

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, May 13, 2011

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 Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

Present

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Randale L. Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Randale Scott

Absent

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Achilles Williams

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 Freddie Pitcher (SULC); and Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Amendments: Add Item 5C: Legislative Update
5D: Ethics Disclosure

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Randale Scott was presented an award of appreciation from the Board for his service as the Student Representative for the 2010-2011 year. Mr. Scott expressed his gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the April 29, 2011 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Scott,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the April 29, 2011 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6B: COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Bell, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that tuition increases, as listed below, for academic years 2011 through 2015 at Southern University at New Orleans be and they are hereby approved.

- Grad Act – 5%
- 3-4-5 Plan – 5%
- Out-of-State fee - 18.9%

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that tuition increases, as listed below, for academic years 2011 - 2012 at Southern University – Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

Informational Reports received by the Committee:

- Impact of Changes in Pell Grants Federal Guidelines for Summer School
- Summary of 2010-2011 Operating Budget and Projected Fiscal Impact of the 2011-2012 Executive Budget
- 2009-2010 Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans
- Southern University Operations and Process Support
- Banner Project Implementation

2.) Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Committee's informational report which included items listed below be and it is hereby received.

Informational Items

- Priority Capital Projects, by Campus, as of May 2, 2011
- SUBR Evacuation Plan in case of flooding potential materializes

3.) S.U. Laboratory School Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Laboratory School Committee, that the Committee's informational report which reflected the Committee's receipt of an update on the SU Lab School be and it is hereby received.

4.) Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Tenure Appeal Review Procedures for the Board of Supervisors be and it is hereby approved, as amended.

The amendment reflected deletion of the word "confidential" from Item 2, line 1.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation be and it is hereby upheld and the tenure appeal of Mr. Grant Burns at SUNO be and it is hereby denied.

C. Resolutions

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and are hereby extended to the families listed below:

- The Ronald P. Townsend, Jr., Family
- The Mose Jefferson Family

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that congratulations be and they are hereby extended to:

2011 Pinkie Gordon Lane Poetry Winners

Destinee Hamilton, MSA Academy – 1st Place

Lea M. Fisher, BR Magnet High – 2nd Place

Jasmine Moore, SUBR – 3rd Place

Honorable Mention

Amanda Gibson – SUBR

Quintele Jackson – MSA Academy West

Russell Ledet – SUBR

Brycton Marshall – EBR Laboratory Academy

Dyadra Saulsberry - MSA Academy West

Chancellor's Student Award for Academic Excellence

Jasmine Marisa Payne, Electrical Engineering

Business and Industry Cluster Awards

Stephone Addison – Faculty

Tracie Barton – Staff

Lakeeshia Giddens – Staff

Leslie Grover – Faculty

Darryl Harris – Staff

Vineeta Hingorani – Faculty

Sunj Chul No – Faculty

Terry Steward – Staff

Rae Uppa – Faculty

Jonas Vanderbilt - Staff

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. System's Report – Project Positive Direction

B. Chancellor's Report

Reports are on file in the Board's Office.

C. Legislative Update

Mr. Patrick Bell reported that HB537 seeking to merge SUNO and UNO was passed by the House Education Committee. The bill was subsequently pulled from a hearing on the floor of the House on Monday, May 16, 2011.

D. Ethics Disclosure

Mr. Bell reminded Board Members that May 14 was the deadline date for filing their completed ethics disclosure forms.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 13, 2011

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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. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

Mr. Randale Scott

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Board Members Atty. Randale Gaines, Mr. Walter Guidry and Mr. Patrick Bell were appointed to the Committee to effect a quorum.

ABSENT

Atty. Warren Forstall, Vice Chairman

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Bell, 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. Reallocation of Law Center Graduation Fees, SULC
- B. Fee Increases, AY 2011-2015, SUNO
- C. Fee Increases, AY 2011-2012, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following:

- Reallocation of the graduation fee of \$25.00 per Law Center graduate from the SU Alumni Federation to the SU Law Center to support its alumni activities
- Tuition increases, effective academic years 2011 through 2015 at Southern University at New Orleans
 - o Grad Act – 5%
 - o 3-4-5 Plan – 5%
 - o Out-of-State fee – 18.9%
- Tuition Increases, effective academic year 2011 -2012 at Southern University – Shreveport
 - o Grad Act – 5%
 - o 3-4-5 Plan – 4%

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Impact of Changes in the Pell Grant Federal Guidelines for Summer School

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the report from the Administration delineating the manner in which summer school would be impacted on each campus as a result of changes in the Pell Grant Federal Guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance, presented an update in the following areas:

- The 2010-2011 Operating Budget and projected fiscal impact of the 2011-2012 Executive Budget on entities of the SU System;
- 2009-2010 Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans; and,
- The University's operations and process support. A full report of observations, findings and recommendations in this area will be presented at the June 24 meeting.

Mr. Tony Moore, System Vice President for Information Technology, provided an update on Banner System implementation on the three campuses in Finance, Human Resources, and Student Data Migration for 2011 and for Supplemental Modules.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Friday, May 13, 2011

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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, Chairman

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren Forstall

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Priority Capital Projects Update

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the written update submitted by the Administration relative to the status of priority capital projects on each campus, as of May 2, 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee was advised of SUBR's evacuation plan and the use of sandbags in the event of flooding.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

SU LABORATORY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Friday, May 13, 2011
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The meeting of the Laboratory School Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

PRESENT

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. Chairman
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chairman

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Status Report on the SU Laboratory School

Committee Chairman Nash presented Ms. Akilah Ali, SU System Policy Analyst; and, Dr. Ronnie Harrison, newly-appointed Director of the Laboratory School to make the report.

Ms. Ali provided a historical account relative to the establishment and evolution of the Lab School on the Southern University Campus in Baton Rouge. She also reported on the appointment of a Select Committee at the level of the Board of Supervisors in 2006 which conducted an assessment of the School and formulated recommendations for its enhancement and continued viability in the areas of enrollment, facilities and finances. The current Committee was recently activated to ensure the continuing success of the Laboratory School.

Dr. Ronnie Harrison provided an update on the continuing progress being made at the Lab School. He noted that the Administration, along with faculty and parents, were working assiduously to address issues and concerns and foster the implementation of innovative policies and practices. He cited as an example of the innovative teaching and learning experiences offered at the Lab School, a movie created by the School's Movie Production Class which was recently viewed at a local Baton Rouge Theater. Positioning the Lab School to be the focal point for academic research and other educational opportunities for students is a priority objective of the administration.

Dr. Harrison extended an invitation to the Committee and Administration to visit the School at any time.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Friday, May 13, 2011
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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.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Walter Guidry, Vice Chairman
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. and Mr. Myron K. Lawson were appointed to the Committee to effect a quorum.

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Achilles Williams

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Tenure Appeal Review Procedures

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Tenure Appeal Review Procedures for the Board of Supervisors, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

The policy was amended to delete the word "confidential" from Item 2, line 1.

B. Tenure Appeal for M. Grant Burns, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Committee convened into an executive session to consider the tenure appeal of Mr. Grant Burns, SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Jefferson, Guidry, Scott, Mire, Bell, and Lawson; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

Mr. Burns indicated his preference for having his appeal discussed in an executive session.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Jefferson, Guidry, Scott, Mire, Bell, and Lawson; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee recommends to the Board, to uphold the Administration's recommendation and to deny the tenure appeal of Mr. Grant Burns.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Guidry, Mire, M. Bell, and Lawson; 1 nay: Scott; 0 abstentions

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors