

# **Southern University and A&M College System**

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; J.S. Clark Administration Building**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**9 a.m.**

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by The Rev. Joe R. Gant.

#### **PRESENT**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mr. Michael Small, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

#### **UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost (EVPAAP) M. Christopher Brown, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Interim Chancellor Adell Brown (SUAREC), Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Chancellor John Pierre, (SULC)

#### **BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston Decuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 22, 2016

Southern University-Baton Rouge  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; J. S. Clark Administration Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

**The Academic Affairs Committee was convened by Committee Chair Ann Smith.**

#### **Roll Call**

Dr. Curman L. Gaines, Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Mr. Michael A. Small, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

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

Upon the motion of Dr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Michael Small the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi voiced concerns that the Academic Stabilization Plan needs extensive vetting and deliberation by the faculty and other stakeholders and he stated that he is concerned that lumping together different disciplines to give the appearance of efficiency will harm the University.

Faculty Senate President Thomas Miller stated that the restructuring of the University's colleges and schools have happened over time and faculty were involved. The most recent meeting of faculty occurred during the spring faculty convocation. All configurations were considered and discussed. Faculty members voted to select the configuration that best suited the University.

Mr. George Amedee, Professor, Political Science and President of the Faculty Senate at SUNO addressed Board members about the fact that faculty members at SUNO have been denied the opportunity to complete the tenure and promotion process.

Dr. Chester Mills voiced a complaint regarding the delay in sending retention, tenure and promotion applications forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval. He stated that Dr. Ukpolo and his administration have violated the timeline as it relates to the procedure for tenure and promotion.

Committee Chair Ann Smith asked Dr. Ukpolo to address the concerns voiced by SUNO faculty. Dr. Ukpolo stated that he spoke with the Faculty Senate last week regarding the tenure and promotion process. He stated that his reluctance to send forward the tenure and promotion packets at this time was based on the uncertainty of the state's budget situation.

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

##### **A. Request Approval of Academic Stabilization Plan, SUBR**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Rev. Joe R. Gant, the Academic Stabilization Plan was recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Request Approval of Recommendation to fill Endowed Professorship Vacancies, SULC**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Rev. Joe R. Gant, the endowed professorship vacancies at the SU Law Center were recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Request Approval of Recommendation to Fill Endowed Professorship Vacancies, SUNO**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Michael Small, the endowed professorship vacancies at the SU Law Center were recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Request Approval of Recommendation to Fill Endowed Professorship Vacancies, SUSLA**

Upon the motion by Mr. Richard Hilliard and seconded by Rev. Joe R. Gant, the endowed professorship vacancies at SU Shreveport were recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Request Approval of Promotion Recommendations, SULC**

In response to a question from Board member Atty. Tony Clayton regarding the promotion recommendations, Chancellor John Pierre stated that the professors presented for promotion are those who are eligible to apply based upon their years of service. He stated that the SULC Tenure and Promotion Committee has reviewed the candidate's applications and were recommended for approval. The recommendations are now being presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines, the promotions presented for professors at the SU Law Center were not recommended for approval at this time, and any action on the promotions will be delayed until the end of the legislative session when the University will have a clearer picture of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously

**F. Candidates for Degrees, Spring 2016 Commencement Exercises**

Upon the motion by Dr. Curman Gaines and seconded by Atty. Tony Clayton, candidates for degrees during the Spring 2016 Commencement Exercises were recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously

**G. Approval of Modification of Criteria for SUS Posthumous Degree Policy**

Dr. M. Christopher Brown stated that the University currently has a posthumous degree policy that restricts the Board from awarding a posthumous degree unless the student is within 30 credits of graduating, in good financial standing, it must be requested by the parents, voted on by the faculty, a copy of the death certificate must be presented and several other checklist items. The presented policy transitions the process to a recommendation by the campus and gives the flexibility to the president and Board to investigate the merit of the student and it restricts the awarding of the degree to a two-year period.

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines, the modification of criteria for awarding posthumous degree policy was recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously

**H. Approval of Honorary Doctorate, SUBR**

President Belton deferred to Atty. Tony Clayton who stated that the proposed honorary degree recipient is Mr. Joseph Delpit, who is the first black elected official in East Baton Rouge Parish who served on the city council. He stated that Mr. Delpit has fought tirelessly for Southern University and the presentation would be an honor to the Delpit family.

Upon the motion by Chairman Tarver and seconded by Atty. Clayton, the recommendation to award an honorary degree of humane letters to Mr. Joseph Delpit was approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned.

**RECONVENTION**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines, the Academic Affairs Committee reconvened.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the agenda was amended to add the approval of a letter of intent to offer a certificate of general studies degree at SU Shreveport.

Motion passed unanimously.

**I. Approval of Letter of Intent to Offer Certificate of General Studies Degree, SUSLA**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the letter of intent to offer a certificate of general studies degree at SU Shreveport was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Chairman Tarver, the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned.

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)*

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

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

### **MINUTES**

**The Athletics Committee was convened by Committee Chair Atty. Tony Clayton.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Darren G. Mire, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

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

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

**NONE**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

A. 2016 Football Schedule, SUBR

The 2016 schedule was included in the meeting packet. Board member Myron Lawson asked the reason that the football team always opened the season with an away game. Board member Tony Clayton stated that he did not understand the reasoning for the decision either and that he would like the administration to become more involved in negotiations with the opposing team's schools. Atty. Clayton also stated that he feels that the University is not being compensated enough.

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

**NONE**

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

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Richard Hilliard the Athletics Committee adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Athletics Committee)*

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

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

### **AGENDA**

**The Finance Committee was convened by Committee Chair Myron Lawson.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Curman L. Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Darren Mire,  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry the agenda was recommended for adoption.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

A. Interim Financial Report as of March 2016, SUS

The interim financial report was included in the Board packet and discussed by Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton. He stated that revenue and expenditures are on target.

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

NONE

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry, the Finance Committee adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Finance Committee)*

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

Southern University Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
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### **MINUTES**

**The Personnel Affairs Committee was convened by Committee Chair Patrick Magee.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

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

Upon the motion of Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Dr. Chester Mills of SUNO spoke about the appointment of Dr. David Adegboye as a tenured professor in the department of biological sciences at SUNO and an assumed proposed appointment as Interim Chancellor of the SUNO campus.

Dr. George Amedee also spoke about the appointment of Dr. David Adegboye as an interim chancellor at the SUNO campus and the fact that the executive committee of the Faculty Senate was told that Dr. Adegboye would be appointed. He outlined the characteristics that the person must possess.

SGA President at SUNO Brian Alexander addressed the Board about funds that will be expended to replace Dr. Victor Ukpolo.

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

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

Committee Chair Patrick Magee stated that the personnel actions would be voted upon separately.

##### **5A.1 – Dr. David Sunday Adegboye**

Dr. Tarver made a motion to approve the personnel action for Dr. David Adegboye.

There was no second.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

##### **5A.2 – Henry Thurman, Interim Executive Director of Facilities Services, SUBR**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the personnel action for Henry Thurman was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

##### **5A.3 – Eli Guillory, Interim System Director of Facilities Planning, SUS**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the personnel action for Eli Guillory was recommended for approval.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

In response to Committee Chair Patrick Magee about a plan to permanently fill the positions of Facilities Planning Director and Facilities Services Director, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton stated that a search committee would be established to find permanent candidates for both positions in the next 2-3 months. Due to the death of Mr. Endas Vincent and the resignation of Mr. Jermaine Myers, it was imperative to have leadership in the offices. Mr. Guillory will be temporarily holding the position formerly held by Mr. Endas Vincent. Mr. Thurman will be temporarily replacing Mr. Guillory's former position.

#### **5A.4 - Walfredo Javier, Professor, Math, Physics, and Science and Math Education**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the personnel action for Dr. Walfredo Javier was recommended for approval.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5B. Approval of Employment Contract for Chancellor John Pierre, SULC**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded Mr. Myron Lawson the employment contract for Chancellor John Pierre was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **A. Updated Employment Agreement for Chancellor Rodney Ellis, SUSLA**

Committee Chair Patrick Magee deferred to President Chancellor Belton who stated that the contract has been revised to include appropriate benchmarks for the Chancellor.

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

NONE

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

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson, the Personnel Affairs Committee adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.



## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)*

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

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

### **MINUTES**

**The Board of Supervisors meeting was convened by Board Chair Leon R. Tarver II**

#### **PRESENT**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mr. Michael Small, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

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

Upon the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Dr. Dawn Mellieon-Patin addressed Board members about the realignment of the Ag Center. There were numerous constituents, retired faculty members including Dr. Leodrey Williams, former Chancellor, who attended the meeting in support of the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Many addressed Board members to let them know the manner in which the SUAREC has helped them.

SUNO SGA President Brian Alexander addressed Board members about the persons that comprise the selection committee for Chancellor of the New Orleans campus.

Dr. Albert Samuels addressed Board members about the Academic Stabilization Plan. He suggested that there are various departments that may warrant further consideration in becoming departments or in being placed in a certain college. He asked that more consideration be given to the placement of the departments of psychology, social work, and sociology.

Dr. Mills of SUNO requested again that the Board investigate the matter of the retention, tenure and promotion process at SUNO.

Ms. Nicollette Gordon, area extension agent in St. Helena Parish explained that many of the high school students that addressed the Board were encouraged to do so as part of a civics exercise.

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

##### **A. Men's & Women's Basketball, SUBR**

Interim Athletics Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach Roman Banks presented the SU Men's Basketball Team. Board Member Tony Clayton congratulated the team on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and commended the team for their discipline on and off the basketball court. Board Member Raymond Fondel also stated that he fully supports the athletic program. He has travelled with the team on several occasions and congratulated the coaching staff for a job well done.

**At the request of the Board chair the Legislative Update was given to allow the Southern Strategy Group to depart for the legislative session.**

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Kevin Cunningham and Mr. Rodney Braxton attended the meeting to brief Board members on the bills relative to higher education and to Southern University. Mr. Cunningham discussed the capital outlay bills and Mr. Braxton discussed the higher education management Board bills. Chairman Tarver stated that Atty. Preston Castille also stated that he gave testimony on HB 152 which is the proposed bill to create a single management Board for higher education in the state.

The SUSLA delegation was recognized by Rev. Joe R. Gant and stated that Ms. Sonya Hester was re-elected as faculty senate president

Mr. Myron K. Lawson recognized former Board member Mrs. Etta Brew who was in the audience.

Mr. Raymond Fondel recognized Ms. GERALYN A. JANICE, Dean of Central Louisiana Technical College who is working with Dr. Belton as a part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College Leadership Program.

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

##### **A. Minutes of the March 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors**

On the motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry the minutes of the March 18, 2016, meeting were presented for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the minutes of the March 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

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

As it relates to the Academic Stabilization Plan, Atty. Patrick Magee asked for clarification on those areas that will require additional consideration for being placed into a college or school. Chairman Tarver asked Dr. M. Christopher Brown to provide an explanation. Dr. Brown stated that the departments of psychology, history and Science and Math Education (SMED) will be given additional consideration; however, the proposed structure presented is a framework for stabilizing the academic units. If any changes are proposed, Dr. Brown stated that he would bring them back to Board members. Board Member Ann Smith asked Dr. Brown to also give consideration to the graduate school configuration. Dr. Brown stated that there is a general consensus among faculty members on the plan presented.

Rev. Joe Gant stated that he was pleased at the show of support for the SU Ag Center and asked President Belton to explain the structure that he is proposing for the consolidation of the Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC). President Belton stated that he has been engaged with many of the faculty members, the staff senate of the SUAREC, the administration and stakeholders including the USDA. Dr. Belton also said that he is proposing that the College of Agriculture and the SUAREC will be led by a Vice President of SUAREC and Dean of the College of Agriculture. Chairman Tarver stated he recalled the reason why the title Chancellor was given to the leader of the SUAREC and he stated the reason is that Southern University is the only HBCU college system in America. So for that reason, the title Chancellor could remain.

On the motion of Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry **items A, B, and D** were recommended for approval and will include the provision that the Academic Stabilization Plan will not conflict with other degree programs in the System.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**1. Request Approval of Academic Stabilization Plan, SUBR**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Academic Stabilization Plan, SUBR be and it is hereby approved.

**2. Request Approval of Recommendation to fill Endowed Professorship Vacancies, SULC**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Endowed Professorship Vacancies at the SULC be filled and it is hereby approved.

<u><i>Endowed Professorship</i></u>	<u><i>Faculty Member</i></u>
1. <i>B.K. Agnihotri Endowed Professorship</i>	<i>Angela Allen Bell</i>
2. <i>Clyde Tidewell Endowed Professorship</i>	<i>Shenequa Grey</i>
3. <i>Horatio Thompson Endowed Professorship</i>	<i>Christopher Odinet</i>
4. <i>A.A. Lenoir Endowed Professorship</i>	<i>Gail Stephenson</i>

**3. Request Approval of Recommendations for Endowed Professorship positions, SUNO**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Endowed Professorship Vacancies at SUNO be filled and it is hereby approved.

<u><i>Endowed Professorship</i></u>	<u><i>Faculty Member</i></u>
1. <i>AT&amp;T Endowed Professorship</i>	<i>Dr. Adnan Omar</i>
2. <i>James &amp; Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship</i>	<i>Dr. Joe Omojola</i>

**4. Request Approval of Recommendations to fill Endowed Professorships, SUSLA**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Endowed Professorship Vacancies at SUSLA be filled and it is hereby approved.

<b><u>Endowed Professorship</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty Member</u></b>
1. <b><i>Capital One Endowed Professorship in Business</i></b>	<i>George Lewis, III</i>
2. <b><i>Jack B. Binion Endowed Professorship in Business II</i></b>	<i>Dr. Regina Webb</i>
3. <b><i>James &amp; Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science and Technology</i></b>	<i>Dr. Barry Hester</i>
4. <b><i>Caddo Parish Endowed Professorship in Business</i></b>	<i>Mr. Aylwin Holman</i>
5. <b><i>Dr. and Mrs. C.O. Simpkins Endowed Professorship in Nursing</i></b>	<i>Mrs. Tiffany Varner</i>

**5. Candidates for Degrees, Spring 2016 Commencement Exercises**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the candidates for graduation at SUBR, SULC, SUNO, and SUSLA be and it is hereby approved.

**6. Approval of Modification of Criteria for SUS Posthumous Degree Policy**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the criteria presented for the Posthumous Degree Policy be and it is hereby approved.

**7. Approval of Honorary Doctorate, SUBR**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that an honorary degree of humane letters be bestowed upon Mr. Joseph Delpit and it is hereby approved.

**8. Approval of Letter of Intent to Offer Certificate of General Studies Degree, SUSLA**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the letter of intent to offer a certificate of general studies be and it is hereby approved.

**B. PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

Name	Title	Salary
1. Dr. David Sunday Adegboye	Professor of Biology (Tenured) New Appointment, SUNO	\$87,602
2. Henry Thurman	Interim Executive Director of Facilities Services New Appointment, SUBR	\$61,605
3. Eli Guillory	Interim System Director of Facilities Planning, SUS	\$79,133
4. Walfredo Javier	Professor Math, Physics, and Science and math, Education	N/A

**C. Request Approval to Adopt New Organizational Model for Agriculture Research, Teaching and Extension Programs**

On the motion of Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Rev. Donald R. Henry the consolidation of the College of Agriculture and the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center was recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Agricultural Research, and Extension Center and the College of Agriculture be combined with the leader of the campus having the title of Chancellor of the SUAREC and Dean of the College of Agriculture.

**E. Request to Grant Degrees Posthumously to Annette January and LaShuntae Benton, SUBR**

Upon the motion of Mr. Raymond Fondel and seconded by Rev. Joe R. Gant that degrees be awarded posthumously to Annette January and LaShuntae Benton during the spring commencement exercises.

Chairman Tarver asked that a moment of silence be taken in recognition of the young ladies.

Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Resolutions**

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson that the resolutions be approved.

**Condolences:**

**The Steven O’neal Smith Family.** Mr. Smith, native of Kentwood, LA and grandson of Board member Ann Smith and husband Harold, passed away April 1.

**The Harry Albert Family.** Dr. Albert, retired Behavioral Studies department chair in the College of Education at SUBR, passed away on April 7.

**The Eugene Calvasina Family.** Dr. Calvasina, former department chair of Management and Marketing in the College of Business passed away on March 27.

**The Arthur Noflin, Jr. Family.** Mr. Noflin, a native of Baton Rouge, LA, was a 1997 alumnus of the School of Public Policy at SUBR, passed away on March 18.

**The Raj Prabakaran Family.** Dr. Prabakaran, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics at SUBR passed away on March 14.

**The Endas Vincent Family.** Mr. Vincent, retired Director of Facilities Planning for the Southern University System, passed away on March 23.

**The Annette January Family.** Ms. January, a native of Gary, Indiana and student at SUBR who was a member of the women's track team and a management major in the College of Business passed away Sunday, April 10.

**The LaShuntae Benton Family.** Ms. Benton, a native of Lake Charles, LA and student at SUBR majoring in Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure Studies in the College of Education passed away Sunday, April 10.

**Commendations:**

Board Member Myron Lawson stated that Professor Isaiah Warner of LSU was named SEC professor of the Year.

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

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Informational Items**

**A. Legislative Update (Given during Special Presentations)**

**B. System President's Report**

President-Chancellor Ray Belton stated that he appreciated working with the SUAREC staff and the college faculty to develop the best model for implementation. Dr. Belton stated that he would be visiting the SUNO campus to meet with faculty and staff. Dr. Belton also recognized the Indian Student Association led by Dr. Sudhir Trivedi who have established a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 in honor of Annette January and LaShuntae Benton for any student that will major in computer science. In response to a question from Board Member Tony Clayton about a search for the leader of the Ag Center. Dr. Belton stated that the search would resume and the process would have to begin again so that the job description can be modified, but the search committee is already in place.

**C. Campus Reports**

**SUNO** - Dr. Victor Ukpolo submitted a printed copy of the report which was included in the meeting packet and invited Board members to the commencement exercises at SUNO on Saturday, May 7.

**SUSLA** – Dr. Rodney Ellis submitted a written report that was included in the Board packet. Dr. Ellis also invited Board members to the SUSLA commencement on May 3 at 7 p.m. where Bernice King will give the commencement address. Also informed Board members that SUSLA Faculty Senate President Sonya Hester also has been named counselor at large for the American Association of University Professors. He also recognized Men's Basketball Coach David Francis for being named National Junior College Coach of the Year and Deangelo McClinton who was named player of the year in the Junior College League during the annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet.

**SUAREC** - Dr. Adell Brown submitted a written report of the activities of the SU Agricultural, Research and Extension Center. He thanked all of the supporters who attended the Board meeting to address the Board.

**SULC** - Atty. John Pierre submitted a written report to Board members with updates and news from the SU Law Center. Atty. Pierre announced that SULC graduate Dennis Blunt is Chair of the Greater Baton Rouge Foundation Bar.

**SUBR** – Dr. M. Christopher Brown submitted a written report and highlighted the appointment of SUBR alumnus, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, as Undersecretary of Education in the Obama administration. Dr. Brown also reminded Board members about the National Academic Signing Day on April 23.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business**

Executive Associate Robyn Merrick announced the Walk for Humanity event that will be held in downtown Baton Rouge.

Chairman Tarver announced that Robyn Merrick would be receiving her doctoral degree in Public Policy during commencement exercises at SUBR.

Board Member Rev. Joe R. Gant announced that Dr. M. Christopher Brown would be delivering the sermon at his church in Shreveport at 5:45 p.m.

Board Member Fondel also reminded Board members about National Academic Signing Day.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjournment**

Upon the motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Atty. Tony Clayton the meeting adjourned.