

Legal Affairs Committee
2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

Atty. Bridget Dinvaut, newly-appointed Board member from Congressional District 3, was administered the oath of office by Atty. Tracie Woods.

Atty. Dinvaut expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board and pledged her best efforts in fulfilling the responsibilities of this position.

PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chair
Atty. Bridget Dinvaut
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Mr. Myron K. Lawson was appointed to the Committee by Board Chairman Mire to effect a quorum.

Absent

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Vice Chair
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF TEN-DAY NOTICE OF MEETINGS REQUIREMENT

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee waived the ten-day notice required for the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Dinvaut, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT FOR LAWSUIT ENTITLED, ERMA WARE V. SU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ET. AL.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, settlement of the lawsuit entitled, Erma Ware v. SU Board of Supervisors, et. al. in the amount of \$82,000, payable to the plaintiff. The Office of Risk Management (ORM) has agreed to pay \$15,000 of this amount. The Shreveport campus will pay the balance in two equal installments: one in the current fiscal year and the second in fiscal year 2012-2013. The plaintiff will tender an official resignation of her position with the University.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee was also informed that ORM will pay the University's attorney fees in this case.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Mire, the meeting was adjourned.

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Athletics Committee

3:30 p.m.

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Minutes

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Patrick D. Magee. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Chair
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Dr. Eamon Kelly

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
Chancellor James L. Llorens

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF TEN-DAY NOTICE OF MEETING REQUIREMENT

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee waived the ten-day notice requirement for the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Trivedi cautioned the Committee to give careful consideration to the number of complimentary tickets provided for in the proposed policy (Item 7A) in light of the University's current financial situation.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

With the concurrence of System Mason, Chancellor Llorens recommended the appointment of Dr. William Broussard as the new Director of Athletics for Southern University – Baton Rouge. He requested the Committee's favorable action on his recommendation.

To support his recommendation, Chancellor Llorens listed Dr. Broussard's numerous academic and professional achievements which qualified him for this position.

In his presentation, Dr. Broussard expressed appreciation to the Chancellor for his recommendation. He then listed three areas that he would address forthrightly in the SUBR Athletics Program, if the Board approved his appointment:

- Compliance
- Academic Performance
- Fundraising

Mr. Lawson asked Dr. Broussard if he could work with the current budget for the SUBR Athletics Program. Dr. Broussard responded in the affirmative.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. William Broussard as the Director of Athletics for Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously. 8 yeas: Magee, Sumner, M. Bell, Dinvaut, Forstall, Lawson, Smith, and Mire.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. COMPREHENSIVE SUBR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC TICKET AND RELATED ACTIVITIES POLICY

Committee Vice Chair Sumner listed several items that he would like to have addressed and/or incorporated into the proposed policy before it is submitted to the Board for action. Namely,

- 1.) The value of complimentary tickets given to a donor shall not exceed the value of the service donated.
- 2.) Access to the 3rd floor of A.W. Mumford Fieldhouse shall be limited to persons 18 years and older.
- 3.) The inclusion into the policy of complimentary tickets to family members of deceased Board Members; and, to Interim Presidents should be addressed.
- 4.) Recipients of more than four complimentary tickets shall be required to purchase at least four season books.

Following discussion of these items, the Committee deferred action on the proposed policy and the suggested revisions until the April 2012 Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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