

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 16, 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. Patrick O. 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 M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Student Member
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

None

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 Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 6C: REPORT ON GOVERNANCE COMMISSION ACTIONS

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments in opposition to Item 5C were tendered by SUBR Faculty Representatives --Drs. Diola Bagayoko (Senator) and Sudhir Trivedi (President). A letter from SUBR faculty member, Alonzo Johnson opposing Item 5C, was also shared by Dr. Trivedi. The FS representatives advised the Board that the proposed Retrenchment and Reorganization Plan for SUBR had not been provided to the Faculty Senate in time to allow for adequate review and input by the faculty. The Board was asked to postpone action on the proposed plan at today's meeting and to receive input from the Faculty and other interested parties via public hearings held by the Board.

In response to an inquiry by Board Member Lawson, the Board was advised by Chancellor Llorens of the SUBR Faculty Senate President's membership on the University's Retrenchment/Reorganization Committees.

Rev. Tolbert also indicated that he solicited from the Faculty Senate President the recommendations of the SUBR faculty on the proposed Plan. The President's response was emailed to members of the Board.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, SUNO Faculty Senate President, noted that the Selective Admissions Policy mandated by the Board of Regents for Louisiana's four-year public colleges and universities is directly attributable to the current low enrollment on the SU campuses. He recommended that the Board officially oppose the continued implementation of the Policy on the Southern University Campuses.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the November 25, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the following Committee reports and recommendations 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 following faculty promotions at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and they are hereby approved.

- Dr. Fatemeh Malekian – Associate Professor to Professor
- Dr. Renita Marshall – Assistant to Associate Professor

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Kirkland E. Mellad as Vice Chancellor Emeritus for Research at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center, effective upon his retirement on December 31, 2011, 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 SUSLA Administration's request to offer the new Certificate of Applied Science Program in Central Sterile Processing Technician 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 SU Systemwide Policy for Awarding Credit for Military Service Experience, be and it is hereby approved.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the informational report on the status of Campus Priority Capital Projects, as of December 5, 2011, 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 appointment of Dr. Adell Brown, Jr. as Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research at the SU

Agricultural Research and Extension Center, effective January 3, 2012 at an annual salary of \$117,338 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 continuation of employment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 at a pro-rated annual salary of \$113,800 be and it is hereby approved.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Settlement Agreement between G.E. Capital Information Technology Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Ikon Financial Services and Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report included an informational update on the financial status of SU System entities, as of November 30, 2011. Further details are in the Committee's report.

C. 2011-2012 RETRENCHMENT AND REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee and Rev. Tolbert,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the 2011-2012 Retrenchment and Reorganization Plan for Southern University and A&M College be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

D. RESOLUTIONS

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

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

- Mrs. Ella Bennett Crawford
- Dr. Allen A. Copping
- Mr. Arthur Robertson
- Mr. Benjamin W. Mount
- Dr. Leonard C. Barnes

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORT

A. System's Report

President Mason made the following report for the SU System.

- The National Demonstration Project on Black Men which is the Five Fifths Agenda for America (FFAA), has received the following grants:
 - Open Society - \$100,000
 - Lumina - \$50,0000
 - ETS - \$50,000Two grants are pending:
 - Kellogg - \$100,000
 - Kresge - \$ 75,000
- The Legislature has appropriated \$500,000 to implement the Honore' Center. To date, a Director and an administrative assistant have been hired, faculty has been identified faculty, and the ground work for the first class in June has been laid. A test cohort will be identified during the Spring 2012 semester from the students enrolled at SUSLA, who are offered developmental courses on SUNO's campus. The holistic learning theories will be tested.
- SUSLA/SUNO partnership allows SUSLA to offer developmental courses on SUNO's campus and on-line.
- The EO Serve contract has been executed, and the ground work has started to offer on-line courses system-wide no later than the Fall.
- The 1880 Society, headed by Dr. Darnell Peterson and Mr. Collis Temple, is seeking members who will make an immediate contribution to Southern University in the amount of \$1,000 and pledge \$5,000 over the next five years for a total of

\$6,000 from each member. The Society's goal is to identify 1,000 members who will give \$1,000 and pledge \$5,000 over the next five years. Everyone pledges the same amount, only the first 30 who give will be considered the founding members. Dr. Kelly gave a check for \$1,000, and pledged \$5,000 over the next five years.

B. Campus Reports were presented orally and/or in writing. Details are on tape.

C. Higher Education Governance Commission's Report

Mr. Bell provided an update on the Commission that is developing recommendations regarding the future governance of higher education in Louisiana.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The Board's 2012 meeting schedule January-June was distributed.

The Board's appreciation was expressed to Attys. Gaines and Jefferson for their services as members of the Board. Attys. Gaines and Jefferson will be sworn in as members of the Louisiana Legislature on January 9, 2012.

Chairman Mire announced that a ceremony will be held at a later Board meeting to formally recognize these outgoing Board members.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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