

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, February 25, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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.

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of two slain SUBR students – Miss Sheena Barnett and Mr. Ferdinand Dorsey, Jr.

Present

Mr. Darren G. Mire- Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randale L. Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams

Absent

Mr. Richard Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

University Personnel

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)
Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (SUBR) and Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed merger of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) and the University of New Orleans (UNO) that is being proposed by the Governor.

- Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate. Dr. Trivedi also presented a resolution adopted by that body which opposes the SUNO – UNO merger
- Dr. Thomas Miller, Vice President of The SUBR Faculty Senate
- Dr. Joseph Bowie, President of the SUNO Faculty Senate and Spokesman for the SUNO Coalition
- Atty. Tony Clayton, Member of the Board of Supervisors. In his statement, Atty. Clayton offered an explanation for his presence at the Governor's news conference announcing the study of a SUNO-UNO merger, urged the SU Administration to conduct a similar study that will provide a rationale for maintaining SUNO's existence in the New Orleans area; and, tendered statistical data relative to the low graduation rates of other Louisiana Colleges, including UNO and Delgado Community in the New Orleans area.
- Mr. Walter Guidry, Member of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Guidry noted that reports of SUNO's graduation rates become skewed when its position as a regional institution is not taken into consideration.

- Mr. Jason Hughes. In spite of his opposition to a merger between SUNO and UNO, Mr. Hughes urged the Board and Administration to act immediately to address SUNO's low graduation rates.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the January 7, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Gaines,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the January 7, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Board resolution opposing proposed merger of SUNO and UNO

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for Southern University opposes any process where a proposed outcome is the merger or elimination of Southern University at New Orleans.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors is otherwise supportive of and will participate in any fair and objective process intended to improve the higher educational opportunities for all student of the State of Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

C. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the reports and recommendations from the following Committees be and they are hereby 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 resolution designating Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor of Southern University – Shreveport and the Louisiana Department of Education to initiate, negotiate, and sign grants between Southern University – Shreveport and the Louisiana Department of Education Jobs for America’s Graduates program.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee’s report also reflected an update on low computer academic programs, by campus, that are under review by the Board of Regents.

2.) Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the informational report of the Athletics Committee be and it is hereby received.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee’s report included

- 1.) discussion of a resolution adopted by the SUBR Academic Council at SUBR relative to athletics; and
- 2.) update on the NCAA’s recertification of the SUBR’s Athletics Program

3.) Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Letter of Engagement between Southern University – Baton Rouge and Sean M. BRUNO, Certified Public Accountants, LLP to perform certain agreed upon procedures to the Statements of Revenues and Expenses and the accompanying notes and supplemental information of SUBR’s Athletics Department for the year ended June 30, 2010 be and it is hereby approved.

The cost of the engagement is \$9,500.00

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the tuition fee increase of \$47.00 per student and the housing fee increase of \$256.00 per student for participants in the SU Law Center' London, England Study Abroad Program.

The new fees will be as follows:

- \$3,414.00 - Tuition
- \$2,436.00 – Housing

4.) Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the informational report of the Facilities and Property Committee be and it is hereby approved.

The report included an update on

- Priority Capital Projects, by campus
- Completed Capital Projects at SUBR
- Hurricane Guitar Building Repair Management Process

AGENDA ITEM 5D: MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE, SULC

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the medical leave of absence for Professor Okechukwu Oko, (SULC) effective January 1, 2011 to May 31, 2011 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5E: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Williams,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Ms. Destiny Brown who was selected as Teacher of the Year in DeKalb County, Georgia

Condolences

- The Edward Alford Family
- The Sheena M. Barnett Family
- The Ferdinand M. Dorsey, Jr. Family
- The Warner Brown Family
- Wife of Daniel Mouton, former SUBR Star Track Athlete

Mr. Patrick Bell tendered a resolution adopted by the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO) opposing the SUNO and UNO merger.

Vice Chairman Murphy Bell presented a resolution adopted by the Southern University National Alumni Federation in opposition to the SUNO and UNO merger.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

System and Campus updates were reported orally and in writing. Details are on tape or in the files of the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

- The presence of State Representative Dalton Honore' was recognized.

-The following were announced:

- The SOS Campaign Rally, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 11

- A Salute to the Presidents of the State's four Historically Black Colleges and Universities, scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 27 as a Black History Tribute by the Higher Ground Outreach Church

Board Member Patrick Bell encouraged the Board's financial support in opposing the SUNO – UNO merger.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Academic Affairs Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 25, 2011

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Minutes

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson. Atty. Jefferson also provided the invocation.

Present

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chair
Mr. Walter Guidry, Vice Chair
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Achilles Williams
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Randale Scott

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Resolution for the Louisiana Department of Education Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG-LA)

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the resolution designating Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor of Southern University – Shreveport to initiate, negotiate, and sign grants between Southern University – Shreveport and the Louisiana Department of Education Jobs for America's Graduates program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Southern University – Shreveport has received for three-years JAG-LA funding that supports dropout prevention and recovery services for youth 12-21 years of age. Participants are provided an educational program that promotes academic and skills attainment, civic responsibility, leadership development and social awareness to enhance their success as responsible citizens and productive workers.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Academic Program/Low Computer Review, SUS

The Committee received a list of low computer academic programs, by campus, that is currently under review by the Board of Regents.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Mire, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Athletics Committee
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The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Patrick D. Magee.

Present

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Chair
Mr. Achilles Williams, Vice Chair
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Chairman Magee requested that Board Member Gaines, Guidry, and Jefferson serve on the Committee to effect a quorum.

Absent

Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton

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On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- A. Resolution from the Academic Council regarding SUBR's Intercollegiate Athletics Programs and Activities

The Committee reviewed the resolution, adopted by the Academic Council of Southern University and A&M College on January 19, 2011, which calls for (1) a major review of the revenue-generating capacity for the University's athletics programs, including the Bayou Classic; and (2) that SUBR be the decision – maker pertaining to all athletics activities involving it student – athletes.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee received an update on SUBR's recertification of its Athletics programs by the NCAA. The University's self-study has been submitted to the NCAA for review. Once the NCAA release a report of its findings, SUBR will be given an opportunity to respond.

In order to enhance the success of student – athletics academically as well as athletically, the NCAA will increase admission standards for transfer students and new students, effective 2011.

Mr. Lawson noted that the academic ranking of SUBR's student – athletes has decreased from the high status it enjoyed five years ago. He requested the administration to exam the reason for the downward trend.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Finance and Audit Committee

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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, Chair
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Lea P. Montgomery

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter of Engagement Between SUBR and Sean M. Bruno, Certified Public Accountants, LLP

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Letter of Engagement between Southern University - Baton Rouge (SUBR) and Sean M. Bruno, Certified Public Accountants, LLP to perform certain agreed-upon procedures to the Statement of Revenues and Expenses and the accompanying notes and supplemental information of the SUBR's Athletics Department for the year ended June 30, 2010. The cost of the engagement is \$9,500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Study Abroad Tuition and Housing Fee Increase, SULC

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the tuition increase of \$47.00 per student and the housing fee increase by \$256.00 per student for participants in the Law Center's London, England Study Abroad program.

Motion carried unanimously.

The new fees will be as follows:

- *\$3,414.00 – Tuition
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AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Facilities and Property Committee

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Minutes

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Walter Guidry.

Present

Mr. Walter Guidry, Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chair
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Mr. Richard J. Caiton
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On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL REPORT

The Committee received written report on the following items:

- Priority Capital projects, by Campus
- Completed Capital projects, including the ravine and Steptoe Avenue Projects on the SUBR Campus
- Hurricane Gustav Building Repair Management Process

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors