

Southern University and A&M College System
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Friday, January 11, 2019
9 a.m.

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Rev. J.J. Mitchell, Pastor of the True Vine Baptist Church of Scotlandville and the pledge was led by Southern University Laboratory School student Carmen Alfred.

PRESENT

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Ms. Xavieria Jeffers, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Richard Hilliard

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness Vladimir Appeaning, Vice President for External Affairs Robyn Merrick, Chancellors Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

Installation of Board Officers for 2019

Atty Rutledge was sworn in by Baton Rouge City Court Judge Tarvald Smith. Atty. Rutledge acknowledged his family including his mother Glinda, wife Sharmayne. and sons Dillon and Darren and thanked them for attending. He also acknowledged public officials in the audience and thanked state and local elected officials for their support of the University. There were several persons that he wished were in attendance including Ruffian Paul, Van Bell, Gerald Kimble, and his grandmother. He stated that he realizes that he is entrusted with a tremendous responsibility and will approach it with a seriousness of purpose. He thanked former Board leaders Mrs. Ann Smith and Rev. Donald Henry. There are three things that he wants to focus on keenly in the year ahead: To give increased focus to enrollment management which is the life blood of the institution, the alignment of the academic inventory with the workforce demands so that students are equipped with a marketable skill to compete in a global marketplace, and to create new revenue streams through public and private partnerships. He ended with an African Proverb if you wish to go fast go alone, but if you wish to go far, go together.

Board Vice Chairman for 2019 is Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. was sworn in by Associate Justice of the LA Supreme Court Associate Justice James Genovese. He thanked his family for attending and stated that he looks forward to working with all members of the Board.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, January 11, 2019

9:00 a.m.

2nd Floor J.S. Clark Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

AGENDA

Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

Present: Dr. Curman Gaines, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. John Barthelemy, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was amended to add an update on dual enrollment (at the request of Board Member Sam Gilliam) and the amended agenda was recommended for adoption

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of SUNO Faculty Handbook Revised Fall 2018

Dr. Ammons stated that the handbook has gone through a collegial process and is a sound document that will guide the faculty. It has been reviewed by the faculty and faculty senate at SUNO and approved by Chancellor Mims and he stated that he supports approval of the handbook.

Upon the motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Dr. Tarver the revised faculty handbook for the SUNO campus was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

B. Ratification of the Awarding of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Senator Diana Bajoie

Executive VP Ammons spoke about the accomplishments and career of Senator Bajoie and stated that the nomination is supported by the faculty of the department of public administration, the dean of the School of Public Policy, the SU System Chief Academic Officer and the SU System president.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Barthelemy, the ratification of the awarding of the honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Senator Diana Bajoie was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Dual Enrollment Update

Board Member Sam Gilliam requested an update on dual enrollment. He recently read an article that appeared in the local newspaper on December 17 and the essence of the article stated that 1 in 5 of the students that are dually enrolled are minority, marginal or socio-economically disadvantaged. The article also stated that the UL System comprises 43% of the students, SUBR makes up 1% of the total, SU System makes up 5%, while the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) makes up 38% of the students who are dually enrolled. He asked that University administrators work with the BOR to make systemic changes. Gaines asked Dr. Belton or Dr. Ammons to respond to Mr. Gilliam's concern. Dr. Belton responded that the University is building infrastructure across the System to address dual enrollment. He said that the goal is to increase participation of students throughout the state. He said that SUSLA is the standard bearer in the SU System followed closely by SUNO. He spoke to SUBR faculty and stated that SUSLA was the first institution to implement dual enrollment in the state of LA. Dual enrollment in its inception was developed to encourage minority students to take a chance and to be acclimated to the college experience. The target in the State of LA was minority students and students in rural parishes while the focus now seems to be on students with high GPAs. The University is continuing to realize that dual enrollment is critical and of value and we are being strategic in achieving more significant outcomes. Ms. Arlanda Williams stated that the System should research early target high schools which is popular in Texas. When looking at the dual enrollment look at a strategy to target certain populations. Dr. Ammons stated that affordability and cost are factors in dual enrollment. He stated that the more students that the University enrolls in dual enrollment reduces the cost of attaining a degree. Dr. Ammon stated that dual enrollment will continue to be a priority. Mr. Gilliam asked that at the next meeting, he would like a report on the initiatives that are being put forth.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Barthelemy the meeting was adjourned.

Motion passed.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Finance Committee)

Friday, January 11, 2019

Southern University Board of Supervisors' Meeting

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Baton Rouge, LA

Minutes

The Facilities and Property Committee was called order by Committee Chair Rev. Donald R. Henry.

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, and Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

Absent: Mr. Richard Hilliard

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Priority Project Updates (per campus)

Mr. Eli Guillory, System Director of Facilities had a written report that was included in the packet. Over \$1 million dollars in funding has come through in capital outlay. Reviewed the status of projects at each campus. Progress on each campus is positive.

Future projects include construction of a new student union and new housing. For future cost savings, he has had meetings with a solar power company and analysis is being done. Atty. Rutledge says he has seen the reports but doesn't have a good command or understanding of how the priority of projects are being undertaken.

He also asked the process for selecting the designers for projects and how the bid process is facilitated. Facilities, Planning and Control (FP&C) formulates an in-house engineer or staff and teams with the University Planning team and reviews projects. Projects are sent out for bid through *The Advocate*.

Projects that are \$400,000 or less for the construction amount the University had been able to select the designers in the past, but currently FP&C selects the design team. How much influence does the University have in recommending designers?

Chair Rutledge asked the status of giving attention to the SU Lab School. Waiting on FP and C

to determine funding for the water intrusion issue at the lab school. Chair Rutledge stated that the gymnasium is appalling and does not reflect well. Chair asked for concrete plans on how the laboratory school gym will be addressed. Mr. Guillory elaborated some of the repairs that have been undertaken at the laboratory school including the roof system, the cafeteria, and parking area. The building has infrastructure issues and he thinks that the University look at building a new school. From a planning standpoint, he'd like to build a new school.

Atty. Clayton asked about the recommendations for designers. He also asked about the bridge and plans for correcting the bridge and ravine area. Mr. Guillory stated that the project is being sent out for bidding.

Mrs. Ann Smith stated that severe damage was done in many classrooms in the science building. Mr. Guillory stated that Stewart Hall's roofing has been repaired to prevent water intrusion. Funds have also been used for lighting and various other improvements to classrooms especially to Fisher Hall. She also asked for an update on sidewalks at SUNO. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Chair Rutledge would like to take a tour of SU System campuses to view the physical plant challenges at all the campuses. Chair Rutledge asked Facilities Committee Chair Donald Henry to facilitate the tour of campuses.

Board member Leroy Davis asked the status of the plan for the chill water system for the Baton Rouge campus and asked for an update. Mr. McClinton stated that the Bernhard project is being reviewed to make sure that the contract will benefit the University and the project is ongoing. He reiterated that the University needs to build up its infrastructure.

Mr. Raymond Fondel asked about the status of the gates. Mr. Guillory stated that the facilities team met in November and the issue is a maintenance issue that will be addressed by the Baton Rouge campus and Mr. Ben Pugh. Mr. Fondel also asked the status of the construction of the police station.

Dr. Belton said that deferred maintenance has been a challenge, but the state has realized the new to invest in the campuses.

Dr. Tarver questioned whether the Board receive a quarterly report or assessment of the problems and the status of projects and asked for a coordinated approach to address issues.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
Friday, January 11, 2019
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2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, LA

Minutes

The Finance Committee was called order by Committee Chair Dr. Leon R. Tarver II.

Present: Dr. Leroy Davis, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Ms. Arlanda Williams and Atty. Domoine Rutledge,

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM (S)

A. Request Approval to Charge Travel Expense Cost for Educational Travel (SUNO)

Item was tabled until the February meeting upon the recommendation from President-Chancellor Belton.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM (S)

A. Interim Financial Report as of November 30, 2018

Chief financial officers for each campus has submitted their reports and spending is in accordance with the budget.

The SUSLA campus has a \$559,000 is a result of revenue from tuition and fees which is less than what they projected in their budget. So, a decline in enrollment caused an adjustment for the Spring semester by \$300,000.

Chancellor Ellis said the campus is continuing registration at this time and it will continue for another week. Dr. Tarver asked that the Chancellor provide a sense of the enrollment projections. Dr. Ellis stated that enrollment is currently trending flat. Spending has not exceeded the projection. Expenses are much lower than expected and he expects to have a balanced budget at the end of the year.

Vice President McClinton stated that cash is lean and he observes it every day. He stated that the key to cash flow is collecting the funds that are owed to the University.

Davis asked about the status of the austerity plans. Vice President McClinton stated the plan approved by the Board specified that reports would be given to the Board in June and December. Gaines asked about the government shut down and its impact on the students' ability to pay fees. No foreseeable problems from any of the campuses except the SU Ag Center.

Tarver asked for a report at the next Board meeting on the impact of revenue on enrollment numbers.

Board Member Ann Smith wanted to know if plans are in place for students who cannot pay their tuition? Dr. Belton says the impact is being monitored.

Board Member Fondel says there are SUSLA connect students who desire to transfer to the SUBR campus, but because they have traffic tickets they could not and wanted to know what kind of relief can be provided to the students. Dr. Belton stated that he would review the matter.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Upon the motion by Ms. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Dr. Gaines that agenda action item 5A be reconsidered for the best interest of the students.

Motion passed.

Chair Tarver asked Board Counsel if there was anything that would prevent the Board from reconsidering the item. Atty. Decuir stated that a motion would have to be made from someone on the prevailing side.

Chancellor Mims said the fee that is being discussed is for a trip to Egypt and there are 10 graduate students that will attend. It is a unique opportunity that will not affect the students' studies.

Raymond Fondel asked what the Chancellor wanted to do.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Tarver, Gaines, Davis, Gilliam, Williams, Rutledge

Nays: None

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by and seconded by the meeting was adjourned.

Motion passed.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following the Governance Committee)

Friday, January 11, 2019

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

AGENDA

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Patrick Magee

Present: Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Ms. Arlanda Williams and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Barthelemy and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000

Upon the motion by Mr. Gilliam and seconded by Ms. Williams the personnel items 5 A 1 through 10 were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

Committee Chair Patrick Magee asked Dr. Belton to provide context for the personnel recommendations. The actions items presented will advance the goals of the respective campuses. The actions highlight the University's efforts to offer online delivery of instruction and those that will allow the University to be accountable to our finances and that will allow the University to retain faculty and Deans that are critical the campuses.

Committee Chair highlighted the fact that the funding sources for each salary was added to each item.

B. Request Approval of Leaves of Absence Greater than three months

1. Professor Latisha Nixon Jones, unpaid leave request, Spring 2019 semester

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Barthelemy the unpaid leave request for Latisha Nixon Jones for the Spring 2019 semester was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

D. ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Mr. John Barthelemy and seconded by Mr. Gilliam the meeting was adjourned

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(Following the Personnel Committee)

Friday, January 11, 2019
Southern University Board of Supervisors' Meeting
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, LA
Minutes

AGENDA

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Ann Smith.

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Mr. John L. Barthelemy, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Ms. Xavieria Jeffers, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Ms. Arlanda Williams.

Absent: Mr. Richard Hilliard,

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness Vladimir Appeaning, Vice President for External Affairs Robyn Merrick, Dr. David Adegboye, (SUNO), Dr. Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Above and Beyond Award

The Above and Beyond award was presented to Mrs. Patricia Coleman, Accountant II in the SUBR Comptroller's Office. She was introduced by Dr. Robyn Merrick because the Office of External Affairs made the nomination. Mrs. Coleman was accompanied by her supervisor Mrs. Rosie Taylor and Comptroller Monica Mealie. She was presented a plaque and certificate from Board Chair Rutledge and President-Chancellor Belton. She thanked Board members for the honor and stated that she was grateful that she is appreciated.

Atty. Rutledge gave a special recognition to outgoing Board Chair Ann Smith and Vice Chair Donald Ray Henry.

Dr. Whitfield announced that SUNO's Center for African and African American Studies has partnered with Southern University Law Center's Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice (SULC's Institute) to honor and recognize Louisiana native Malik Rahim (formerly known as Donald Guyton) at an inaugural Living Legend Award Celebration on Friday, January 18, at the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work at SUNO. Mr. Rahim is a former member of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense and a Green Party candidate for President of the United States.

B. Blue Cross Blue Shield Grant Award Presentation (SUSLA Culinary Kitchen Incubator)

Chancellor Ellis discussed the initiative of the Kitchen Incubator that was begun through the Workforce Development Center at SUSLA. Darren Dixon along with Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development Janice Sneed and Development Director Mrs. Stephanie Robinson who worked along with the Blue Cross Blue Shield and was awarded a \$300,000 donation. Michael Tipton President of the BCBS Foundation made remarks and expressed excitement for the partnership. Board Members Davis, Tarver, and Gilliam expressed their support and congratulated the staff. Mr. Dan Borne, Chairman of the BCBS Foundation Board made remarks also and expressed his excitement about the partnership.

C. Recognition of SUSLA Band-The SUSLA Soundwave

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melva Williams introduced Dr. Albert Jackson Band Director at SUSLA. The band was recognized for participating in the Bayou Classic parade and performed well. Dr. Jackson stated that he is committed to the band and stated that it is an honor to develop the band and will continue to grow it. He thanked the SUBR Band Director Kedric Taylor for the support of providing instruments to the band. Board Members Barthelemy, Fondel, and Whitfield all gave kudos to the band for their performance during the Bayou Classic parade.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Henry action items **6A, 6 B, 6C, 6D, and 6E** were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

A. Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2018 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the November 23, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the actions taken by the Academic Affairs Committee and Personnel Affairs Committee be and they are hereby approved.

1. Academic Affairs

a. Request Approval of Faculty Handbook

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the SUNO Faculty Handbook Revised Fall 2018 be and it is hereby approved.

b. Ratification of the Awarding of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Senator Diana Bajoie

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for Senator Diana Bajoie be and it is hereby approved.

2. Personnel Affairs

a. Approval of Personnel Actions Greater Than \$60,000

- 1. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Donald Andrews as Dean, College of Business, SUBR, at a salary of \$150,020 be and it is hereby approved.
- 2. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that appointment of Tracy Barley to the new position eLearning Director, SUBR, at a salary of \$90,000 be and it is hereby approved.
- 3. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Elizabeth Bergman to the new position Instructional Designer/Online Services, SUBR, at a salary of \$70,000 be and it is hereby approved.
- 4. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Tiffany Freeman as the replacement for the position Director of Student Life, Student Leadership and Community Engagement, SUBR, at a salary of \$62,000 be and it hereby is approved.
- 5. RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Demetria George to the new position Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance and Business Affairs, SULC, at a salary of \$95,000 be and it hereby is approved.

6. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Catherine Miles as the replacement for the position Associate Vice President for Finance and Treasury Services, SUS, at a salary of \$120,000 be and it hereby is approved.
7. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the prorated salary adjustment (9- month to 12-month) for Professor Mark Thurman, SULC, at a salary of \$144,000 be and it is hereby approved.
8. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Heather Y. Tanner to the new position Recruiting Manager DXC Technology, SUBR, at a salary of \$65,000 be and it hereby is approved.
9. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Marjorie A. Washington as the replacement for the position Data Systems Senior Analyst, SUBR, at a salary of \$70,000 be and it hereby is approved.
10. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the salary adjustment for Ashagre Yigletu, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs Director and Professor, College of Business, SUBR, at a salary of \$130,356 be and it is hereby approved.
11. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the unpaid leave request for Latisha Nixon Jones, professor, SULC be and it is hereby approved.

C. Request Approval of Interagency Agreement between Louisiana Department of Economic Development and Southern University System (SUS) (Fast Start /DXC Project)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Interagency Agreement between Louisiana Department of Economic Development and Southern University System (SUS) Fast Start/DXC project be and it is hereby approved.

D. Request Approval of MOU Between Southern University at New Orleans and Aswan University, Aswan, Egypt

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at New Orleans and Aswan University, Aswan, Egypt be and it is hereby approved.

E. Request Approval of MOU Between Southern University at New Orleans and The Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Cairo, Egypt

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at New Orleans and The Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport, Cairo, Egypt be and it is hereby approved.

F. Resolutions

Commendation(s)

Best wishes were extended to Ms. Tonya Jones, a native of Houston, TX and 2011 graduate of the SU Law Center. She made history on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 because she was one of 17 African American women that were sworn in as judges for Harris County, in Houston, Texas.

Condolences were extended to:

The Gracie Mae Branch Family
The Chatéri Payne Family
The Beverly Dixon Wade Family
The McReynold Wells Sr. Family

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Atty. Magee the resolutions were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System President's Report

Dr. Belton presented a PowerPoint presentation on the strategic plan and distributed copies to each Board member in binders. He reiterated that the strategic plan will affirm the direction of the University and a pathway to excellence. He stated that the mantra that the University has been communicating to stakeholders is that *We are Southern*. He said to fulfill our goals resources must be leveraged. Vice President Dr. Appeaning presented the 7 goals

1. Commitment to Student Success and Affordability
2. Commitment to Academic Excellence and Student Success
3. Commitment to Fundraising and Philanthropic Support
4. Commitment to Improve Campus Life Through Infrastructural Development
5. Commitment to Promote the SU Brand Through Outreach and Global Engagement
6. Commitment to Solving Critical Societal Problems, Expanding Economic Development Opportunities, and Enhancing Quality of Life in Louisiana, Nation and the World
7. Commitment to Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability

Each month, one of the goals will be expounded upon. Interactive website will be established for feedback. Board members also received a timeline for SACS reaffirmation and reminded

Board members that 3 of the 4 campuses would be preparing for reaffirmation in 2020. In September 2019, the compliance document must be submitted to provide evidence that the University is in compliance with the requirements and standards in the *Principles of Accreditation*. December 2020 University anticipates the University will be provided with evidence of reaffirmation. SUSLA will go through a similar cycle in 2021.

Fondel asked about the roll out schedule for implementing the strategic plan. He stated that a marketing campaign would accompany the roll out. He looks to have stakeholders to provide feedback.

B. Campus Reports

SUNO

Feb 11 SUNO will be hosting Donna Basile; the new natural science building and the arts and humanities building and a dedication of the buildings is forthcoming. Additional funds have become available to complete the natural science building. The NAIA award presented to Mr. Artis Davenport who was inducted in to the Hall of Fame along with track coach Youne Reid for being coach of the year. A calendar of events will be forthcoming for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the SUNO campus.

SUSLA

The University sent a request to SACS regarding offering associate degrees accepting the request that the University made regarding partnership with SUNO

SU Ag Center

Dr. Bobby Phills stated that information about the livestock show information is Update on Medical Marijuana by Dr. Janana Snowden said signific \$2.15 million dollars secured working w

Working with state regulatory agencies and meeting with state police regarding the suitability background check; new location work has begun on the property and the temporary grow is scheduled to begin in March. Three local members patient advocacy and the educational component of the initiative.

SULC – Chancellor Pierre announced a partnership with the Coshatta Tribe and he invited Chairman David Sickey of the Southwestern LA Coshatta tribe gave information about the first economic development conference related to Native American tribes that will be held in March. Mr. Sickey also stated that he plans to have partnerships with the University’s Office of Career Services and the Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Chancellor Pierre stated that this partnership is an example of the law center working the SU System plan to expand the global footprint of the University. Chancellor Pierre also announced that the SULC hooding ceremony would be held this evening and Board Chair Rutledge is keynote speaker and Rev. Tolbert is giving the invocation and benediction.

Mr. Fondel commended Chancellor Pierre and expressed his excitement about the conference and the relationship with the tribal nations.

In response to questions about the conference flier that was distributed to members of the Board, Chancellor Pierre invited Adam Crapelle SULC visiting professor to the podium. To explain the conference theme.

SUBR

Ammons thanked Board member for their support of the new personnel recommendations for online programs that were approved. He announced that Fall 2019 applications show an increase and Spring 2019 enrollment is also up in the online program. Announced that during Faculty Convocation Dr. Belton spoke about the University's strategic plan. Also said that there are challenges in retention. Goal is to get students to completion. SACS reaffirmation is on the horizon. Gallup report re: aligning academic inventory. He said that recommendations will be forthcoming on how programs will be further aligned. Academic areas were awarded several major grants including the Coll of Agriculture, College of Business and Louis Stokes minority participation grant supporting the Sciences. He also announced that improvements have been made to the checkpoints, technology for license plate readers and continued progress will be made regarding safety.

Mr. Fondel wanted to make sure that the public and students are informed about the fact that they are being monitored when they visit the SUBR campus.

Board member Fondel asked that next month's agenda should have an item on safety and security at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Atty. Tony Clayton the meeting adjourned.

Motion passed.