

Southern University Board of Supervisors

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 29, 2013

Strand 12 Meeting Room

2nd Floor, Hyatt Regency

601 Loyola Avenue

New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Vice Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Chairwoman

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Vice Chairman

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.

Ms. Simone R. Bray

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

Mr. Darren G. Mire

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

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.

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Monique Guillory-Winfield

Chancellors James Llorens (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC),

Ray Belton(SUSLA), and Vice Chancellor Adell Brown (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Atty. Dinvaut provided a report on the highlights of the Board, System and Campuses star performance, duties and accomplishments during her tenure as Chairwoman of the Board (January - November 2013).

Atty. Dinvaut took a point of personal privilege and thanked all her supporters for their support during her tenure as Chairwoman of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2014

A. Chairman

Mr. Mire nominated Atty. Bridget Dinvaut for the position of Board Chairman for 2014. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Lawson.

On motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the nominations for Board Chairman were closed.

Atty. Dinvaut was elected by acclamation to the Office of Board Chairman for 2014.

B. Vice Chairman

Rev. Tolbert nominated Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. for the position of Board Vice Chairman for 2014. The nomination was seconded by Atty. Dumas.

On motion by Mr. Lawson and seconded by Dr. Tarver the nominations for Board Vice Chairman were closed.

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. was elected by acclamation to the Office of Board Vice Chair for 2014.

Atty. Dinvaut and Rev. Gant expressed their appreciation to the members of the Board for re-electing them to their respective offices. Both pledged their continued commitment and best efforts toward the fulfillment of their responsibilities of their respective positions.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS A-G

On motion of Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Mire, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Minutes of the October 12, 2013 Board Meeting

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of October 12, 2013 Board Meeting be and it is hereby approved.

B. Fall 2013 Commencement Resolutions, SUBR and SUSLA

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Fall 2013 Commencement Resolutions for Southern University - Baton Rouge and Southern University at Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

C. Transfer of Funds to construct Small Business Incubator Building, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the SUNO Administration's request to transfer \$350,000 to the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control to award the construction contract for Small Business Incubator Building be and it is hereby approved

D. Signature Authority Request for CDBG Funding, SUNO

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, to authorize Dr. Victor Ukpolo, Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, authority to endorse an agreement between SUNO and the Office of Community Development Cooperative Endeavor in the amount of \$500,000 to renovate and supplement ongoing construction projects on SUNO's Lake and Park campuses, be and it is hereby approved.

E. Approval of Small Capital Outlay Project, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Small Capital Outlay Project for Southern University Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

F. Request for Sabbatical Leave, SULC

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request for Sabbatical Leave for Professor Ollivette E. Mencer at Southern University - Law Center, effective Fall 2013 be and it hereby approved.

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Administration's recommendation for salary increase for Reginald Wilson, Associate Professor at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 12, 2013 be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Reports were received by the Board on the following items:

A. Interim Financial Reports, as of September 30, 2013 SU System entities

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

B. Priority Projects Updates by Campuses

A status report was given by Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning.

Discussion ensued regarding the renovations of the SUBR University Place.

Mr. Lawson suggested that if renovations are not completed by the given date, that the State contractors that are providing service to SUBR University Place be invited to attend the next scheduled Board meeting to provide an update.

C. Sexual Harassment Training Presentation

Atty. Tracie Woods informed the Board that a package had been mailed to them, enclosing the 2013 Preventing Sexual Harassment Course CD to be viewed by them, to comply with the State of Louisiana Policy on Preventing Sexual Harassment in the workforce. She also stated that a certification letter was enclosed for their signature, certifying that they have completed the course. She asked that the certification letter be submitted to her before Friday, December 13, 2013.

D. System President's Report

President Mason informed the Board that the Southern University SUSLA connect program is being used as a model throughout the higher education systems in Louisiana.

Continuing, President Mason stated that there has been national discussion regarding the elimination of historically black colleges and universities. He also stated that he has spoken with the Secretary of Education regarding the credit rules changes to the Parent Plus loan and the restructuring of financial aid that will affect the admission to historically black colleges and universities.

Lastly, Dr. Mason thanked the Board for their support and vision for the SU System.

Atty. Clayton stated that he would like SU System to develop a community outreach program in Lake Charles, LA because of the massive growing economy.

Responding, Dr. Mason stated that he is scheduled to meet with the Joint Boards of Chemical and Oil Associations of Lake Charles, to establish a partnership with Southern University System.

E. Campus Reports

Monthly updates were given by the campus Chancellors. Details can be found on the Board's website and on tape.

Chancellor James Llorens informed the Board that the SUBR Fall 2013 Commencement Speaker is, Deborah (Augustine) Elam, an alumnus of Southern University - Baton and president of the GE Foundation and Chief Diversity Officer for GE.

Chancellor Upkolo invited the Board members to a "Thank You Breakfast" on Saturday, November 29 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. He also introduced SUNO Alumni President, Elder Bessie Vaughn.

Rev. Gant asked Chancellor Pitcher to provide a report of the SULC bar passage rate for the past ten years at the Board's December 2013 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty. Clayton invited Board members to his Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 13. He also gave commendations to Atty. Dinvaut on her positive leadership as Chairwoman of the Board.

Responding, Atty. Dinvaut, thanked Atty. Clayton and stated that she look forward to working with each Board member and the entire SU family.

Chairwoman Dinvaut thanked the New Orleans City Council for a proclamation recognizing the 40th Annual Bayou Classic.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the following resolutions were amended to the agenda and approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences to the families named below be and they are hereby approved.

- Ms. Arlene Jan Hall Sampson
- Mr. Charles Rayfield Kelly
- Dr. Julia Purnell
- Dr. Joseph Meyinesse
- Mr. Michael Broyard
- Mrs. Marina Dumas-Haynes
- Ms. Maria Perrault
- Rev. T.J. Jemison

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that commendations be and they are hereby extended to Judge Wilford Carter on his retirement from the 14th Judicial Court in Calcasieu Parish.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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