

Southern University and A&M College System
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS
2nd Floor; J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
9 a.m.
Friday, June 24, 2016

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by The Reverend Joe R. Gant.

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mr. Michael Small, Mrs. Ann Smith and Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

ABSENT

Mr. Richard Hilliard and Dr. Rani Whitfield

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost (EVPAAP) M. Christopher Brown, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Interim Chancellor Adell Brown (SUAREC), Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Chancellor John Pierre, (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston Decuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

Ms. Jordan Franklin, new student Board member was sworn in by Attorney Tracie Woods assisted by Ms. Andrea Love, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, at the SU Law Center.

Chairman Tarver stated that the Academic Affairs Committee would convene.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 24, 2016

Southern University-Baton Rouge
2nd Floor; J. S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The Academic Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Mrs. Ann Smith.

Roll Call

Dr. Curman Gaines, Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Mr. Michael Small, and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

Absent

Dr. Rani Whitfield, Richard Hilliard

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Dr. Gaines and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were given as follows:

Nigel Gwee, SUBR Faculty Senate President spoke in support of Academic Affairs agenda items K-N.

Sonya D. Hester, SUSLA Faculty Senate president also spoke in support of Academic Affairs agenda items K-N.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of Recommendation for Professor Emeritus, SUBR

President-Chancellor Belton stated that the faculty of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences overwhelmingly support the honor of granting professor emeritus status to Dr. Alma Thornton who plans to retire after more than 40 years at the University.

Upon a motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Small, that Dr. Alma Thornton be recommended for approval as Professor Emeritus.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval to Assess an Academic Excellence Fee, SULC

Chancellor Pierre summarized the academic excellence fee citing the history of the fee and the fact that the SU Law Center (SULC) was exempted from the fee.

Upon the motion by Mr. Small and seconded by Rev. Gant, the SULC request to assess an academic excellence fee was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Request approval to Offer Program in Emergency Medical Care-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter Services, SUSLA

Chancellor Ellis stated that programs presented had been designed in collaboration with SUSLA faculty and leadership from the Shreveport Fire Department and would support high demand career pathways in northwest Louisiana. He also stated that the programs would support the local community by providing additional health care emergency workers within the Shreveport area.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Gaines the request to offer a program in Emergency Medical Care-Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter Services at Southern University-Shreveport was approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Request Approval to Offer 14 New Certificates of Technical Study Programs, SUSLA

Chancellor Ellis stated that the programs presented for approval had been developed by SUSLA faculty members and have the support of Dr. Rosetta Jones, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Ellis stated that the programs would support high demand career pathways and the labor needs in northwest Louisiana.

Proposed New Certificate Programs			
Southern University-Shreveport			
Program Name	Program Designation	Semester Credit Hours	Division Chair
Payroll Accounting Clerk	CTS	21	Regina Webb
Medical Office Clerk	CTS	18	Regina Webb
Human Resource Specialist	CTS	18	Regina Webb
Police Operations	CTS	12	Rosalyn Holt
Web Page Design	CTS	16	Barry Hester
Graphic Arts	CTS	20	Wanda Waller
Multimedia Production	CTS	20	Wanda Waller
Aviation Service Assistant	CTS	16	Barry Hester
Automotive Technology	CTS	23	Barry Hester
Digital Forensics	CTS	22	Barry Hester
Engineering	CTS	20	Barry Hester
Residential Carpentry	CTS	26	Barry Hester
Aviation Services Assistant	CTS	33	Barry Hester
Welding Technology	CTS	33	Barry Hester
Basic Sterilization Assistant	CTS	19	Lymon Eatmon

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Gaines the request to offer 14 new certificate of technical study programs at Southern University Shreveport was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Request Approval to Increase Fees for International Student Population, SUSLA

Chancellor Ellis in collaboration with the SUSLA Office of Finance and Administration analyzed student data to discover that there has been a 645.5% increase in the international student population. Funds from the proposed fee increase will allow SUSLA to provide the support required to help facilitate the enrollment of these students.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Gaines the request to increase fees for international students at SUSLA was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Request Approval to Increase Online Fees (\$10.00) per credit hour, SUSLA

Dr. Rosetta Jones and Dr. Veronica McEachin, E-Learning Director performed an assessment of online/hybrid courses and suggested that a \$10.00 fee per credit for each online/hybrid course taken at SUSLA, would offset technology expenses and enhance the student learning experience.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Tarver the request to increase fees for online students at SUSLA was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Request Approval to Add Aviation Program Fee (\$350.00), SUSLA

Chancellor Ellis stated that program leaders and Vice Chancellor Rosetta Jones recognized the need to assess a program fee in the amount of \$350.00 for students enrolled in the aviation program. The fee would be used to cover the cost of the tools required to matriculate successfully in the program. Students will have the convenience of being provided the tools by the University.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Tarver the request to add fees for students in the aviation program at SUSLA was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Request Approval to Establish a University Support Fee, SUNO, SUBR

SUNO Interim Chancellor Lisa Mims Devezin requested permission to establish a University Support Fee of \$4 per credit hour not to exceed \$48 per semester for students. As authorized in LA HB 152, the fee will support the general operations of the campus and will generate approximately \$206,772 in revenue. As required by legislation, five percent (5%) of the revenue from the University Support Fee will be earmarked for need-based scholarships to students who are PELL eligible.

Mr. Benjamin Pugh also requested permission to increase University Support fees at SUBR up to 10 percent as authorized by LA HB 15. The support fee would be effective for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years only and the fee would be terminated on June 30, 2017.

Atty. Tony Clayton expressed concerns about the University being out of reach financially for students who would like to attend Southern and raised concerns about fees supporting salary increases or potential salary increases. Mrs. Smith asked President Belton to provide information about where SU stands among its peers as it relates to fees. Dr. Belton offered to provide a comprehensive comparison with other schools.

Mr. Small also requested to see the report to compare fees with other universities.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Tarver the request to establish a University support fee for students at SUNO and SUBR was recommended for approval.

Roll call vote taken:

Yeas: Dr. Gaines, Rev. Gant, Mrs. Smith, Chairman Tarver

Nays – Atty. Clayton, Mr. Small

I. Request Approval of Promotion Recommendations for Professors Jacqueline Nash Grant and Dorothy Jackson, SULC

Chancellor Pierre stated that the professors presented had been through the appropriate review by peers at the Law Center and are being recommended for promotion.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Lawson the request for approval of promotion recommendations for Professors Jacqueline Nash Grant and Dorothy Jackson was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

J. Request Approval of Contract Renewal Recommendations for Clinical Professors Marcia Burden, Christian Fasullo, and Alvin Washington, SULC

Chancellor Pierre stated that the ABA has created an experiential or experience based learning requirement of 6 hours for all students so the positions are imperative to provide the avenue for students to earn the required hours. The clinical professors also receive a 6% increase upon renewal of the contract based on the years of service and productivity.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the request to approve the contract renewal of clinical professors Marcia Burden, Christian Fasullo, and Alvin Washington was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

K. Approval of Recommendations for Faculty Tenure and/or Promotion, SUBR

Faculty	Department	Action
1. Allison Anadi	Criminal Justice	Promotion to Full Professor
2. Peter Breaux	History	Promotion to Associate Professor w/tenure
3. Alo Dutta	Psychology	Promotion to Full Professor
4. Nigel Gwee	Computer Science	Promotion to Full Professor
5. Anthony Igiede	Sociology	Promotion to Full Professor
6. Cheria Lane-Mackey	Family & Consumer Science	Promotion to Associate Professor w/tenure
7. Caroline Telles	Biology	Promotion to Associate Professor w/tenure

L. Approval of Promotion and Tenure reassessed, SUSLA

Faculty Member	Current Rank	Recommended Rank
1. Kenechukwu Anyanechi	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
2. Jennifer Green	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
3. Aylwin Holmon	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
4. Breunka Moon	Instructor	Assistant Professor
5. Joslin Pickens	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
6. Shelia Swift	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
7. Daphne Thibeaux	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
8. Harolyn Wilson	Instructor	Assistant Professor
9. Olden Wright	Instructor	Assistant Professor

M. Approval of Recommendations for Faculty Tenure, SUNO

Faculty Member	Department	Rank
1. Robert Azzarello	Arts and Humanities	Assistant Professor
2. Bashir Atteia	Natural Sciences	Assistant Professor
3. Rachid Belmasrour	Natural Sciences	Assistant Professor
4. Mr. Travis Johnson	Social Sciences	Assistant Professor
5. Muhammed Miah	Computer Information Systems	Assistant Professor
6. Claude Montegut	Social Work	Assistant Professor
7. Jill Murray	Social Work	Assistant Professor
8. Rebecca Chaisson	Social Work	Associate Professor

N. Approval of Recommendations for Faculty Promotions, SUNO

Faculty Member	Current Rank	Recommended Rank
1. Robert Azzarello	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
2. Bashir Atteia	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
3. Rachid Belmasrour	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
4. Muhammed Miah	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
5. Jill Murray	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
6. Joseph Coleman	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
7. Christopher Linn	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
8. Adrine Harrell-Carter	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
9. Sherry Bachus	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor
10. Tchavdar Marinov	Associate Professor	Full Professor
11. Cynthia Singleton	Associate Professor	Full Professor
12. Illya Tietzel	Associate Professor	Full Professor
13. Evelyn Harrell	Associate Professor	Full Professor

There was discussion about salary adjustments that accompany promotions from Atty. Clayton, Mr. Small and Mrs. Smith. Dr. M. Christopher Brown stated that the information presented to the Board are the faculty assessments of professional merit and their individual performance related to rank. No salary considerations were submitted. In summary, the documents outline whether or not the faculty member has performed their

duties and are worthy to earn continuous employment, i.e. tenure and for promotions in rank. Also included in the documents presented are the tenure considerations from the Shreveport campus brought to the Board during the October, 2015 meeting. He stated that tenure and promotion compensation is an issue as well as administrative salaries. Dr. Brown also stated that unlike the SULC that has a fixed 6%, the SUBR campus does not have a fixed financial stipulation attached to the tenure and promotion process. He stated that he would be working along with President Belton and Vice President McClinton to devise a solution to correct the process and to develop a certain percentage.

Rev. Gant supports the salary adjustments for promotion stating that to do so shows teamwork with faculty and administration. Atty. Clayton stated that he would vote for the item with the provision that there is no retroactivity to the date of the action. President Belton stated over the next 30-45 days, a strategy would be in place as it relates to financing the process.

Upon the motion of Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Tarver **action items K, L, M, and N** were **recommended for approval**.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Gaines the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Following the Academic Affairs Committee
Friday, June 24, 2016

Southern University-Baton Rouge
2nd Floor; J. S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

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

Roll Call: Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

Absent: Mr. Richard Hilliard

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Chester Mills of SUNO, spoke to Board members to express his opposition to the proposed parking fee at SUNO. He stated that the proposed fee had not included input from students, faculty, and others and that the percentage of the proposed increase was cause for concern.

AGENDA ITEM 5:

A. Request Approval Parking Permit Fee Increase, SUNO

Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin asked Mr. Jullin Renthrope to address the reason for the increase in the parking fees. Mr. Renthrope stated that the fees would be used to cover the deficit in the budget. Parking is an area that had a deficit balance because SUNO currently does not collect any fees for parking. The fees would also be used to provide appropriate infrastructure for parking in terms of lighting, etc. He explained that faculty, staff, and students would pay to park. Mr. Lawson stated that the University should look at other ways of generating revenue rather than placing the burden on students.

Upon a motion by Atty. Magee and seconded by Mr. Lawson the parking permit fee increase was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Priority Projects Update, SUS

Mr. Eli Guillory submitted a written report to the Board and gave an update on the priority projects throughout the System. Atty. Clayton expressed concerned about tracking devices on equipment and recommended a company that provides the service. Rev. Gant stated that he was concerned about broken lights on the ground at The Wade House. He also expressed concern about projects at the Shreveport campus.

B. Update on Turf Field, A.W. Mumford Stadium, SUBR

Foundation Board President Atty. Domoine Rutlege provided an update on behalf of the SU Foundation. Photographs of the field were displayed on the multimedia screen. He stated that the project is no cost to the University and 100% at the expense of the Foundation.

Mrs. Smith thanked the Foundation for all of its assistance. Atty. Rutledge mentioned that the Foundation funded several grants to the amount of \$150,000. Also talked about plans to establish an account for President Belton to offer full scholarships to students. He stated that the only purpose of the Foundation is to serve the University.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Lawson the Facilities and Property Committee adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Following the Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, June 24, 2016
Southern University-Baton Rouge
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Minutes

The Finance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Myron K. Lawson.

Roll Call:

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Mr. Calvin Braxton, Sr., Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Mr. Braxton and seconded by Rev. Henry the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval to Assess an Academic Excellence Fee, SULC**
- B. Request Approval to Increase Fees for International Student Population Fee, SUSLA**
- C. Request Approval to Increase Online Fees (\$10.00) per credit hour, SUSLA**
- D. Request Approval to Add Aviation Program Fee (\$350.00), SUSLA**
- E. Request Approval to Establish a University Support Fee, SUNO, SUBR**
- F. Request Approval of Parking Permit Fee Increase, SUNO**

Upon the motion by Mr. Braxton and seconded by Rev. Henry **Finance Committee action items A through F were recommended for approval.**

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Request Approval for Tuition Discount Policy for Employees & Dependents, SUS

Vice President Flandus McClinton presented information to the Board regarding modifications to the existing tuition discount policies at the University. He explained that in meeting with President Belton and reviewing benefits available to employees President Belton wanted to make the University competitive with its peers in the state. The current tuition discount policy for permanent employees did not include faculty members and now will include faculty. Also the grade point average was increased. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 and undergraduates a 2.5.

The policy for employees, spouses and dependent children in the past allowed a 10% discount. The newly revised policy will allow dependent children and spouses a 100% tuition discount, but dependents and spouses will be required to pay all fees associated with the cost to attend the University.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Gaines that the revised policy for tuition discount for employees and dependents be recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Request Approval of BA-7 # 10, to Transfer Budget Spending Authority in the amount of \$679,547 from SUBR to SUNO, \$174,198 and SUSLA, \$505,349

Vice President McClinton explained that BA-7 #10 is being presented because the System has the authority within the System to move funds and excess authority is being transferred to SUNO and SUSLA.

Upon the motion by Mr. Braxton and seconded by Dr. Tarver the BA-7 #10 was recommended for approval

Motion passed unanimously.

I. Approval of System-wide Copier Services Contract

Committee Chair Lawson stated that the contract has been thoroughly explained and opened the floor for discussion or questions. There were no questions.

Upon the motion by Mr. Braxton and seconded by Dr. Gaines the Ricoh Copier Service Contract was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Interim Financial Report as of May 2016, SUS

The interim report was included in the meeting packet for review.

B. Employee Tuition Discount/Fee Waivers for Spring 2016 Semester

A report that lists all employees that received fee waivers for the Spring 2016 semester was included for review in the meeting packet.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Braxton the Finance Committee adjourned.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Following the Finance Committee
Friday, June 24, 2016
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The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Atty. Patrick Magee.

Roll Call

Atty. Patrick Magee, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Calvin Braxton, Sr., Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Rev. Samuel Tolbert and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Mr. Braxton and seconded by Mr. Lawson the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Braxton and seconded by Mr. Lawson **personnel action items 5 A 1, 2, and 3 were recommended for approval in globo.**

Motion passed unanimously.

- B.** Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Professor Maurice Franks during the 2016-2017 academic year, SULC
- C.** Approval of Unpaid Sabbatical Leave for Professor Nadia Nedzel for Fall 2016 Semester, SULC
- D.** Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Alice Douzier (May-August, 2016), SUBR
- E.** Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Yvonne Roberson (May-August, 2016), SUBR
- F.** Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Kathlyn Bowersox (June-November, 2016), SUBR

Upon a motion by Mr. Calvin Braxton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson **personnel action items 5 B, C, D, E, and F were recommended for approval in globo.**

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Lawson the Personnel Affairs Committee adjourned.

RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Following the Personnel Affairs Committee

Friday, June 24, 2016

Southern University-Baton Rouge

2nd Floor; J. S. Clark Administration Building

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The Recruitment and Admissions Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Dr. Curman Gaines.

Roll Call

Dr. Curman L. Gaines, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Mr. Braxton and seconded by Mrs. Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. REPORT ON RETENTION AND ENROLLMENT, ALL CAMPUSES

In the absence of Vice Chancellor Brandon Dumas who submitted a written report on enrollment, Dr. M. Christopher discussed enrollment and planned retention efforts at SUBR. The written report outlines new initiatives to bolster retention and provided statistical data on enrollment figures. Mr. Fondel and Dr. Tarver expressed concerns about retention. Issues with housing and with the SUSLA Connect programs were discussed.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TUITION REDUCTION, SUBR

Vice President McClinton stated that after analyzing the data, it was discovered that out-of-state students are unable to return and pay the fees to attend the University and that we are not competitive with our peers like Jackson State, Alcorn and Mississippi Valley which have eliminated out-of-state fees. Beginning with the Fall 2016 semester the proposal is to eliminate out-of-state-fees with the intention of increasing enrollment and increasing retention. Vice Chancellor of Finance Ben Pugh, Executive Vice President and Provost M. Christopher Brown, Vice Chancellor Dumas collaborated on the proposal.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Mr. Fondel and seconded by Mr. Lawson the Admissions and Recruiting Committee adjourned.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Recruitment and Admissions Committee)

Friday, June 24, 2016

Southern University Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jordan Franklin, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mr. Michael Small, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

ABSENT

Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Rani Whitfield

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Mr. Braxton and seconded by Atty. Magee the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the May 13, 2016, regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors

On the motion of Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myon Lawson the minutes of the May 13, 2016, meeting were presented for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the May 13, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

C. Approval of Intent to Pursue License Regarding Medical Marijuana, SUAREC

Upon the motion of Mr. Lawson and seconded by Dr. Gaines **agenda action items B and C were recommended for approval.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

1. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

a. Approval of Recommendation for Professor Emeritus, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to grant Professor Emeritus status to Dr. Alma Thornton be and it hereby is approved.

b. Approval to Assess an Academic Excellence Fee, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to assess an Academic Excellence Fee be and it hereby is approved.

c. Request Approval to Offer Programs in Emergency Medical Care-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter Services, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to offer programs in Emergency Medical Care-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter Services at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

d. Request Approval to Offer 14 New Certificate of Technical Study Programs, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to offer 14 new Certificate of Technical Study Programs at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

e. Request Approval to Increase Fees for International Student Population, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to increase fees for international students at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

f. Request Approval to Increase Online Fees (\$10.00) per credit hour, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to increase fees (\$10.00) per credit hour for online students at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

g. Request Approval to Add Aviation Program Fee (\$350.00), SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to add a program fee (\$350.00) for students in the Aviation program at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

h. Request Approval to Establish a University Support Fee, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to add a University Support Fee at Southern University-New Orleans be and it hereby is approved.

i. Request Approval of Promotion Recommendations for Professors Jacqueline Nash Grant and Dorothy Jackson, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to promote Professors Jacqueline Nash Grant and Dorothy Jackson of the SU Law Center be and it hereby is approved.

j. Request Approval of Contract Renewal Recommendations for Clinical Professors Marcia Burden, Christian Fasullo, and Alvin Washington, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to renew contracts for SU Law Center Clinical Professors Marcia Burden, Christian Fasullo, and Alvin Washington be and it hereby is approved.

2. FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

a. Request Approval Parking Permit Fee Increase, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to increase the parking permit fee at SUNO be and it hereby is approved.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Approval to Assess an Academic Excellence Fee, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to assess an Academic Excellence Fee be and it hereby is approved.

b. Request Approval to Increase Fees for International Student Population Fee, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to increase fees for international students at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

c. Request Approval to Increase Online Fees (\$10.00) per credit hour, SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to increase fees (\$10.00) for online students at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

d. Request Approval to Add Aviation Program Fee (\$350.00), SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to add a program fee (\$350.00) for students in the Aviation program at Southern University-Shreveport be and it hereby is approved.

e. Request Approval to Establish a University Support Fee, SUNO, SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to add a University Support fee for students at Southern University-New Orleans and at Southern University-Baton Rouge be and it hereby is approved.

f. Request Approval of Parking Permit Fee Increase, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to increase parking permit fees at Southern University-New Orleans be and it hereby is approved.

g. Request Approval for Tuition Discount Policy for Employees & Dependents, SUS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the tuition discount policies for Southern University System be and it hereby is approved.

h. Request Approval of BA-7 # I O, to Transfer Budget Spending Authority in the amount of \$679,547 from SUBR to SUNO, \$174,198 and SUSLA, \$505,349

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request to transfer budget spending authority in the amount of \$679,547 from SUBR to SUNO \$174,198 and to SUSLA \$505,349 be and it hereby is approved.

4. PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

1. Dr. Evelyn B. Harrell	Interim Dean/Director ABCP Program New Appointment, SUNO	\$88,620
2. Dr. Russell Jones	Faculty (Professor) Returning, SULC	\$120,000
3. Mrs. Linda Antoine	Director of Purchasing New Appointment, SUBR	\$62,500

b. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Professor Maurice Franks during the 2016-2017 academic year, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the medical leave of absence for Professor Maurice Franks, SULC be and it hereby is approved.

c. Approval of Unpaid Sabbatical Leave for Professor Nadia Nedzel for Fall 2016 Semester, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the unpaid sabbatical leave for Nadia Nedzel, SULC for Fall 2016 be and it hereby is approved.

d. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Alice Douzier (May-August, 2016), SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the medical leave of absence for Alice Douzier (May-August, 2016), SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

e. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Yvonne Roberson (May-August, 2016), SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the medical leave of absence for Yvonne Roberson (May-August, 2016), SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

f. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Kathlyn Bowersox (June-November, 2016), SUBR

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the medical leave of absence for Kathlyn Bowersox (June-November, 2016), SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

D. Resolutions

The Bertha Huckaby Shiloh Family. Mrs. Shiloh, SUNO Chancellor Emmett W. Bashful's first Administrative Assistant and a native of Shreveport, passed away May 19, 2016 in New Orleans.

The Reverend E. Edward Jones Family. Reverend Jones, pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church of Shreveport and one of the leaders of the civil rights movement in Shreveport, passed away June 9.

The Jane Ethel "Tee" Thomas Smith Family. Mrs. Smith, a Southern University graduate and mother of Pamela Smith, Associate Director of Athletics, SUBR, passed away on June 11.

The Ivory T. Brown Family. Mr. Brown, an employee of the Facilities Services Department at Southern University-Baton Rouge passed away on June 13, 2016.

The Warren Decuir, Jr. Family. Attorney Decuir, a 2009 graduate of the Southern University Law Center, passed away on June 16 in Illinois.

The Elliott LaMotte, Sr. Family. Mr. LaMotte, a graduate of the College of Engineering at Southern University-Baton Rouge, passed away on June 17.

The Warren "Jug" Braden Family. Mr. Braden, a 1998 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame inductee who quarterbacked the Southern University Football Team Black College National Championships in 1948 and 1949, passed away on June 19. He was a relative of Calvin Braxton, Board of Supervisors Vice Chair, Tracey Braden, Project Manager, Facilities Department, SUNO and Terrye Braden, Collections Manager, Comptroller's Department, SUBR.

The Alma Lee Woods Whitley Family. Mrs. Whitley, a graduate of Southern University and A&M College and great aunt of Dr. Brandon Dumas, SUBR Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, passed away on June 19.

The Josephine Comeaux Belisle Family. Mrs. Belisle, a retiree of SUNO, passed away on June 19.

The Victor Pea Family. Mr. Pea, an alumnus of Southern University and A&M College and godson of Dr. Curman Gaines, passed away on June 16.

Commendations were extended to:

Ms. Sharon Harrell, Interagency Coordinator and Administrative Accountant, Office of the Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs on the occasion of her retirement from Southern University after 31 years of service.

Board Member Samuel Tolbert for being elected President of the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.

Upon the motion of Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the resolutions were recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions be and they are hereby approved.

6. Informational Items

A. Legislative Update

Chairman Tarver stated that the legislative session ended last evening. Rodney Braxton and Kevin Cunningham with Southern Strategy. outlined the results of the second special session as well as the regular session. TOPS funding has been capped at the current level. So if tuition increases, TOPS will not automatically increase. Funds have been made available in the amount of \$3 million dollars for capital outlay projects at the University and additional money may be available to the University for deferred maintenance projects. There is a constitutional amendment regarding tuition autonomy that will give management boards the opportunity to set tuitions. There was also a resolution by Dr. Joe Bouie, chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, wanting the Board of Regents to look at returning to open admissions by allowing management boards to set admissions criteria. . Chairman Tarver expressed appreciation to the governor and his staff as well as the president and his staff for the work done during the sessions.

B. System President's Report

Dr. Belton provided updates to the Board regarding the search at the Agricultural Research and Extension Center and also talked about student retention and stated that his administration would be focused on students persisting at the University. He also spoke about retaining employees and to mitigate the inequities with salaries at the University.

C. Campus Reports

The campus chancellors for provided updates to their written reports that were included in the Board packet. Chancellor Pierre stated that the SULC admissions period has been extended to June 30.

Dr. Brown highlighted the fact that SU System received nine nominations at the 2016 HBCU Digest awards.

8. Other Business

Atty. Preston Castille announced that Southern University has partnered with the Mentorship Academy to provide classes from the building downtown. He also announced information about the upcoming alumni conference. Atty. Clayton will undertake a project to raise funds to complete renovations from Bradford Hall to the SU Law Center

9. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Braxton and seconded by Mr. Lawson the meeting was adjourned.