

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 23, 2012

TREME' MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HYATT REGENCY
601 LOYOLA AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, 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 Rev. Ross Johnson, Pastor of the Tulane Memorial Baptist Church in New Orleans.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

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, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 7K: Renaming of University Place on the SUBR Campus

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Thomas Miller, School of Architecture Dean Lonnie Wilkerson and SUBR Faculty member Diola Bagayoko spoke in opposition to Item 7B: Recommendation to terminate the Architecture Program at SUBR.

The Board was asked to consider giving the School an additional 90 days to secure its accreditation and transfer to Southern University at New Orleans before Board action is taken to terminate the program. The Board was also asked to direct the Administration to accompany any recommendation to terminate the Architecture program with a full report documenting its efforts to save said program.

AGENDA ITEM 5: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Mire provided a report on Board, System and Campus Initiatives implemented during his tenure as Board Chair (January 2011 – November 2012).

AGENDA ITEM 6: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICER FOR 2013

A. CHAIRMAN

Mr. Willie Hendricks nominated Atty. Bridget Dinvaut for the position of Board Chair for 2013. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Lawson.

On motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Bell, the nominations for Board Chair were closed.

Atty. Dinvaut was elected by acclamation to the Office of Board Chair for 2013.

B. BOARD VICE CHAIR

Atty. Clayton nominated Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert for the Office of Board Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Atty. Magee.

A motion offered by Atty. Clayton to close the nominations for the Office of Board Vice Chair. The motion failed.

Mr. Willie Hendricks nominated Mr. Patrick Bell for the Office of Board Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Kelly.

A roll call on the nomination of Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert as Board Vice Chair produced the following vote: 8 yeas: Braxton, Clayton, Dumas, Gant, Lawson, Magee, Smith, Tolbert; 8 nays: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Dinvaut, Forstall, Guichard, Hendricks, and Kelly; 0 abstentions.

Rev. Tolbert's nomination failed.

A roll call on the nomination of Mr. Patrick Bell as Board Vice Chair produced the following vote: 9 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Dinvaut, Forstall, Guichard, Hendricks, Kelly, Lawson; 7 nays: Braxton, Clayton, Dumas, Gant, Magee, Smith, and Tolbert; 0 abstentions.

Mr. Patrick Bell was elected to the position of Vice Chair.

Atty. Dinvaut and Mr. Bell expressed their appreciation to the members of the Board for electing them to their respective offices. Both pledged their commitment and best efforts toward the fulfillment of their responsibilities of their respective positions.

AGEDNA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the October 26, 2012 Board Meeting

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the October 26, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Recommendation to terminate Architecture Program, SUBR

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that Board action to terminate the Architecture Program at SUBR be and it is hereby deferred for 90 days to allow the School of Architecture to continue discussions with the National Architecture Accrediting Board relative to allowing a variance in its standard procedure and to grant permission for the School of Architecture to relocate to Southern University at New Orleans and the City of New Orleans.

FURTHER RESOLVED that should the School fail to reach its goals, the SUBR Architecture Program shall be terminated immediately without further Board action.

ITEMS 7C – I:

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried. Nay: Hendricks; Atty. Dumas abstained from voting on Item 7F-1.

C. Online B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the SUBR Administration's request to offer the existing Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice through online delivery be and it is hereby authorized.

D. Candidates for Degrees, Fall 2012 Commencement

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that candidates for degrees at the Fall 2012 Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Baton Rouge and Southern University at Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

E. Chancellor Contracts, SUNO, SULC, and SUAREC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the employment agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Victor Ukpolo, Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) which provides for an initial term of two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014, an option to extend the agreement for six (6) months (January 1, 2015-June 30, 2015), an annual salary of \$165,000, an annual housing allowance of \$35,000; and, an annual automobile allowance of \$15,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Other terms and conditions are delineated in the document.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the employment agreement between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Dr. Ray Belton as Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) which provides for an initial term of two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2014, an option to extend the agreement for six (6) months (January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015); an annual salary of \$142,311, an annual housing allowance of \$35,000; and, an annual automobile allowance of \$15,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Other terms and conditions are delineated in the document.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the employment agreement between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Judge Freddie Pitcher as Chancellor of the Southern University Law Center (SULC) which provides for an initial term of two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2014, an option to extend the agreement for six (6) months (January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015); an annual salary of \$218,283.96, an annual housing allowance of \$35,000; and, an annual automobile allowance of \$15,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Other terms and conditions are delineated in the document.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the employment agreement between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Dr. Leodrey Williams as Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) for an initial term of two years, commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for six (6) months (January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015); and, an annual salary of \$181,500, an annual housing allowance of \$35,000; and, an annual automobile allowance of \$15,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Other terms and conditions are delineated in the document.

F. Recommendations for Appointment/Continuation of Appointment, SUBR

1.) *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Brandon Dumas as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective November 1, 2012 at an annual salary of \$105,000 be and it is hereby approved.

2.) *Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Albert Tezeno as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective January 1, 2013 at an annual salary of \$105,000 be and it is hereby approved.

3.) *Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Interim Dean of Honors College*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Ella Kelly as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Interim Dean of the Honors College at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective December 1, 2012 at an annual salary of \$120,000 be and it is hereby approved.

4.) *Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Verjanis Peoples as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective December 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 at an annual prorated salary of \$155,000 be and it is hereby approved.

5.) *Associate Professor/Director of Nursing Research*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Cheryl Taylor as Associate Professor/Director of Nursing Research at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective December 1, 2012 at an annual salary of \$73,629 be and it is hereby approved.

6.) *Dean and Tenured Professor, School of Nursing*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Janet Rami as Dean and Tenured Professor of Nursing at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective December 1, 2012, at an annual salary of \$120,582 be and it is hereby approved.

7.) *Interim Dean and Tenured Professor, College of Education*

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Luria Young as Interim Dean and Tenured Professor in the College of Education at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective December 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 at an annual pro-rated annual salary of \$100,130 be and it is hereby approved.

G. Authorization to Southern Field Services to perform Land Surveys, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that Southern Field Services be and it is hereby authorized to enter the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus to perform surveys on three tracts of land owned by Southern University to determine if pipeline rights of ways can be run through the property.

Additional details are delineated in the document.

H. Revised FY 2012-2013 Operating Budgets and/or FY 2013-2014 Budget Requests

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the FY 2013-2014 Budget Requests for the following entities be and they hereby approved.

FORMULA UNITS

- Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge
- Southern University at New Orleans
- Southern University at Shreveport
- Southern University Law Center

NON-FORMULA UNITS

- *Southern University Board and System Administration*
- *Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center*

I. FY 2013-2014 Budget Request Addenda

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the 2013-2014 Budget Request Addenda for the Southern University System entities be and they are hereby approved.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY and A & M COLLEGE (BATON ROUGE)

- Information Technology
- Operational or Expanded Need

- Sunset Review
- Operational Plan

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY at NEW ORLEANS

- Operational or Expanded Need
- Sunset Review
- Workforce Development
- Operational Plan

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY at SHREVEPORT

- Information Technology
- Operational or Expanded Need
- Operational Plan
- Workforce Development

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

- Sunset Review
- Operational or Expanded Need
- Operational Plan

J. Resolutions

1.) *Authorization to Southern University System entities to file BP Claim*

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the System President be and he is hereby authorized to pursue claims for the Southern University System and its component universities against British Petroleum or any such entities that may be responsible for damages incurred from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and to enter such agreements or arrangements necessary to accomplish that purpose.

2.) Condolences

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that condolences be and are hereby extended to the families named below:

Motion carried unanimously.

- Ms. Erma J. Hayward
- Prof. Ester Q. Moran
- Mrs. Juanita Youngblood Clark

K. Re-naming of the University Place on the SUBR Campus

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that University Place, located on the Baton Rouge campus, be and it is hereby renamed the *Donald Carlye Wade Alumni House*.

Motion carried unanimously.

The above action was taken by the Board in memory of Mr. Donald Carlye Wade who passed away on September 27, 2012. Mr. Wade, an alumnus of Southern University and A & M College, served as Director of the Southern University Alumni Federation, was elected as National President of the Southern University Alumni Federation; and was the recipient of numerous prestigious titles and awards, including -- Executive Director Emeritus of the Southern University Alumni Federation; the SUBR Chancellor's Award for Excellence; and, SU National Alumni Federation's *Ultimate Jaguar Award*.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Reports were received by the Board on the following items:

- A. Recruitment Feeder Program/Recruitment Update, SUBR
- B. Four-Day Class Experience, SUBR
- C. Summary of Energy Savings Projects and Initiatives, SUBR
- D. Parking Lot Damage Assessment, SUBR
- E. Interim Financial Report, as of October 31, 2012, SUS System entities
- F. Priority Projects Updates, by Campus
- G. Campus Updates

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

The Board recognized the presence of Dr. Albert Sams, Member of the Louisiana Board of Regents; Mr. Joe Fuller, Atty. General's Office; and Mr. Jerry Jones, Member of the Alexandria City Council.

Board Member Patrick Bell recognized Chancellor Llorens and Mr. Edward Pratt for their assistance in starting an Insurance Career Workshop on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus.

Board Member Dumas briefed the Board on the accomplishments of the Board's Lab School Committee. He announced that under his leadership as Committee Chair, the following initiatives were implemented:

- ◆ creation of new scholarships,
- ◆ a budget which is in the black,
- ◆ receipts of Public School funding in the amount of \$250,000; and
- ◆ a current waiting list of prospective students.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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

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