

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 28, 2014

Strand 12 Meeting Room

Hyatt Regency, 2nd Floor 601

Loyola Avenue New Orleans,

LA

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe Gant.

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairlady Rev. Joe

R. Gant, Jr., Vice-Chair Atty. Murphy F. Bell,
Jr.

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.

Atty. Tony M. Clayton Atty.

Walter C. Dumas Mr. Mr.

Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

Mr. Diangelo S. Frazer

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Darren G. Mire

Mr. Mike A. Small

Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

Chief of Staff Evola Bates

System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore

Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton (SUBR), Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Adell Brown representing Chancellor Leodrey Williams(SUAREC), Ray Belton (SUSLA), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr., Brandon DeCuir, and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On the motion of Rev. Gant seconded by Calvin Braxton, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dr. Thomas Miller – SUBR Faculty Senate president made comments about 7K. Expressed his concern that the Presidential Search Committee should be delayed and he expressed that the three-week time limit was not enough time to select another candidate.

➤ **Distributed Resolution from SUBR Faculty Senate**

2. Albert Samuel – SUBR Faculty Senate Vice-President – Mr. Samuels expressed concerns about the short timeline for the Presidential Search Committee.
3. Dr. Diola Bagayoko – Member of the Presidential Search Committee. Also spoke in support of Agenda Item 7I and spoke in support of continuing the search.

AGENDA ITEM 5: CHAIRWOMAN’S REPORT

Atty. Dinvaut stated that her report would be deferred until the December 12, 2014 meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

Atty. Dinvaut took a point of personal privilege and introduced Mr. John Bell Edwards, a member of the Louisiana House of Representative. Representative Edwards stated that Southern University System is the only HBCU System in America and is very concerned that the \$1.2 billion dollar shortfall in the Louisiana budget will affect higher education. Representative Edwards also stated that he has worked with Drs. Mason and Ukpolo to keep SUNO open. Representative Edwards also encouraged the Board to reflect on the following:

1. Legislative amendment to increase funding. A legislative amendment will be difficult because of lack of funding and respective legislators being open to providing increase funding.
2. Representative Edwards suggested that SUBOS should consider that the legislature might be more acceptable to SUS implementing an action like the LSU consolidated model or is implementing efficiency procedures. He stated he will continue to support the SUS, SUBOS, and LBCU and wanted the record reflect he was wearing blue and gold.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2014

- A.** Attorney Tony Clayton nominated Dr. Leon Tarver. Rev. Samuel Tolbert nominated Rev Joe Gant. Attorney Tony Clayton closed the nomination

Roll call for Rev. Joe Gant.

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut, Yes; Rev Joe Gant, Yes; Atty. Murphy Bell Jr., No; Mr. Calvin Braxton, No; Atty. Tony M. Clayton, No; Atty. Walter Dumas, Yes; Mr. Raymond Fondel, No; Mr. Diangelo Frazer, No; Mr. Willie Hendricks, No; Dr. Eamon Kelly, No; Mr. Myron Lawson, No; Mr. Darren Mire, No; Mr. Mike Small, No; Mrs. Ann Smith, No; Dr. Leon Tarver, No; Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Yes.

Yes- 4 No-12

The nomination failed.

Roll call for Dr. Tarver.

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut, Yes; Rev. Joe Gant, No; Atty. Murphy Bell Jr., Yes; Mr. Calvin Braxton, Yes; Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Yes; Atty. Walter Dumas, Yes; Mr. Raymond Fondel, Yes; Mr. Diangelo Frazer, Yes; Mr. Willie Hendricks, Yes; Dr. Eamon Kelly, Yes; Mr. Myron Lawson, Yes; Mr. Darren Mire, Yes; Mr. Mike Small, Yes; Mrs. Ann Smith, Yes; Dr. Leon Tarver, Yes; Rev. Samuel Tolbert, No.

Yes-14 No-2

The nomination passed.

Dr. Leon Tarver was elected 2014 Chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors. Dr. Tarver made an acceptance speech pledged to do his very best and move the Board forward.

B. Vice Chairman

Myron Lawson nominated Calvin Braxton.
Rev. Joe Gant nominated Raymond Fondel.
Rev. Tolbert closed the nomination.

Roll call for Raymond Fondel

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut, Yes; Rev. Joe Gant, No; Atty. Murphy Bell Jr., Yes; Mr. Calvin Braxton, No; Atty. Tony M. Clayton, No; Atty. Walter Dumas, - ; Mr. Raymond Fondel, Yes; Mr. Diangelo Frazer, Yes; Mr. Willie Hendricks, Yes; Dr. Eamon Kelly, No; Mr. Myron Lawson, No; Mr. Darren Mire, No; Mr. Mike Small, No; Mrs. Ann Smith, No; Dr. Leon Tarver, No; Rev. Samuel Tolbert, A. Yes-8 No-7 Abstain-1

The nomination failed.

Roll call for Calvin Braxton.

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut, Yes; Rev. Joe Gant, No; Atty. Murphy Bell Jr., Yes; Mr. Calvin Braxton, Yes; Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Yes; Atty. Walter Dumas, Abstain; Mr. Raymond Fondel, No; Mr. Diangelo Frazer, No; Mr. Willie Hendricks, No; Dr. Eamon Kelly, Yes; Mr. Myron Lawson, Yes; Mr. Darren Mire, Yes; Mr. Mike Small, No; Mrs. Ann Smith, Yes; Dr. Leon Tarver, Yes; Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Abstain.

Yes-9 No-5 Abstain-2

The nomination passed.

Calvin Braxton was elected the Vice Chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors. Mr. Braxton made an acceptance speech and pledged to work in the best interest of the Southern University Board of Supervisors Office and the Southern University System.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the October 19, 2014 regular meeting of SUBOS.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of October 19, 2014 Board meeting be and are hereby approved.

B. Candidates for Degrees, Fall 2014 Commencement Exercises, SUBR

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors that the Fall 2014 Commencement Resolutions for Southern University - Baton Rouge be and are hereby approved.

C. Resolution for Conferral of Degrees 2014, SUSLA

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Fall 2014 Commencement Resolutions for Southern University at Shreveport be and are hereby approved.

D. Personnel Action Forms greater than \$60,000

Attorney Clayton asked about the long-term contracts of legal writing professors.

Chancellor Pitcher says that ABA requires a tenure contract for legal writing agreements. Attorney Clayton asked about potential cuts and Chancellor Pitcher assured the Board that the Law Center was in good standing.

Ann Smith asked about the study on salary ranges. President Mason said that Vice-President Lester Pourciau would be working in developing procedures to develop and to establish salary ranges. The procedures will be brought back to the Board for their review.

ROLL CALL

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut, Yes; Rev. Joe Gant, Yes; Atty. Murphy Bell Jr., Yes; Mr. Calvin Braxton, Yes; Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Yes; Atty. Walter Dumas, Yes; Mr. Raymond Fondel, Yes; Mr. Diangelo Frazer, Yes; Mr. Willie Hendricks, No; Dr. Eamon Kelly, No; Mr. Myron Lawson, Yes; Mr. Darren Mire, Yes; Mr. Mike Small, Yes; Mrs. Ann Smith, Yes; Dr. Leon Tarver, Yes; Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Yes.

Motion Passed.

E. Approval Request to use prior years funds for emergency repairs at Isaac Greggs Band.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request to use prior year funds for emergency repairs at the Isaac Greggs Band room be and are hereby approved.

F. Approval of Late Registration Fee Increase SUSLA

Resolved by Board of Supervisors of Southern University to approve the late registration fee increase at SUSLA be and are hereby approved.

G. BA – 7#3, #4 and #5 Request for mid-year Budget Adjustments, SUS

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University to authorize BA – 7#3, #4, and #5 for mid-year adjustment at Southern University System be and are hereby approved.

H. Approval of Resolution authorizing SU System entities to file BP Claims.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Baton Rouge that the resolution authorizing SU System entities to file BP claims be and are hereby approved.

I. Approval of 2014 SU System Proposed Presidential Search Budget

Attorney Clayton asked about the items in the Budget. Rev. Gant explained how the budget was developed and that it was based upon the last Presidential Search budget.

Attorney Clayton make a motion to delay the budget. Raymond Fondel commented on how the Presidential Search was going and how the Committee would use the budget. Mr. Fondel further indicated that the Committee wanted to review the credentials and bring back the recommendations to the Board.

Dr. Tarver also commented on the Presidential Search Committee.

ROLL CALL

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaux, Yes; Rev. Joe Gant, Yes; Atty. Murphy Bell, Jr., No; Mr. Calvin Braxton, No; Atty. Tony M. Clayton, No; Atty. Walter Dumas, Yes; Mr. Raymond Fondel, Yes; Diangelo Frazer, Yes; Mr. Willie Hendricks, No; Dr. Eamon Kelly, No; Mr. Myron Lawson, Yes; Mr. Darren Mire-Abstain; Mr. Mike Small, No; Mrs. Ann Smith, Yes; Dr. Leon Tarver, No; Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Yes.

Yes-8 No-7 Abstain-1

Motion failed.

J. Resolutions

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

- The Juan Joseph Family
- The William Jones Family
- The Reginald Harris Family

Commendations

- Bridget Dinvaut elected to District Attorney of St John the Baptist Parish
- Byron C. Williams elected to Criminal Court Judge in Orleans Parish
- John Belton, former Board member, elected to District Attorney of Lincoln and Union Parish
- Aaron Wardell, elected to District Court Judge in Caddo Parish
- Joe Bouie, former Chancellor of SUNO, elected to 97th District House

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University that the commendations be approved and be added to record.

- K.** Approval to delay any action of the Presidential Search Committee until January 9, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

There were several comments on whether to continue the Presidential Search Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that any actions of the Presidential Search Committee be delayed until January 9, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Informational Items

A. Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2014

- A status report was given by Kevin Appleton, System Vice President of Finance and Business Affairs.

B. Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences Building Plans, SUNO

- Dr. Ukpolo discussed the Arts and Humanities Building plans.

C. Property Projects by Campus.

- Dr. Mason gave an updated on University Place.

D. Dr. Lawson discussed (deleted from Agenda) and the item will be discussed in December 2014.

E. Update on Presidential Search

- Rev. Gant provided an update on the Presidential Search Committee.

F. Establishing the Salary Study Committee.

- President Mason discussed this matter earlier in the meeting.

G. System President's Report – Dr. Mason thanked the Chairlady for her service and congratulated all elected officials.

H. Chancellor Reports – The Chancellors submitted the reports in the Board package.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Other Business

Rev. Gant thanked the Presidential Search Committee staff for their hard work and commitment.

Continuing, Rev. Gant, asked for prayers for Lisa Green's mother who will be having a very major surgery.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjournment

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