

# Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 7, 2011

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

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. Patrick W. Bell.

### Present

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick W Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Achilles Williams

### Absent

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

### University Personnel

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore  
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)  
Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa represented Chancellor Kofi Lomotey  
Prof. Roderick White represented Chancellor Freddie Pitcher

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### Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr., Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: INSTALLATION OFFICERS**

Incoming Vice Chairman of the Board, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., was administered the oath of office by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

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Incoming Chairman of the Board, Mr. Darren G. Mire, was administered the oath of office by Mrs. Carmel Mire.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Immediate past Board Chairman, Antonio M. Clayton was recognized for his service as Board Chairman for the past two years. A token of appreciation was given to Atty. Clayton from the Board of Supervisors and the Southern University at New Orleans. An official photo of Atty. Clayton was hung on the wall of the Board Room.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Thomas Miller, Vice President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, registered concern regarding what he perceived to be faculty and gender inequities in the membership of the SUBR Chancellor Search Committee.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, echoed Dr. Miller's comments and also tendered appreciation to Atty. Clayton for his past service as Board Chairman.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the December 10, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the December 10, 2010 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Proposed Amendments to Board's Bylaws

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the addition of the sub-sections indicated below to the Bylaws of the Board of Supervisors, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Article VII: Section 6. Chancellors**

#### **Sub-sections**

- I. The Chancellor shall have responsibility and oversight over all fundraising activities.**
- J. The Chancellor shall have responsibility and authority to exercise administrative and fiscal control over the intercollegiate athletics program.**

- C. Mineral Lease Sale, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College has determined that it is the owner of mineral interests in and under immovable property in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, which constitutes the Shreveport campus of Southern University described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College has determined that it desires to take advantage of LSA R.S. 30:152(A), et seq, to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to nominate the property described in Exhibit "A" for state agency mineral lease.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College, in legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases pertaining to the immovable property listed on the attached Exhibit "A", and additional conditions, minimum bonuses and rental on attached Exhibit "B".

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolutions

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. System President's Report

A report on the first meeting of the Southern University Baton Rouge Chancellor Search Committee on Thursday, January 6 was reported by Dr. Mason. He advised that the Committee acted to approve the hiring on an executive search firm to aid in the Chancellor search and selection; and, to raise funds through private sources to pay this expense.

Continuing his report, Dr. Mason advised the Board that the first phase of Project Positive Direction had been implemented in an effort to enhance the University's business operations and technology infrastructure. Phase I includes the System administrators working

with the Chancellors to review campus operations relative to structure, processes and personnel. Additionally, campus Internal Auditors and Institutional Research personnel will now be required to report to persons holding these positions at the System level.

**B. Chancellors' Reports**

The information below was submitted to the Board in addition to the written reports furnished by the Chancellors.

**SUBR**

- The Campus will be the venue for ESPN2's SportsNation show which will broadcast live on ESPN2.
- Free ACT Workshops will be conducted on the Campus, beginning Spring 2011.

**SUNO**

- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Information Technology Building will take place in February.
- The SUNO Foundation was awarded a \$25,000 Grant from the Coca Cola Foundation to be used to provide First Generation College Scholarships to 20 full-time students at SUNO, who meet the criteria.

**SUSLA**

- Closing on the purchase of the Allen Building in downtown Shreveport is expected to be completed by the end of January.

**SULC**

- The American Association of Law Schools voted unanimously on January 6, 2011 to admit the SU Law Center to its membership.

**SUAREC**

- No additional report.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors