking to merge SUNO and UNO.

Atty. Walter Dumas urged Dr. Broussard to address problems relating to game day parking for football ticket holders.

Members of the SUNO Student Government Association were introduced to the Board by Vice Chancellor Wesley Bishop.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.
