

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, April 27, 2012
Board's 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 Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Rev. Gant.

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

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), Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, representing Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Atty. Monique Edwards, 1986 SULC graduate, cited the need for the University to harness the necessary financial support from its graduates and friends, rather than relying solely on the State Legislature.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, SUNO Faculty Senate President inquired about a matter included in Item 6B(2).

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following individuals and/or groups on their recent achievement.

- Coach Jeff Conyers and the SUBR Women Tennis Team – winner of the 2012 SWAC Championship title
- Coach Roman Banks -- selected by the Louisiana Sports Writers' Association as the Louisiana Men's Basketball Coach of the Year
- The Southern University Alumni Association, selected as the Best HBCU Alumni Association of the Year by the Center for HBCU Media Advocacy
- The SUBR Marching Band -- selected as the Best HBCU Marching Band of the Year by the Center for HBCU Media Advocacy

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the March 30, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the tenure and/or promotion recommendations for Faculty named below be and they are hereby approved.

SUNO

TENURE ONLY

1. Dr. Ibrahim Ekaidi
2. Dr. Joseph Olubadewo
3. Dr. Deborah Darby
4. Mr. Edgar Blanchard
5. Mr. Harry Russell

PROMOTION AND TENURE

Assistant to Associate Professor

1. Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason
2. Dr. Tchavdar Marinov
3. Dr. Illya Tietzel
4. Dr. Yu Jiang
5. Dr. Obyung Kwun
6. Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones

Associate to Full Professor

1. Dr. Romanus Ejiaga (Tenured)
2. Dr. Pamela Wanga (with Tenure)

SULC

TENURE AND PROMOTION

1. Professor Mark A. Thurman

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Candidates for Degrees at the Spring 2012 Commencement Exercises on the SUBR, SULC, SUNO and SUSLA Campuses be and they are hereby approved.

2.) FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

3.) FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the revised Student Self-assessed Fees at SUBR be and they are hereby approved.

Human Jukebox	\$ 5.00
SGA	\$15.00
Lyceum	\$ 5.00
Men & Women Federation	\$ 2.00
Royal Court	\$ 5.00
Student Life Improvement	\$ 4.00
Student Programs	\$ 3.50
Student Media	\$25.00
Student Organization Support	\$10.00
Intramural Sports	\$ 2.50
Special Events	\$50.00

C. RESOLUTIONS

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Honorable Israel "Bo" Curtis
- Mr. Joseph T. DeCuir
- Mr. Ulysses Reed, Sr.
- Ms. Terri Anissa Fontaine

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Information Technology Governance

This report was provided as a monthly update on efforts to implement the partial centralization of the information technology component at the System level. A written copy of the report can be found on the Board's website.

B. Contracts with Minority Businesses

After a review of this report, the Administration was strongly urged to increase the number of existing contracts between Southern University and Minority Businesses.

C. System and Campus Reports

President Mason presented the System's Plan -- "Renaissance Southern University 2015" -- which highlighted assumptions which are built into proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13; Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and Fiscal Year 2014-15 budgets. The plan also reflected General Fund Revenue and Expenditure projections for SUBR for FYs 2012-13 through 2014-15.

The President also briefed the Board on the submission of the year two report for Granting Resources and Autonomies for Diploma Act (GRAD ACT Act). He reported the preliminary scores for each of the campuses, which were within the GREEN ranking, which is an indicator that each campus will continue without limitation in the program. The final scores approved by the Board of Regents will be reported at a later meeting.

A monthly status report for each campus was given, details are online in the Board's packet.

D. 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Committee Chair Patrick W. Bell provided an update on 2012 legislation affecting Southern University. A copy of his report was distributed to the Board members and can be viewed online at the Board's website.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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Academic Affairs Committee

1:00 p.m.

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The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice-Chair, Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

Present

Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Appointed to Effect a Quorum

Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Warren A. Forstall

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. FACULTY TENURE AND PROMOTION

- 1.) SUNO
- 2.) SULC

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of tenure and/or promotion recommendations for Faculty named below.

Motion carried unanimously.

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TENURE ONLY

1. Dr. Ibrahim Ekaidi
2. Dr. Joseph Olubadewo
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TENURE AND PROMOTION

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B. CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, SPRING 2012 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee recommends Board approval of Candidates for Degrees at the Spring 2012 Spring Commencement Exercises at SUBR, SUNO, SUSLA, and SULC.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANS FOR INCREASING STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

With the exception of SUBR, each of the Campuses reported on initiatives undertaken to date to increase their Student Retention and Graduation Rates. The measures instituted by the Campuses are highlighted below:

- Conducting surveys to determine the reason(s) students withdraw; and implementing measures, where possible, to address those concerns.
- Incorporating future intervention measures
 - ✓ Counseling
 - ✓ Improving Student Tracking
 - ✓ Using available community resources to aid students
- Developing pilot programs for use in career planning
- Incorporating social media to keep student abreast of University information

-Seeking grant support, where available, to assist students with financial need.

SUNO announced receipt of a \$50,000 grant from Wal-Mart to support the University's retention efforts during the 2011-2012 academic year.

SUSLA

The University incorporates an "Early Alert Referral System" that targets at-risk students.

SULC

- A Pre-Law Clinic, held prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester for entering students, has proven to be an effective tool in enhancing their successful matriculation at the Law Center.

B. UPDATE ON STUDENT RECRUITMENT

SUBR provided an update on activities it has incorporated in order to increase student enrollment for Fall 2012:

- ✓ College Night on the Bluff
- ✓ Student Visits to the Campus and the holding of Campus Tours
- ✓ Recruitment effort with Houston Alumni Chapter
- ✓ Faith based recruitment with churches in major cities across the state
- ✓ The Chancellor's Call for assistance to Alumni and friends of SUBR
- ✓ A "Back on Top" Recruitment Campaign in coordination with undergraduate and graduate students, staff and faculty at the University.

SUNO provided a schedule of recruitment activities held in late April and early May at high schools in Amite, New Orleans, and Marrero.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee recognized and extended commendations to the staffs and members of the SUNO's Honda All Stars Team that ranked number 5 in the nation following the recent competition; and, the Men's Basketball Team at Southern University – New Orleans for winning the Gulf Coast Championship and NAIA Championship titles.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
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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, Chairman
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Newly elected SGA President Willie McCorkle at SUBR spoke in support of the Item 5A.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT SELF-ASSESSED FEES, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dinvaot, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of revised Student Self-Assessed Fees as follows:

Human Jukebox	\$ 5.00
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Additional details are provided in the online support document.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2012 -- SU SYSTEM ENTITIES

Vice President Kevin Appleton provided FY 2011-12 General Fund Budget projections for the Southern University System entities, as of March 31, 2012.

B. Out-of-State Fee Waivers, SUBR

No discussion

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The presence of newly-elected student leaders from SUNO and SUBR were recognized by the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the meeting was adjourned.

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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chairman

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. EXECUTIVE PROJECT SUMMARY AND PROJECTS UPDATE

The status report provided by Mr. Endas Vincent on Campus Projects, Systemwide, highlighted those projects under construction, those in the planning and design phase, and those which have been completed.

Mr. Sumner registered concerns regarding the procedures used to prioritize the areas where LED lighting is being installed on the SUBR Campus. He noted that installation of lighting in the student residential areas should have been given a high priority.

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN, SUNO

The report was received for information only.

Chancellor Ukpolo advised the Committee that SUNO has been allotted \$7 million to use for replacing trailers on its Lake Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the meeting was adjourned.

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