

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd Floor, 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 Atty. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony W. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Student Member

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Former Board Members Lea Montgomery and Achilles Williams were recognized for their services and presented tokens of appreciation from the Board and the Campuses. Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Williams expressed their gratitude for having had an opportunity to serve on the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Mire introduced to the Board Dr. Victor Mbarika, Director of the Southern University International Center for Information Technology and Development.

Dr. Mbarika provided an overview of the Center's function and introduced two students who were affiliated with the Center.

A full report on the Center will be given to the Board at its September meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the June 24, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the June 24, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the promotion of Ms. Rose Powell to the rank of Associate Professor, with tenure, at Southern University – Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that the Chancellor of Southern University – Shreveport be and he is hereby authorized to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of Southern University – Shreveport with the City of Shreveport, to be handled through Southern University – Shreveport Division of Community Outreach to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects and to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contract that he so executes.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport be and be is hereby authorized to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of Southern University – Shreveport with the Louisiana Department of Education (LA-DOE-Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG-LA) Program), to be handled through SUSLA’s Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development and other projects and to all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport be and he is hereby authorized to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects and to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University for Military Science courses for Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) be and it is hereby approved.

Athletic Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby received.

The Committee's report contained an overview from the Administration on the advantages of SWAC Membership to Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 #4 be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration's submission of the document to the LA Office of Planning and Budgeting to meet the required deadline date be and it is hereby ratified.

Informational Item – Report on the 2011-2012 Operating Budget for Southern University – Baton Rouge.

AGENDA ITEM 6C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Mage, the following commendations and condolences were approved:

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Doyle Anthony Fontenot, former SUBR student on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army on July 1
- Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius White of Alexandria, 55-year SUBR alumni
- Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Director of the Office of Nursing Research, on being selected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurses.
- Lt. Dominique Jackson, ROTC instructor at SUBR, on being one of three ROTC instructors chosen to receive the Col. Leo A. Codd Award

Condolences

- The Nicholas Augustus Family
- The Ralph Tyson Family
- The Patricia Batiste – Brown Family
- The Julian T. White Family

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

System and Campus updates were presented by the System President and Chancellors. Details of their reports are on file

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

###

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
10:00 a.m.
Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson. The invocation was given by Atty. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson - Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chair
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Promotion and Tenure Recommendation, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the promotion of Ms. Rose Powell to the rank of Associate Professor, with tenure, at Southern University - Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolutions, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of SUSLA with the City of Shreveport, to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development, and other projects; and, to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

Authorization to Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of SUSLA with the Louisiana Department of Education (LA DOE Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG-LA Program), to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development, and other projects; and, to do all things necessary to waive fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

Authorization to the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development, and other projects; and, to do all things necessary to ensure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

C. Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University for Military Science – Reserve Officers Training Corps – ROTC

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University for Military Science courses for Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC).

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

###

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Chair
Atty. Warren A. Forstall – Vice Chair
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi advised the Committee of the SUBR Faculty's efforts to help offset the 2011-12 budget crises affecting the Campus.

SUBR Professor Diola Bagayoko stated the possible ramifications of declaring financial exigency at the institution.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. BA-7#4, SULC and SUS

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee recommends Board approval of BA-7 #4 and ratification of the Administration's early submission of the document to the Louisiana Office of Planning and Budgeting to comply with the deadline date.

Motion carried unanimously.

BA-7 #4 reflecting increased spending authority for self-generated revenues realized by the SU Law Center in the amount of \$2,014,000 as a result of increased tuition and enrollment in FY 2010-11; and, a decrease in spending authority in the amount of \$2,014,000 from the SU Baton Rouge Campus as a result of enrollment numbers being less than projected during FY 2010-11.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Discussion of SUBR Budget

Chancellor James Llorens provided a status report on the Southern University – Baton Rouge's 2011-2012 Operating Budget. He reminded the Committee of the reductions of over 17 million dollars in State Appropriations that SUBR has sustained over the past 30 months. This fiscal year, the Administration will have to implement a number of actions to offset an anticipated shortfall in the amount of \$10 million. Daily meetings are being held by a University Budget Committee composed of Campus Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Student Representatives to address the budget shortfall and to attempt to avoid having to declare financial exigency.

Some of the strategies developed to date to address the financial problem include reducing costs in the following areas:

- Adjunct Faculty and Faculty Overloads
- Vacant Positions
- Personnel
- Utilities
- Summer Session

These and other reductions will require the University to undergo a restructuring and redesign to ensure the continued efficiency and effectiveness of its operations.

The implementation of additional on-line course offerings and certificate programs are also being considered to generate needed revenues.

Several suggestions were offered by members of the Committee to the Administration –

- Develop and submit to the Board a three- to five - year plan for Southern University at Baton Rouge
- Determine which program accreditations may be impacted negatively by the budget crisis.
- Determine the impact of budget actions on Student Credit Hours
- Make reductions to the administrative staff at the System and Baton Rouge Campus levels
- Develop strategies for reducing utility costs and to attract grants that are available to assist the University in becoming a green campus.
- Provide weekly or bimonthly updates to Board Members on the status of the SUBR budget
- Develop a game plan to enhance SUBR's success in the areas of student recruitment, retention and rewarding (graduation)

FY 2011-2012 Budget recommendations for Southern University at Baton Rouge are scheduled for submission for Board approval in August.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

###

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Patrick D. Magee.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Advantage of SUBR's Membership in SWAC

In the report by Chancellor Llorens, the following were listed as advantages to SUBR due to its membership in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

- Receives a share of proceeds from SWAC Conference games. Last year, the University's share amounted to \$30,000.
- Received approximately \$80,000 annually from NCAA via SWAC for needy students
- Certain games are televised on ESPN
- Discounts in athletic shoes purchased from NIKE and Russell Athletics
- Automatic participation in conference tournaments

Note: SUBR has been sanctioned by the NCAA and SWAC because of the low academic performance rates of its student-athletes. The University is banned from televised conference bans and post season conference play.

Southern University – Baton Rouge has held membership in SWAC since 1936. Annual SWAC membership dues are \$35,000 which represents a recent increase of ten percent. The Chancellor of Southern University – Baton Rouge sits on the SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors, the organization's governing body.

Several Committee Members agreed on the need for more assistance from SWAC to its member schools. Further, in light of recent ban by the NCAA and SWAC, SUBR must attract new revenues to support its athletics program, i.e., auctioning of naming rights in A.W. Mumford Stadium to corporate sponsors.

The Chancellor announced that the search for the Director of Athletics for SUBR is ongoing and application review will begin soon. The ideal candidate is one who can successfully market SUBR's Athletic Programs and put in place a mechanism that will enhance student-athletes' success academically and athletically.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

###