

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, May 25, 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. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Absent

None

University Personnel in Attendance

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

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Delete Item 6E. Appointment of Chief Information Officer, SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Professor John Delgado voiced opposition to his termination as a faculty member in the SUBR School of Architecture; requested the Board to restore his professorship; and, to conduct a review of the School.

A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert , seconded by Atty. Magee, to extend the time for comments by Professor Delgado beyond the three-minute limit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, newly-elected Vice President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, registered a concern relative to the current budget crises facing the University; and, the process used by the SUBR Administration in recommending the termination of several tenured faculty members.

Dr. Thomas Miller, newly-elected President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, commented on the University's budget; the process used by the Administration in recent faculty terminations; and, the absence of faculty input in the upcoming SUBR Reorganization meeting.

A motion was offered by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Forstall, to extend the time for public comments by Dr. Miller beyond the three-minute limit.

The motion carried. Atty. Magee voted nay.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the services of outgoing student member, Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner. Mr. Sumner expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to serve as the Student Board Representative for 2011-12.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting on April 27 2012

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Rev. Tolbert,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting on April 27, 2012 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved, by way of a resolution, the Committee reports and/or recommendations below.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) Academic Affair Committee (May 14, 2012)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Professor John Delgado (SUBR) be and it is hereby denied.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Dr. Lionel Lyles (SUBR) be and it is hereby denied.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Dr. Mylon Winn (SUBR) be and it is hereby denied.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Dr. John Penny (SUNO) be and it is hereby denied.

Academic Affairs Committee (May 25, 2012)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the following requests for sabbatical leave by SULC faculty be and they are hereby approved.

- Professor Evelyn Wilson – effective Fall 2012 Semester, with pay; for independent study and research;
- Professor Michelle Ghetti – effective Academic Year 2012-13, without pay, to assume a fellowship with the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Professor Okechukwu Oko-effective Academic Year 2012-13, leave without pay, to conduct research in Nigeria for his book, “The Challenges for Legislators in Nigeria.”

2.) Bayou Classic Committee (May 18, 2012)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Bayou Classic Committee, that the informational report containing an update on the Bayou Classic be and it is hereby received.

3.) Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the informational report reflecting a monthly update on Capital Projects, SU Systemwide, be and it is hereby accepted.

4.) Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the following Endowed Professorships be and they are hereby approved.

SUBR

The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorships in the College of Sciences (3)

SUNO

The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science

SUSLA

The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science and Technology

The Committee’s report also contained the status of FY 2011-12 General Fund projections, as of April 30, 2012 for the Board and System and Campuses; and a discussion of ways to address the financial crisis facing the University.

C. Resolutions

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Clayton the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Rev. Charles T. Smith, on his retirement as Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, following fifty (50) years of distinguished service.

Condolences

- The Wayman B. Handy Family
- The Roy Lee Jacobs Family
- The Josephine Tillman Family

D. Equipment Loan Policy for the Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Equipment Loan Policy for the Board, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Board Resolutions Requesting Assistance from the Louisiana Legislature, the Governor, and the Attorney General

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that in order to secure the future of the State and the general welfare of the citizens, the Board hereby urges the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature to use all means available to ensure that higher education receives no further reductions in state funds during next fiscal years, including but not limited to, use of the Rainy Day Fund, one-time funds, and funds or earnings from the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill settlement.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Board hereby requests and encourages the Louisiana State Attorney General and the State of Louisiana to secure the future of the State of Louisiana and the general welfare of its citizens by dedicating all or a

substantial portion of the funds or earnings from the funds acquired from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement and any other settlements to be a permanent funding source for Higher Education in the State of Louisiana.

Roll call vote. Motion carried. Atty. Clayton abstained.

F. Appointment of Chief Information Officer, SUBR

Deleted.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System and Campuses

President Mason shared information received from the Board of Regents regarding the initial findings that SUBR, SUSLA, and SULC failed to meet their respective GRAD Act targets. The Administration will meet with Regents' staff to discuss how this matter can be resolved. The Board will be given an update at the earliest possible time.

The President also reported on the difficulty experienced by the Administration in getting the necessary State approvals of the contract with EO Serve to provide online instruction for the University.

Chancellor Llorens announced that a SUBR Reorganization Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2012 in the A.W. Mumford Fieldhouse on the SUBR Campus. All Board Members were invited to attend.

Detailed Campus reports are available on line and on audio/video tape in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Academic Affairs Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 25, 2012

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The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Dr. Eamon M. Kelly. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant.

Present

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly Chair
Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Vice Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel in Attendance

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Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Add Item 6A: Requests for Sabbatical Leave, SULC

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. REPORT ON RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES, SUBR

The Administration's report revealed that the institution has attained its required target rates for retention, same institution graduation and doctoral completers; but, on the other hand, failed to meet its target for baccalaureate and master's completers. Strategies to improve retention and graduation rate will be maintained and expanded, where necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Requests for Sabbatical Leave, SULC

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following requests for sabbatical leave by S.U. Law faculty.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Professor Evelyn Wilson – Leave with pay, for independent study and research, effective Fall 2012 Semester;
- Professor Michelle Ghetti – Leave without pay, to assume a U.S. Supreme Court Fellowship, effective Academic Year 2012-13;
- Professor Okechukwu Oko – Leave without pay, to conduct research in Nigeria for his book, "The Challenges for Legislators in Nigeria," effective Academic Year 2012-13.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Rev. Tolbert, 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, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Present

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

Absent

None

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Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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 ITEM

A. Monthly Executive Project Summary and Projects Update

The report on the status of capital projects for each campus was given by Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning.

Committee members registered their concern regarding the slow process involved in executing the dormitory demolition project on the SUBR Campus. The Committee suggested that Mr. Vincent seek the assistance of the System President and SUBR Chancellor in an effort to expedite the project.

A status report on the dormitory demolition project will be given to the Committee at its June meeting.

The Committee also requested that the Administration provide a report at its June meeting on the status of the AT&T project at SUBR.

Finally, the Committee requested the Administration to register the Committee's concern to the appropriate agencies regarding the slow progression of a number of University capital projects.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Finance and Audit Committee
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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.

Present

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

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Board Counsel

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Sumner, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 6A. Request for Approval of Endowed Professorships, SUBR, SUNO and SUSLA

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Financial Status Report, as of April 30, 2012

Vice President Kevin Appleton presented the monthly report showing FY 2011-12 General Fund projections, as of April 30, 2012, for the SU System.

President Mason provided a briefing on the outlook for state funding for SU System for the FY 2012-13. He announced that the University is expecting a budget reduction of \$19.9 million plus unfunded mandates of \$ 3.5 million for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. If these reductions materialize, Southern University will no longer be able to exist in its current form. Therefore, the Administration is presently developing different budget models to address possible scenarios created by the reduction in its state appropriations.

The official plan, which will be presented at the Board's June meeting, will incorporate initiatives that will support the University for the next three fiscal years:

- Year 1: Survival (reorganizing and downsizing)
- Year 2: Stabilization
- Year 3: Rebuilding

During the budget discussion which continued, the following suggestions were offered to address the current financial situation:

- Request the State Legislature to allow Southern University as well as other state institutions to take advantage of a university tax free status by offering tax credits to persons or corporations that invest money in the respective universities. This (tax credit) new money can be used to enhance infrastructure (building parking garages) which, in turn, becomes a revenue producer for the campus. Funds also can be used to enhance academics and increase faculty.
- Increase student enrollment to generate additional revenue
- Decrease student enrollment to match the anticipated revenues
- Make additional cuts in programs, services and personnel to address the budget cuts
- Attract a different base of students
- Provide new degree programs
- Provide the Board with a plan that address the worst case scenario
- Develop a plan to increase Alumni giving
- Allow President to begin process with Chancellors to make needed budget reductions and restructuring

- Study best practices used by other State universities in order grow enrollment
- Streamline University to service the current enrollment

Finally, the Committee requested the Administration to provide at the June Board meeting, a report that describes the leadership, the team and the facilities in the area of Recruitment.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Request for approval of Endowed Professorships

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the following Endowed professorships.

Motion carried unanimously.

-SUBR

The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in the College of Science (3)

-SUNO

The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science

-SUSLA

The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science and Technology

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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