# Southern University and A&M College System BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

### **Board of Supervisors Meeting Room**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building Baton Rouge, Louisiana 9 a.m. Friday, February 17, 2017

### Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The invocation was given by the Rev. Ronald Sutton. Board Vice Chairman Rev. Donald Henry presented a certificate of appreciation to Rev. Sutton.

### **PRESENT**

Mrs. Ann Smith, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Jordan Franklin, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Michael Small, and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II,

### **ABSENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Samuel Tolbert and Dr. Rani Whitfield

### UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Executive Vice President and Provost M. Christopher Brown, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellor Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Andra Johnson VC for Research sitting in for Chancellor Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Chancellor John Pierre (SULC).

### **BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, February 17, 2017 9:00 A.M.

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building Southern University and A&M College Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

### **MINUTES**

Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call: Dr. Curman Gaines, Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Ms. Jordan Franklin, Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Absent: Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

### AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines asked that items 1 and 2 be deleted from agenda item 6A.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption with the requisite changes.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE** 

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### LA Interagency Alliance on Global Workforce Development

Mr. Eric Lambert, Deputy Undersecretary of the LA Department of Economic Development, Ms. Ava Dejoie, Executive Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission, Ms. Susan Schouen Director of Workforce Initiatives LED Fast Start, Dr. Lisa Smith Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, LA Board of Regents and Dr. Michael Stubblefield all spoke about the recent partnership that has been developed between Southern University, the State of LA Department of Economic Development and the LA Office of Workforce Development. The LA Interagency Alliance on Global Workforce Development was created to establish a unique interagency agreement to position SU as a world-class institution of learning that will allow it to strengthen offerings provided to its students and focus their transition into the Louisiana workforce, while building a similar capacity at other historically black colleges and universities across the state and nation.

The agreement touches on three key areas: academic and workforce development; services between SU and the State of Louisiana to strengthen the workforce; and research and innovation to take SU's land grant mission and pair it with global opportunities.

### Legislative Update was given by Mr. Rodney Braxton, Southern Strategy Group

Mr. Rodney Braxton stated that the special legislative session had begun Monday and that there is a \$304 million shortfall in the state budget which Governor Edwards plans to fill with a combination of cuts and the use of funds from the stabilization fund.

Dr. Tarver was recognized by the Chair. Dr. Tarver thanked Mr. Braxton for the legislative update.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

## A. Request Approval to Establish Faculty Joint Appointments, to fill departmental faculty gaps in accreditation and other instructional programs, SUAREC

In response to a comment from Board Member Leroy Davis about the rank of faculty members who may fill the joint appointments, Dr. Andra Johnson Vice Chancellor for Research agreed that the request should include the faculty ranks assistant professor, associate professor and full professor. Board Chair Mrs. Ann Smith suggested that since changes were being made at this time, the request should be presented at next month's Board meeting.

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Atty. Clayton the request of the SUAREC was deferred.

Motion passed.

## B. Request Approval to Establish Louisiana Outside Counsel Endowed Professorship, SULC

Chancellor John Pierre stated that the Law Center would like to establish its 16<sup>th</sup> endowed professorship at the \$60,000 funding level. He informed Board members that the state is modifying the funding levels beginning July 1. In response to a question from Dr. Tarver about the naming of the endowed chair and whether or not the donors were contacted about the naming, Chancellor Pierre stated that it would be named for Dr. Rachel Emmanuel who secured some of the funding for the professorship. He also stated that the representatives from the LA Outside Counsel are aware of the naming and had no objections.

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Tarver the LA Outside Counsel Endowed Professorship was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

### **AGENDA ITEMS 7: INFORMATION ITEMS**

### A. SACSCOC Enrollment Information Profile 2016, SUBR

President-Chancellor Belton stated that the SACSCOC profile enclosed in the meeting packet is done yearly to define our membership in SACS.

### B. Music Program 2005 Reaffirmation, SUBR

President-Chancellor Belton stated that the letter from the National Association of Schools of Music which is the accrediting agency for the Department of Music at SUBR, summarizes the department's membership renewal and upcoming site visit in April 2017.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Atty. Clayton the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned.

#### ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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### **MINUTES**

The Athletics Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Tony Clayton.

Roll Call: Atty. Clayton, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Rev. Donald R. Henry, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Michael A. Small and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion passed.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Request Approval for Amendment to Employment Contract for Head Coach, Football, SUBR
- B. Request Approval of Chennis Berry, Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator, Football, SUBR

Upon the motion by Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Rev. Donald Henry items 5A and 5 B were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

Athletics Committee Chair Clayton invited Coach Odums to the podium to address members of the Board. Coach Odums said that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve as head coach and thankful for Coach Roman Banks' leadership as interim director of athletics. He also responded to questions from Board members about his recruiting strategy. He also explained that hiring Chennis Berry was possible because coaching positions were combined to get the salary that was needed to retain him because he had several offers to coach at other universities.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Atty. Rutledge asked for the full employment contract for Coach Odums since only the amendments were presented.

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### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Mr. Small and seconded by Atty. Magee the Athletics Committee adjourned. Motion passed.

### FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following the Athletics Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

#### **MINUTES**

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

Roll Call: Rev. Henry, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leon R.

Tarver II, Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Absent: Dr. Rani Whitfield

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ITEMS**

### A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campuses

System Vice President Flandus McClinton stated that a summary of the priority projects was included in the meeting packet, but highlighted the fact that the lighting upgrades at the F.G. Clark Activity Center have been completed. In response to a question about the roof at the museum at SUBR, System Director of Facilities Planning Eli Guillory explained the roof failure and said that the bid process has taken place to make the repair. He said fortunately the failure did not occur where the exhibits are housed but in an office area occupied by the director of the museum. He also stated that upgrades have been made across all campuses in terms of lighting and security cameras. Chair Henry announced that he is aware of the problems at Higgins Hall and work would begin soon. He also stated that the tracking devices have been placed on all large equipment. Atty. Clayton informed Mr. Guillory that he would donate a drone to the department.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice President Flandus McClinton informed Board members that there is a Safety and Security Committee that is chaired by Atty. Tracie Woods and the committee meets biweekly. Atty. Woods stated that a committee on Safety and Security was convened last month and an assessment of lighting and cameras and campus police was submitted to President Belton and Board members. She stated that the work of the committee is ongoing and updates would be provided to the Board.

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### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dr. Davis the facilities and property committee adjourned.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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### **MINUTES**

The Finance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

Roll Call: Atty. Rutledge, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Absent: Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

### A. Request Approval to Adopt Resolution for Financing Jaguar Courtyard

SUSLA Chancellor Rodney Ellis stated that he would like to refinance the Jaguar Courtyard and is seeking to enter into an agreement with the HBCU Loan Program. He stated that the campus could realize significant savings which would then be reinvested in the property to make additional units available for students.

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Tarver the resolution for financing the Jaguar Courtyard at SUSLA was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

B. Request Approval to use Prior Year Funds generated by the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management through the Horace W. Moody Sr. Intramural Sports & Recreation Center to fund the remodeling of the bowling alley, SUBR

Vice President McClinton stated that the students voted and approved a self-assessment fee of \$15 to renovate the bowling alley in the Student Union. The Board ratified the self-assessment during its October 2016 meeting. The Division of Student Affairs would like to use prior year funds generated from the intramural sports and recreation center to begin the work on the bowling alley rather than borrowing the funds from a traditional funding source. Vice President McClinton explained the plan for repayment to the intramural sports and recreation center. Also included in the meeting packet was the 3-year sales forecast for the

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bowling alley.

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Henry the request made by the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to fund the remodeling of the bowling alley was recommended for approval.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Henry, Hilliard, Tarver, Smith

Nays: Atty. Tony Clayton

Motion passed.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Interim Financial Report as of January 2017

Vice President McClinton informed members of the Board that there was a shortfall in tuition (revenue) for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 and that there is roughly a \$1,830,000.00 shortfall system wide. Vice President McClinton has met with each campus and all have made adjustments to make up the shortfall. He also stated that there are vacant positions that will not be filled at SUBR and priority will be given to programs with upcoming reaffirmations of accreditation.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Reverend Henry the Finance Committee adjourned.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

(Following the Finance Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

### **MINUTES**

The Governance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Leroy Davis.

**Roll Call**: Dr. Davis, Ms. Jordan Franklin, Mr. Michael A. Small, Mrs. Ann A. SMith, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent:** Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Ms. Franklin and seconded by Mrs. Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

### A. Request Approval of Revised Personnel Action Form Policy, SUS

Dr. Davis asked President-Chancellor Belton to present the policy change for personnel actions. Dr. Belton stated that the revision increases the salary threshold for faculty consideration which is being changed from \$60,000 to \$75,000. Attorney Decuir stated that Item B 10 in the policy is the only change.

Upon the motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Franklin the revision to the personnel action policy was recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS** 

**NONE** 

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS** 

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Ms. Franklin and seconded by Mrs. Smith the Governance Committee adjourned.

### PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following the Governance Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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#### **MINUTES**

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Patrick Magee.

**Roll Call**: Atty. Magee, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent**: Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Cheryl Taylor, chair of the SUBR Graduate Council addressed the Board in support of the appointment of Dr. Habib Mohamadian as interim dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Nigel Gwee, president of the SUBR Faculty Senate, spoke in support of the appointment of Dr. Habib Mohamadian also.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

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

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Tarver personnel action item 5 A 1 through 9 and 5B were recommended for approval.

Motion passed.

Atty. Magee questioned whether or not the interim dean of graduate studies would be allowed to apply for the permanent position. Dr. M. Christopher Brown stated that his recommendation is that he would not be eligible to apply. Dr. Tarver stated that allowing persons who hold interim appointments would be consistent with past practices.

Atty. Magee also commended SUBR Vice Chancellor Benjamin Pugh for recommending the appointment of Ms. Monica Mealie who will be assuming the permanent role of SUBR Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance at the salary that was paid to her as the interim associate vice chancellor.

### (con't) Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000

1.	Monica O. Mealie	Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance	\$89,050
		New Appointment, SUBR	\$09,030
2.	Donovan Segura	QEP Director	<b>+</b>
		New Appointment, SUBR	\$72,000
3.	Habib Mohamadian	Interim Dean of Graduate Studies	¢127 208
		New Appointment, SUBR	\$127,398
4.	Rosie J. Taylor	Disbursement Office/Payroll Service Manager	\$68,000
	•	New Appointment, SUBR	+
5.	Dawson Odums	Head Coach, Football	\$180,000
		Continuation, SUBR	1 22,222
6.	Chennis Berry	Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator,	\$94,000
		Football New Appointment, SUBR	1. ,
7.	Harry Doughty, Sr.	Executive Associate to the Chancellor	\$75,000
		New Appointment, SUNO	. ,
8.	Laura Douresseaux	Assistant Professor, Clinical Coordinator HIMS	\$82,400
		Department New Appointment, SUNO	. ,
9.	John Barrileaux	Assistant Professor Accreditation Coordinator-HIM	\$80,000
		Department New Appointment, SUNO	φοσ,σσσ
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### A. Request Approval for Leave of Absence, SUBR

1. Chun-Ling Huang, Sick Leave

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Atty. Clayton asked President-Chancellor Belton whether or not there was a contingency plan in place for the provost who is a finalist for the presidency at Kentucky State University. President Belton responded that it would be presumptuous to do so and informed Board members that Dr. Brown was forthright in providing updates throughout the process.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Rev. Henry the Personnel Affairs Committee adjourned.

#### RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

### **MINUTES**

The Recruitment and Admissions Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Richard Hilliard.

**Roll Call**: Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Ms. Jordan Franklin, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Absent: Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ITEM**

A. Enrollment Updates by Campus

SUNO – Chancellor Mims-Devezin announced current enrollment at 2,443 which is 13 more students than the Fall 2016 semester.

SUSLA – Chancellor Ellis reported 2,830 students which is a decline from the Fall 2016 enrollment of 3,235

SUAREC- 263 students enrolled in the SUBR College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences

SULC – Enrollment is 535 for Spring 2017 which is a decline because of the mid-year commencement ceremony. Chancellor Pierre also announced that the Pre-Law event is currently underway.

SUBR – Enrollment for Spring 5,665. Written reports were included in the meeting packet.

Atty. Rutledge asked what is being done to address the enrollment decline and wanted to know the last time there was an enrollment increase.

Dr. Raymond Clarke, vice chancellor for enrollment management at SUBR stated that retention is a challenge, but measures are in place to begin addressing the challenges.

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Dr. Tarver stated that the comments that he has heard collectively point to a simple re-examination of our recruitment strategy because we are missing the mark on attracting new students. He stated that the SU System Foundation and the alumni should be involved in the retooling of the strategy. He also suggested that all campuses should present strategies on recruitment during the upcoming retreat.

Dr. Belton stated that addressing recruitment and retention is a top priority and that he welcomes the opportunity to discuss plans and strategies to address both. He recognized officers of the SU Alumni Federation in attendance at the meeting – Atty. Preston Castille, Mr. Carlton Jones and Ms. Pam Burleigh --who have been working in concert with departments on campus. He also recognized Mr. Eldridge Jackson in advancing the Top Jags initiative.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Dr. Tarver the Recruitment and Admissions Committee adjourned.

### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Recruitment and Admissions Committee)

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith. All members were present except Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Ms. Franklin and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE** 

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

The inaugural *Above and Beyond Award* was presented to Dr. Albert Clark, Professor, College of Business, by Dr. Leroy Davis and Mrs. Ann Smith. Mrs. Linda Frederick, Director of Student Support Services (Trio Program), SUNO, also received an Above and Beyond Award. Mrs. Smith announced that the above and beyond award would be given each month to honor outstanding achievements in the workplace, exceptional contributions toward efficiency and effectiveness of operations, special efforts in promoting workforce excellence or outstanding service to the University community and constituents.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 6, 2017, meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Request Approval of Logo Redesign/Mission Statement Revision, SUAREC
- D. Request Approval of Southern Institute for One Health, One Medicine, SUAREC
- E. Request Approval to Rename the Southwest Center to Sustainable Agricultural, Rural Development Institute (SARDI), SUAREC

Upon the motion by Ms. Franklin and seconded by Dr. Tarver agenda items 6 A through 6 E were recommend for approval in globo.

### Motion passed.

### A. Minutes of the January 6, 2017, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the January 6, 2017, meeting, be and they are hereby approved.

### **B.** Committee Reports and Recommendations

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the actions taken by the Academic Affairs Committee, Athletics Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee and Personnel Committee be and they are hereby approved.

### 1. Academic Affairs

a. Request Approval to Establish Louisiana Outside Counsel Endowed Professorship, SULC

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Rachel Emanuel/Louisiana Outside Counsel Endowed Professorship at the Southern University Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

#### 2. Athletics

a. Request Approval for Amendment to Employment Contract for Head Coach, Football, SUBR

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the amendment to the employment contract for head coach, football, be and it is hereby approved.

b. Request Approval of Chennis Berry, Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator, Football, SUBR

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the employment of Chennis Berry as associate head coach/offensive coordinator, football, be and it is hereby approved.

### 3. Finance

a. Request Approval to Adopt Resolution for Financing Jaguar Courtyard

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolution for financing the Jaguar Court, SUSLA, be and it is hereby approved.

b. Request Approval to use Prior Year Funds generated by the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management through the Horace W. Moody Sr. Intramural Sports & Recreation Center to fund the remodeling of the bowling alley, SUBR

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that funds generated by the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management through the Horace W. Moody Sr. Intramural Sports & Recreation Center to fund the remodeling of the bowling alley, SUBR, be and it is hereby approved.

### 4. Governance

a. Request Approval of Revised Personnel Action Policy, SUS

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that revision to the personnel action policy increasing the salary threshold for faculty members from \$60,000 to \$75,000 be and it is hereby approved.

### 5. Personnel

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Monica O. Mealie as Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance, SUBR, at a salary of \$89,050 be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Donovan Segura as QEP Director, SUBR at a salary of \$72,000, be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Habib Mohamadian as Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, SUBR, at a salary of \$127,398, be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Rosie J. Taylor as Disbursement Office/Payroll Service Manager SUBR, at a salary of \$68,000, be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the continued appointment of Dawson Odums as Head Coach, Football, SUBR, at a salary of \$180,000, be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Chennis Berry as Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator, Football, SUBR, at a salary of \$94,000, be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new appointment of Laura Douresseaux as Assistant Professor, Clinical Coordinator HIMS Department SUNO, at a salary of \$82,400 be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the new

appointment of John Barrileaux as Assistant Professor/Accreditation Coordinator-HIMS Department SUNO, at a salary of \$80,000, be and it is hereby approved.

### b. Request Approval for Leave of Absence, SUBR

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the sick leave of Chun-Ling Huang, Sick Leave, SUBR, be and it is hereby approved.

### F. Resolutions

President Belton offered resolutions as follows:

### 1. Signature Authority

A resolution certifying that Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, Chancellor, Southern University at New Orleans, has the authority to execute Memoranda of Understanding, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, and other contracts and agreements on behalf of Southern University at New Orleans in so far as they support the mission of the University.

A resolution certifying that Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport, has the authority to execute Memoranda of Understanding, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, and other contracts and agreements on behalf of Southern University at Shreveport in so far as they support the mission of the University.

### 2. Commendations

Dr. George Williams Mrs. Katherine Johnson

### 3. Condolences

The Thurman Butler Family The Ruth Roper Craig Family. The Herman Langley Family. The Mark Trepagnier Family

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATION ITEMS**

### a. Update on Medical Marijuana

Vice Chancellor Dr. Andra Johnson of the SUAREC stated that a draft of the RFP would be available next week. He also said that a contract would be presented to the Board by mid-summer. A public town hall meeting will be held to discuss the initiative on February 23.

### b. Marketing Plan 2017, SUS

President-Chancellor Belton stated that marketing initiatives would be presented during the upcoming Board retreat.

### c. System President's Report

Dr. Belton stated that he has been invited by Congressman Tim Scott to visit the White House on February 27-28 along with all other HBCU presidents to meet with President Trump to articulate the value of HBCUs. He also stated that he looked forward to engaging with members of the Board during the retreat.

### d. Campus Reports

Each Campus Chancellor submitted written reports that were included in the meeting packet. Additional comments/announcements were made as follows:

**SUNO** – Chancellor Mims-Devezin thanked President Belton and Chair Ann Smith for attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the natural science building. She also announced that the SUNO campus offered housing to persons in the area who were affected by the flooding. Also stated that the campus would be a site for DSNAP benefits and that the campus is off to a successful start as the Tom Joyner School of the Month for February and encouraged everyone to support the effort.

**SUAREC-** Dr. Johnson announced that National Ag Day is March 21 and there are 1,600 K-12 students that have registered to attend. Atty. Clayton asked for a list of SU alums that are currently working in the D.C. area at the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

**SULC** – Chancellor Pierre publicly thanked Atty. Preston Castille for assistance with the mid-year ABA visit. Atty. Clayton commended Atty. Preston Castille for his assistance in expanding the Law Center's presence in downtown Baton Rouge.

**SUBR** – Dr. M. Christopher Brown announced that Professor Khosravi, Computer Science, received a grant from Apple Corporation that will fund a robotics and sensors summer camp for high school students. He also announced that March 9<sup>th</sup> is the 137<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day celebration that will feature Mayor Sharon Weston Broome as speaker. Also SU alums who are elected officials will also be honored during the convocation.

Atty. Tracie Woods thanked SUNO administrators for their rapid response to securing the campus during the historic flood.

Mrs. Ann Smith made several announcements. She thanked the technology staff, Marcus Brown, Clourth Wilson and Alice Douzier for their assistance during Board meetings. She also announced Thursday, March 30, would be the date for the Board's Retreat and March 31 would be the date for the next Board meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE** 

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Rev. Henry the meeting adjourned. Motion passed.