

## **Southern University Board of Supervisors**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 11, 2013

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 Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvault. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1A. SWEARING IN OF NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to new Board Members -- Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr. (Lake Charles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District); Mr. Michael A. Small (Slidell, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District); and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II (Baton Rouge-At large); and returning members—Atty. Antonio M. Clayton, (Port Allen, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) and Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. (Shreveport, 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District).

#### **Present**

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvault, Chairwoman  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. Vice Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Mr. Marc A. Guichard  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
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**

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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 2A: ELECTION OF THE BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN**

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert nominated Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. for the position of Board Vice Chairman for 2013. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Darren G. Mire.

On a motion by Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Gant was elected Board Vice Chairman for 2013 by acclamation.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2013**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. administered the oath of office to the 2013 Board Officers -- Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairwoman, and Rev. Joe R. Gant, Vice Chairman.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda was later amended as follows.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Dr. Tarver, *Item 8B-5: Review of EOServe Contract* was deleted from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Rev. Gant, the informational items listed below were deleted from the agenda:

- Item 8B-3: Discussion on Housing and/or Automobile allowances for SU System President and Chancellors
- Item 8B-4: SU System Internal Audit issued regarding System Employee

**AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Drs. Joseph Bouie and George Amedee opposed the recommended extension of the food service management agreement between SUNO and Sodexo Operations, LLC. Both stated the absence of cost effectiveness in the current contract for SUNO students as the basis for their objections.

Chancellor Ukpolo reported that the recommended contract extension between the University and Sodexo is for a six-month period, which will end on June 30, 2013.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The SU Board of Supervisors, Campus Chancellors and the Alumni Federation recognized the contributions of outgoing Chairman, Darren G. Mire. Mr. Mire received mementos of appreciation from Board Chairwoman Dinvaut, the Campus Chancellors and the Alumni Federation's Executive Director.

Mr. Mire expressed his gratitude for the parting gifts and for having had the opportunity to serve as Board Chair.

**AGENDA ITEM 6A: CHECK PRESENTATION, SUNO**

A check in the amount of \$5,000 was presented by Sodexo Operations, LLC to SUNO to be used for student scholarships.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Minutes of the regular meetings of the SU Board of Supervisors**

- 1.) November 23, 2012
- 2.) December 14, 2012

On motion of Mr. Mire and seconded by Atty. Clayton,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the Board meetings on November 23 and December 14, 2012 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- 1a.) Letter of Intent for Ph.D. in Social Work Program, SUNO

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Rev. Gant,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Letter of Intent to develop a new Ph.D. degree in Social Work Program at Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

1b.) Bachelor's Degree in Music, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Dr. Tarver,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Letter of Intent to develop the B.S. Degree program in Music at Southern University – Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

Chancellor Llorens reported that the new program will also prepare students to move into the music business, technology or production.

2.) Fall 2012 Tuition Discount Fee Waivers, SUBR

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that 2012 Fall Tuition Discounts/Fee Waivers for SUBR staff and/or their dependents be and they hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**C. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

1.) Sodexo Contract Extension, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Hendricks,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Food Service Management Agreement between Southern University at New Orleans and Sodexo Operations, LLC be and it is hereby extended for an additional six-month period, commencing January 1, 2013 and continuing through June 30, 2013 be and it is hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amendment to the Agreement to add the following language to Section 4.5 Declining Balance Meal Plans be and it is hereby approved.

“This agreement between Sodexo and SUNO provides that SUNO grants Sodexo the exclusive right to provide SUNO with meals related to meal plans, debit card points, flex points for SUNO to resell to its students, faculty and staff at a specified rate per meal or daily rate.”

Motion carried. Rev. Tolbert voted nay.

1.) Delegation of Grant Awards, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Atty. Clayton,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request for authorization to the SUNO Chancellor to delegate authority to accept award agreements and approve award amendments and proposals on behalf of SUNO to the Vice Chancellor for Administration be and it is hereby denied.

Motion carried. **13 yeas:** Dinvaute, Gant, Braxton, Clayton, Dumas, Gant, Guichard, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver, Tolbert, **2 nays:** Fondel and Hendricks; **0 abstentions**

2.) Annual Risk Assessment/ Audit Plan (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014) System-wide

Concerns were expressed by several Board Members relative to the late submission of this item as well as the current reporting structure of the Internal Audit function.

A motion was offered by Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Lawson for Board approval of the Annual Risk Assessment/Audit Plan for the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: **6 yeas:** Dinvaute, Gant, Hendricks, Lawson, Smith, and Tarver; **5 nays:** Braxton, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel, Tolbert; **1 abstention:** Small; **3 out:** Bell, Guichard and Mire.

Discussion continued on the item.

A motion was offered by Mr. Braxton, seconded by Dr. Tarver for the Board’s reconsideration of the above item.

The motion carried. Roll call vote: **12 yeas:** Dinvaute, Gant, Bell, Braxton, Clayton, Guichard, Hendricks, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver; **3 nays:** Dumas, Fondel and Tolbert; **0 abstentions.**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Hendricks,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the System-wide Annual Risk Assessment/Audit Plan for the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: **12 yeas:** Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Braxton, Clayton, Guichard, Hendricks, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, and Tarver; **3 nays:** Dumas, Fondel, and Tolbert; **0 abstentions.**

3.) BA-7#4

On motion of Mr. Lawson seconded by Mr. Mire,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that BA-7#4 reflecting the mandated Southern University System-wide Mid-year 2012-13 Budget Reduction in the amount of \$1,310,245 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

In response from an inquiry from the Board, the Chancellors reported that the Campuses' operating budgets were developed in anticipation of the mid-year budget cut. Therefore, no severe cuts or layoffs were needed to address the reductions.

4.) System-wide Policy for Signing All Official Documents

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Atty. Clayton,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the System-wide Policy for Signing All Official University Documents be and it is hereby approved.

#### **D. Personnel**

1.) Employment Contract for Head Football Coach, SUBR

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the employment contract between the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Mr. Dawson Odums, as SUBR Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, at an annual salary of \$140,000 plus other emoluments specified in the contract document, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

2.) Appointment of Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Gant,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Mr. Jullin Rentrope as Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at Southern University at New Orleans, effective January 2, 2013 at an annual salary of \$102,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolutions**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Rev. Tolbert,

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

- The Ivory Lee Toldson Family
- The Patricia Johnson Kelly Family
- The Thomas L. Watson Family.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The Board received the following informational reports:

- Recruitment Update, SUBR
- New Undergraduate Degree Program in Process Technology, SUSLA

Chancellor Belton reported several difficulties that SUSLA has encountered in an attempt to implement an undergraduate degree program in Process Technology. Stressing the growing need for trained workers in the Process Technology area, Board Member Clayton urged the Chancellor to explore options to ensure the University's success. Board Member Dumas suggested that SUSLA file a letter of intent with the Board of Regents to offer the Process Technology program and to attach a letter requesting the Regents to waive any policy which would prohibit the implementation of the program by SUSLA.

- Interim Financial Status, as of November 30, 2012, System-wide
- Small Disadvantaged Business Initiatives, System-wide

- Priority Projects Update, by campus
- Intramural Track & Field Projects, SUNO
- Intramural Basketball/Volleyball Court, SUNO
- System President's Report
- Campus Reports

**Note:** Although the EO Serve Contract item was deleted from the agenda, several Board Members questioned EO Serve's success to date in producing the deliverables in on line course instruction as delineated in the contract document.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Members were invited to attend the SU Law Center's Hooding Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. later today for mid-year law school graduates.

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Chair Dinvaut and Vice Chair Gant offered comments of appreciation and excitement at the opportunity to serve the Board in their respective capacities.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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