

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, January 6, 2012
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 Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, and Tony Moore
Chancellors James Llorens (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)
and Professor John Pierre (representing Chancellor Freddie Pitcher) (SULC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

Swearing in of New Board Officers for 2012

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. administered the oath of office to Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman of the Board; and, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Vice Chairman, respectively.

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.

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 6E: GOVERNANCE COMMISSION UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Alvin Bopp, Vice President of the SUNO Faculty Senate, requested the Board's assistance in obtaining from the SUNO Administration information on the location of temporary classes over the next three years.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, President of the SUNO Faculty Senate, noted that the State has been holding, for some time, \$90 million for the renovation/restoration of buildings on the SUNO Campus. He asked the Board to request the Governor to issue an Executive Order waiving the Capital Outlay procedures for the release of these funds in order to expedite the start of work on the SUNO buildings.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, expressed concern that the SUBR Administration failed to utilize the established Search Procedures to fill the Registrar's position.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 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 December 16, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following Committee reports and recommendations were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 Number 2 which

reflects a mid-year reduction of \$2.93 million in State Funds (Direct) to the Southern University System, per Executive Order No. BJ2011-25, 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 Administration's request to appear before the State Interim Emergency Board to request emergency funds in the amount of \$2 million to demolish four vacant, deteriorated, unsafe, and unsanitary dormitories on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's report also contained an update on the status of Capital Priority Projects, System wide.

C. RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Bell, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Mr. Montrell McCaleb and the Staff for their efforts which led to the success of the "Motivating Students for Success" Program
- SUBR Alumnus Kent Smith on being selected as a semi-finalist for the Presidency of Langston University in Oklahoma

Condolences

- The Wardell Williams Family
- The Remarcus L. West Family

D. APPROVAL TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENT TO APPROVE A PLAN TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE ACT 419

President Mason sought the Board's authority to approve, and to submit on behalf of Southern University, a response to Legislative Act 419 which calls for a collaborative plan of action by Delgado, SUNO and UNO to improve the quantity and quality of public education in the New Orleans area. The plan is due to the Board of Regents by February 1, which is prior to

the Board's next scheduled meeting date in February.

Alternatively, Atty. Dumas recommended the call of a Special Meeting to allow Board Members an opportunity to review and adopt the plan prior to its submission due date.

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board deferred action on this item and approved a special meeting for the consideration and action on the proposed plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION REPORTS

-System Report

President Mason provided an update on the following:

- Grants received by the University in support of the National Demonstration Project on Black Men
- Work underway to implement the Honore' Center which has been appropriated \$500,000 by the Louisiana Legislature include the employing of staff, identification of faculty; and preparations for the first class in June 2012.
- The partnership between SUSLA/SUNO which will allow SUSLA to offer developmental courses on SUNO's campus and on-line.
- Progress to date on implementation of on-line classes on the three campuses, through a partnership with E O Serve Corporation.
- Increase in membership in The 1880 Society, headed by Dr. Darnell Peterson and Mr. Collis Temple, which seeks persons to make an immediate contribution to Southern University in the amount of \$1,000 and pledge \$5,000 over the next five years. The Society's goal is to recruit 1,000 members; however, only the first 30 who make the required pledge will be considered to be charter members.

-SUBR Recruitment Update

Chancellor Llorens reported on the aggressive recruitment campaign undertaken by SUBR to increase its student enrollment which includes --

- Contracting of recruitment services out-of-state
- Increasing commercial spots and other marketing tools

-Campus Reports

Highlights of oral reports tendered by the Chancellors or their representatives appear below. Written reports are on line and available for review in the Board's Office.

SUBR

The jersey of former SUBR basketball star, Bob Love, will be retired in a special ceremony during the SU v. GSU basketball game on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Board members were invited.

SUNO

U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu has successfully amended legislation to allow SUNO, Xavier and Tougaloo to have their loans forgiven by the US Government. SUNO's loan amount is \$44 million.

SULC

Professor John Pierre announced that pre-Law Day, the Law Center's recruitment effort, will be held on February 3, 2012.

Prof. Pierre also advised the Board concerning on a federal case involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the State of Maryland. Four HBCUs are being represented by the Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education which is seeking legal redress in the amount of \$2 billion against the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The plaintiffs argue that the State continues to maintain vestiges of dual and unequal systems of higher education between the HBCUs and Traditional White Institutions (TWIs).

Professor Pierre was asked to keep the Board abreast of this case and advise of the impact, if any, on for HBCUs in Louisiana.

SUSLA

Note was taken that Chancellor Belton's absence at today's meetings was the result of there being no agenda items for his campus.

-Higher Education Commission Report

Mr. Patrick Bell reported the final recommendations from the Commission which was mandated by HCR 184 to study and submit a plan for reorganization relative to the governance of higher education in Louisiana. The report is scheduled to be sent to the Legislature on January 12, 2012.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, January 6, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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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, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Present

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. Vice Chairman
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks – Vice Chairman
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

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System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and
Chancellors James Llorens (SUBR) Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)
Prof. John Pierre (representing Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC))

BOARD COUNSEL

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. REQUEST FOR STATE INTERIM EMERGENCY BASED FUNDING, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Administration's request to appear before the State Interim Emergency Board to request emergency funds in the amount of \$2 million to demolish four vacant, deteriorated, unsafe, and unsanitary dormitories on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Dumas recommended that the Administration obtain on the funding request that is to be submitted to the Interim Emergency Board the signatures of the University's area legislator and the SU Board Chair, as indicated on the form.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. CAPITAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

The Committee received a monthly update on the status of capital priority projects, Systemwide. The report was informational.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Finance and Audit Committee
9:00 a.m.
Friday, January 6, 2012
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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. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Present

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Demetrius Sumner

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On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

AMENDMENT:

Delete: Item 5B: Salary Supplement for selected Faculty and Staff, SUNO

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. BA-7 #2, REDUCTION OF STATE FUNDS (DIRECT), PER EXECUTIVE-ORDER BJ 2011-25

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, BA-7, #2 which reflects a mid-year reduction in State funds (Direct) to the Southern University System in the amount of \$2.93 million, per Executive Order No. BJ 2011-25.

Motion carried unanimously.

The anticipated reduction of \$115 million in State appropriation to higher education during the next fiscal year was reported by President Mason. He also noted the need for Southern University to deliberate on how to address continuing budget shortfalls attributable to recurring reductions in State appropriated funds.

Committee Chair Lawson suggested as a remedy that the Administration solicit from the State unused Economic Development Funds to address its budget problems.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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