

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, May 15, 2015

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Rev. Donald R. Henry.

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II - Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr. - Vice Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Diangleo S. Frazer
Dr. Curman L. Gaines
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Rev. Donald R. Henry
Mr. Richard T. Hilliard
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Rani G. Whitfield

ABSENT

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Chief of Staff Evola Bates
System Vice President for Academic Affairs Monique Guillory-Winfield and Assistant to the Vice President for Finance and Business, Gloria Matthews (representing Vice President Kevin Appleton)
Interim System Vice President IT Carlos Thomas
Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton, Jr. (SUBR); Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC); and Vice Chancellor Adell Brown (representing Chancellor Leodrey Williams) (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Dr. Gaines, the agenda was adopted as printed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the April 24, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Small the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the April 24, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, 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 a Master of Science Degree in the Biology program at Southern University at New Orleans, be and it is hereby approved.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

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

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the request, agreement between Right of Way for Army Corps and Engineers and Orleans Levee District and Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve the request for Tuition Discount/Fee Waiver for Spring 2015 at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve the BA-7# for Southern University and A&M College - Lab School Request for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, and Increases in Minimum Foundation Program, (MFP) for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the request to approve Optional Retirement Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

-5.437925% effective fiscal year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016
-5.691995% effective fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
-5.945975% effective fiscal year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
-6.200000% effective fiscal year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 and thereafter

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the request to approve funding for dormitory renovations at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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. Appointment of Interim Chancellor, SUAREC
**Dr. Adell Brown - \$169,884 and Housing-\$31,500.00,
Effective July 1, 2015**
2. Appointment of Interim Chancellor, SULC
John Pierre - \$202,350, effective July 1, 2015
3. Appointment of Interim Director of the Law Center's Clinic to the permanent position of Clinic Director, SULC
Virginia Listach - \$94,127.39
4. Appointment of Harold Isadore as Acting Director of Library Services, SULC
Harold Isadore - \$75,510.33

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Law Center's Retirement Incentive Plan, be and it is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all employees with an administrative title of Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Associate Vice Chancellor will not be eligible to participate in the Law Center's Retirement Incentive Plan. During the period the plan is offered, the administrators that become eligible to participate in the plan as a result of a change in title or position, that employee will be deemed ineligible to participate in the plan, be and it is hereby approved. (The said language added to Chancellor Pitcher's retirement plan).

RECRUITING AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Recruiting and Admissions Committee, that the informational items be and it is hereby received.

C. Resolutions

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

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

-Mrs. Jessie Marie Chester

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that a resolution be presented to Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. for his dedication exemplary performance and tenure as the Southern University System President, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. President-Chancellor Search Update

Dr. Sam Albert, Chairman of the President-Chancellor Committee announced the six applicants for the position of president-chancellor as recommended by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors' President-Chancellor Search Committee:

Ray Belton, chancellor, Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA), a graduate of SUSLA and Southern University Baton Rouge. He has a master of arts in counseling from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a doctor of philosophy in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

Barrett Hatches, president and CEO, Chicago Family Health Center and a former energy executive, received his undergraduate degree in political science from Jackson State University, a M.A. in management from Webster University, and a Ph.D. in urban higher education from Jackson State University.

Gilbert Rochon, former president and professor at Tuskegee University, has a bachelor's degree from Xavier University of Louisiana, a master of public health from Yale University School of Medicine, and a doctorate from the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Ivory Toldson, deputy director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC, has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Louisiana State University, a M.Ed. in counselor education from The Pennsylvania State University, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Temple University.

Victor Ukpolo, chancellor Southern University New Orleans, has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from The American University in Washington, DC.

Earl Yarbrough Sr., former president, Savannah State University, has a B.A. from Wichita State University, a M.A. in industrial studies from California State University at Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

Continuing, Dr. Sam stated that the search committee will interview the six applicants, and select the three finalists to be submitted to the Board by May 28.

Dr. Tarver thanked Dr. Sam for his leadership and service to the search committee.

B. System President's Report

The Board received the System President's report.

C. Legislative Session Update, SUS

Messrs. Rodney Braxton and Kevin Cunningham of Southern Strategy

provided an update on the 2015 Legislative Session.

D. Campus Reports

Oral and written reports from the Campuses were received by the Board. Details can be found on the Board's website and on tape.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Alfred Harrell, Executive Director for the System Foundation, announced to the Board, that the Foundation will host a benefactors' reception on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Donald C. Wade House, in the name of Mr. Irvin Matthews (class of 1970), Mr. Joseph Stewart (class of 1965), and Mr. Leon Valdry (class of 1956). He stated that the said individuals have been tremendous supporters of Southern University and has given in the last two years 1.2 million dollars.

Lastly, Mr. Harrell introduced Mr. Matthews and Mr. Stewart who were in attendance at the Board meeting.

Dr. Tarver announced to the Board the members of the Southern University Lab Expansion Committee:

- Atty. Preston Castille, Chair
- Dr. Rani G. Whitfield, Vice Chair
- Dr. Diola Bagayoko
- Dr. Ray L. Belton
- Dr. Curman L. Gaines
- Dr. Ronnie Harrison
- Dr. Verjanis Peoples
- Mrs. Ann A. Smith
- Dr. Victor Ukpolo

Mr. Fondel extended commendations to Mr. Diangleo Frazer on his graduation from Southern University - Law Center and for his service as Student Board Member of the Board of Supervisors from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015.

Mr. Frazer expressed appreciation and gratitude to the members for their support during the past year. He also personally thanked Mr. Fondel for the gift that he presented to him.

Atty. Clayton informed the Board that he has asked Dr. Thomas Miller to begin a study and develop a Faculty Incentive Plan (five year phase-out plan) between the ages of 62-70 to attract faculties to retire, due to expectation of a devastated budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Dr. Tarver stated that he would like for the all campuses to be involved in the development of a Faculty Incentive Plan.

Dr. Tarver informed the Board that he received a letter of resignation from Mr. Willie Hendricks. He stated Mr. Hendricks expressed his love and gratitude to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Southern University System.

Mrs. Smith stated that she attended the Spring 2015 commencement exercises of Southern University - Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans and they were very organized and enjoyable. She also stated that SUBR added a new feature, banners that represented each college.

Atty. Magee echoed the same sentiment as Mrs. Smith regarding the SUBR Spring 2015 commencement exercise.

On motion of Atty. Clayton and seconded by Atty. Magee to amend Item 5C: Resolutions for Mr. Willie Hendricks and Mr. Diangleo S. Frazer for their service as members of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion Dr. Gaines, the meeting was adjourned.

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