

**Southern University and A&M College System**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Alexandria City Hall Ball Room**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**  
**Friday, August 23, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

**Invocation** was given by Reverend Frank Douglas Randall Jr., Special Assistant to the President of the Louisiana Homestead and Foreign Mission Baptist Convention and Herbert Baptiste Jr. Pastor, Nazarene Baptist Church

**PRESENT**

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Donald Duncan, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Atty. Patrick Magee and Ms. Arlanda Williams

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Katara Williams, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs, Flandus McClinton, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness Vladimir Appeaning, Vice President for External Affairs Robyn Merrick, Chancellors Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Calvin Walker (interim) (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**Local Legislative Delegation in Attendance:**

Senator Gerald Long, Senator Jay Luneau, Representative Lance Harris, Rev. Ed Larvadain III, Rep. Mike Johnson, Councilman at Large, Joe Fuller, Mayor's Office, David Williams, Mayor of Cheneyville, Derrick Johnson

**Special Acknowledgement** by the Board Chair, Myron Lawson.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Alexandria City Hall Ball Room**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**

**Friday, August 23, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge convened the Academic Affairs Committee.

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Dr. Curman Gaines, Dr. Leroy Davis, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Mr. Sam Gilliam and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

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

Upon the motion by Samuel Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEMS 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ken'Travius Coleman announced his candidacy for State Representative District 26.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

Motion moved and seconded to approve action items A-E in global

- A. Request to Name the Southern University Child Development Laboratory in Honor of the late Dr. Eula Davis Masingale (SUAREC)
- B. Request Approval of the Southern University Child Development Laboratory 2012-2022 Staff Handbook (SUAREC)
- C. Request Approval of the Southern University Child Development Laboratory 2019-2020 Parent Handbook (SUAREC)
- D. Request Approval of the Southern University Child Development Laboratory 2019-2020 Emergency Preparedness Plan (SUAREC)
- E. Request the Ratification of Doctor of Humane Letters to James E. Charles (SUBR)

Dr. Davis congratulated the College of Agriculture for naming the center after Dr. Eula Davis Masingale.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATION ITEM**

Notice of Submittal of Substantive Change to Reestablish Associate of Applied Science Degree in Polysomnography (SUSLA)(you may want to include who received the notice)

Dr. Ellis, SUSLA Chancellor, stated that this is a resubmittal of a program that was ceased. It is being resubmitted due to recent trends in sleep disorders and based upon conversations with healthcare providers in Shreveport area there is a greater demand for employment and registered technicians in the area,

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Robyn Merrick, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs distributed an advanced copy of *We Are Southern*. This publication in partnership with the Baton Rouge Business Report will go out to subscribers across the state of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The copy is going out next week and focuses on what the Southern University System is doing in the realm of STEM education.

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

It was move and seconded that the Academic Affairs Committee be adjourned.

Motion passed

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)**  
**Alexandria City Hall Ball Room**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**  
**Friday, August 23, 2019**

#### **MINUTES**

The Athletics Committee was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair Edwin Shorty  
Present: Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

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

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted  
Motion passed

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S):**

Motion moved and seconded to approve action items A-C in global

- A. Request Approval of SUBR FY 2019-2020 Athletic Budget (SUBR)
- B. Request Approval of SUSLA FY 2019-2020 Athletic Budget (SUSLA)
- C. Request Approval of SUNO FY 2019-2020 Athletic Budget (SUNO)

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

None

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

It was moved by Vice Chair Edwin Shorty and second that the Athletics Committee be adjourned.  
Motion passed.

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**  
**(Following the Athletic Committee)**  
**Alexandria City Hall Ball Room**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**  
**Friday, August 23, 2019**

**MINUTES**

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair Mrs. Ann Smith

**Present:** Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mrs. Ann Smith and Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

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

Upon the motion by Vice Chair Ann Smith and seconded the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5 ACTION ITEM(S)**

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

**A. Priority Project Updates (per campus)**

Mr. Eli Guillory, System Director of Facilities and Planning reviewed highlights and the status of projects at each campus.

**B. Update on SUBR Grounds and Campus Beautification**

Mr. Eli Guillory, Director of Facilities and Planning, noted that the issue with potholes and the sidewalks have been addressed. Mr. Guillory met with committee members to discuss the disaster relief shelter. The shelter is under review and will be up for selection of the designer. James Hall mechanical system has been completed. A.W. Mumford stadium renovations are 98.5% complete. The Facilities Department has met with DOTD on the ravine and road upgrades, Mr. Guillory will meet with contractors next week to start construction. He met with FP&C regarding Fisher Hall. Bids for the SUNO lighting project will be received by next week. SUNO's new Educational Building is currently occupied, correcting some minor punch list items. He reported that he has received major funding, approximately a million and a half, for the mechanical system for a major number of buildings. A written report of the status of all projects was included in the meeting packet.

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

None

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Board member Davis and seconded the Facilities and Property Committee was called for adjournment

Motion carried

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)**  
**Alexandria City Hall Ball Room**  
**1st Floor**  
**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**  
**Friday, August 23, 2019**  
**9:00 AM**

## **MINUTES**

The Finance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Leon Tarver, II.

**Present: Dr.** Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leroy Davis, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Ms. Arlanda Williams and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

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

It was moved by Chair Leon Tarver II and seconded that the agenda be accepted.

Motion passed

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

None

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)**

It was moved by Chair Leon Tarver II and seconded that action items A-J be approved in global. Dr. Davis commended Mr. McClinton on putting together the Employee Schedule as per his request.

- A. SU Board and System Administration Operating Budgets – FY 2019-2020
- B. SUBR Operating Budget - FY 2019- 2020
- C. SUNO Operating Budget - FY 2019-2020
- D. SUSLA Operating Budget - FY 2019-2020
- E. SULC Operating Budget - FY2019-2020

- F. SUAREC Operating Budget - FY 2019-2020
- G. SU Board and System Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers Budget – FY 2019-2020
- H. SU Board and System Unrestricted Fund Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers Budget – FY 2019-2020
- I. SU Board and System Special Meals and Miscellaneous Travel Budget - FY 2019-2020
- J. SU System 2019-2020 Operating Budget Form BOR-10 Salaries of Non-Classified Employees and Form BOR-11 Salaries of Classified Employees

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

Interim Financial Report as of June 30, 2019 is before the board members. Mr. McClinton stated that it is interim because they are still closing out last fiscal year, however each campus is expected to come in within budget.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Leon R. Tarver called for the adjournment of the Finance Committee, motioned seconded.

Motion passed

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(Following the Finance Committee)  
Alexandria City Hall Ball Room  
1st Floor  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301  
Friday, August 23, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Governance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Sam Gilliam

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon Tarver, Atty. Patrick Magee, Dr. Curman L. Gaines, Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert Jr., and Atty. Domoine D. Rutledge

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

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)**

President Domoine Rutledge at the request of Dr. Valdimir Appeaning, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness, has requested as per SACS requirements

that each board member complete the Conflict of Interest Statement and return it Dr. Appeaning today.

- A. Request Approval of SUS Accountability Score Card Results – Year One (SUS)
- B. Request Approval of the Updated System Hazing Prevention Policy (SUS)
- C. Request Approval of Southern University Law Center’s Mission Statement (SULC)
- D. Request Approval of SUS Conflict of Interest Statement for SU Board of Supervisors (SUS)
- E. Request Approval of SUS Board Dismissal Policy (SUS)

Dr. Valdimir Appeaning, Vice President, Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness, presented a power point presentation, *Year 1 Accountability Scorecards*. Dr. Appeaning noted that all the campuses aligned their individual strategic plans to the system plan. Southern University as a system met 96% of the 52 outcome metrics. The Baton Rouge campus met 89% of the outcome metrics and failed to meet 4. A corrective action plan will be developed to do better next year. The New Orleans campus met or exceeded 82% of the 29 outcome metrics. Shreveport met or exceeded 89% of 28 outcome metrics failing only three. Southern University Law Center exceeded 9 of the 13 and met expectations on the remaining 4. The Law Center did not record any failed outcomes. The Ag Center exceeded 7 of the 9 and met expectations on 2.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

Board Self-Evaluation Instrument Period 2018-2019 (SUS)

Dr. Appeaning stated he has received 15 out of 16 and will reach out to Rev Henry to obtain his self-evaluation.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

The motion called for the adjournment of the Governance and seconded

Motion passed

Board Chair Domoine Rutledge stated on record that the next committee meeting be Recruitment and Admission, because the board will be taking the Personnel Committee into executive session.

**RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

**Alexandria City Hall Ballroom**

**1st Floor**

**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**

**Friday, August 23, 2019**

**MINUTES**

The Recruitment and Admissions Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Ms. Arlanda Williams.

**Present:** Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mr. Richard Hillard, Mr. Donald Dunbar, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

### **Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda**

Committee Chair, Arlanda Williams accepted the motion for the adoption of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fondel.

Motion passed

### **Agenda Item 4: Public Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5: Information Item:**

Native American Recruitment Initiative Presentation

Stanley White, a 1973 graduate introduced members of his Alumni recruitment initiative. Dr. Kevin Ruben, Dr. Calvin Walker, Dr. Robert Ford, Dr. Diola Bagayoko, Dr. Loretta Cheeks, Patricia Deamer Pamela Brand, Hillary Johnson, Rev. Joseph Bartell Davis. (Let it be noted that the accuracy or spelling of the committee member name may not be accurate.) He welcomed the opportunity to speak before the Board for a second time and his gratitude to work with Chancellor Pierre.

### **Agenda Item 6: Other Business**

Registration Concerns:

Board Member, Mr. Sam Gilliam expressed concerns about the “intake process” regarding financial and the availability of it..... regarding financial aid and the availability of it, expediting and whether it's just taking too long. He is also hearing concerns regarding the SUSLA Connect program and its impact on Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans. .... “a lot of these students are first generation college going students, if it's not made student friendly, and customer centered. They will go someplace else.” He posed the question, what are we doing to address that situation on behalf of our student clientele?

Vice President/ Associate Chancellor Dr. Ammons stated that an assessment of the process this current semester determined that unanticipated challenges were created because of “tremendous amount of outstanding work recruiting students to the institution. And once all of this has been settled, we will see the results of that work. But a combination of human and technical difficulties have us where we are now.” He thinks the assessment that is underway they have been able to identify some of the problems and once everything gets settled they have list of issues they correct to ensure that students and families who are entrusted to the university will have a seamless process.

Board Member, Mr. Gilliam asked him to address the issue of Connect.



Vice President/Associate Chancellor, Dr. Ammons said the SUSLA Connect enrollment at Southern University, this semester is 452 students, which is up 38%. Efforts have been put in place to ensure SUSLA connect have the same experience as that of first time Southern University Baton Rouge student. A new position was created New Student Success Assistant Vice Chancellor along with additional staff. There are opportunities but there has also been some tremendous success.

Board Member Rev. Tolbert said he has received more calls this semester than he has since he's been on the board. This was fixed what happened to break it?

Vice President/Assoc. Chancellor Dr. Ammons said it was self-inflicted wounds... "in terms of coding awards in the financial aid system. And those errors created a situation where students could not see their financial aid, once they went into the system, the aid was there, but it wasn't coded correctly." And therefore the other transactions payment, completing registration, etc. didn't happen. So we are having an assessment, but we also have consultants who are working with the team to correct those errors. And that's why I said in the beginning, there was a combination of both human and technical errors."

Board Member Ms. Arlanda Williams asked, "What did we do to cause as a system, this big issue for registration this semester?"

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs/Enrollment Management, Dr. Scott said it was a coding issue that affected the awards to being applied. They are giving out temporary meal cards and allowing students to move into housing until they get the technical issue resolved.

Board Members, Dr. Tarver and Rev. Tolbert expressed concern that their questions were not being answered and specifically asked if there was a Banner conversion that may have caused the registration calamity this semester.

President/Chancellor, Dr. Belton said the conversion was done in the interest of the System to consolidate Banner. "The consolidated Banner platform promises to be transformative for the Southern University System." It was the hope to have it implemented this Fall. The whole System was bought down which did disrupt the registration process for approximately four days. When it was launched one field did not reconcile and that was student receivables because of that the system went back to the former Banner system. He stated, "What we are talking about now has nothing to do with the Banner consolidation." Financial aid has been awarded, there are coding issues in financial aid. Financial aid policies are updated each year and there were errors made with coding those updates. Students were not able to accept their aid online and converged on campus to the financial aid office.

Board Member Dr. Tarver asked who was responsible and if the center of the problem result with the IT department and the implementation of Banner?

President/Chancellor, Dr. Belton responded IT bought oversight. The problems with the coding of financial aid rest with the office of financial aid on the Baton Rouge campus and the director is Michael Francois.

Board Member Rev. Tolbert expressed concern with the timing of the launch and was also concerned that as they were receiving call for parents when they as board members are not getting their calls answered. He said parents are reporting that they too are not getting the calls answered. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management are non-responsive to calls. He stated, “not only is the technology system broken down but you also have a broken personnel system.”

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs/Enrollment Management Dr. Scott said that the calls were not being answered because that staff were out in the field assisting students. The purge date has been postponed a date was not provided.

Board Member Mrs. Smith and Dr. Davis would like to see that when someone called Southern University that someone answers the phone. There is technology out there that can forward calls.

Board Member Atty. Edwin Shorty inquired who was doing the coding, are they employees or contractors. If they are contractors, the contract should be reconsidered and if employees the question is should they remain he asked. Did we have an arena registration?

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs/Enrollment Management, Dr. Scott response was “we don't do the arena registration, because we've been able to handle the problems prior to that. But this year, again, was an anomaly.”

Board Member, Ms. Arlanda Williams suggested putting an enrollment management team that would be inclusive of all areas that would be affected by the purge. She added that spring semester should include super Saturdays’ and going back to the arena for registration. She suggested that a communication be placed on the front page that says the purge date has been delayed. On the bright side this shows that the recruitment efforts are working. ... “Now we built it, they’ve come we need to sustain it.”

Board Chair, Atty. Rutledge requested a comprehensive written report identifying what occurred, why we are we having these challenges and include a corrective action plan with benchmarks and timelines. What are the areas of responsibility? Based upon phone calls he has received “all roads lead to financial aid.” He indicated he has also received calls from student residing at the Palisades, they are being treated as an off campus entity.

### **Agenda Item 7: Adjournment**

The Recruitment Committee was called and seconded for adjournment.

Motion passed

## **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Governance Committee)*

**Alexandria City Hall Ball Room**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Alexandria, Louisiana 71301**

**Friday, August 23, 2019**

## MINUTES

Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Atty. Patrick Magee

**Present:** Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Ms. Arlanda Williams and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

### **Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was motioned for adoption with the exception of action item 5-B6

Motion Passed

Motion was moved and pass to approve action items 5.A and B 1-9 taking out 6 as amended

### **Agenda Item 4: Public Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5: Action Items**

Board Member, Dr. Davis requested an explanation on the \$30,000.00 pay differential between items B1 and B9. It appears they each possess the same educational experience and both will be in the same department. He is concerned that this could affect the morale in the department because there is a possibility that these two individuals may have to team teach.

Vice President/Assoc. Chancellor, Dr. Ammons stated, "Although these two professors are in the same unit, they are teaching two different disciplines, one the 90,000 professor is teaching finance the 120,000 professor is teaching accounting, and there is a market difference in the pay for accounting and finance professors that explains this difference in the salary." The faculty and wanted the professor "badly."

Dr. McMeans stated he is happy to be here and is looking forward to working with the team and excited to talk to some of the other Chancellors. He will start on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September

Board Chair, Atty. Rutledge thanked and congratulated him.

Roll Call vote was taken

Motion passed

A motion was made to approve action items 5A, B, 1through 9 excluding 6

A. Request Approval of Employment Contract for Dr. Orlando McMeans (SUAREC)

B Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 / \$75,000(faculty)

Motion passed

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Hasib Ahmed	Assistant Professor of Finance Dept. of Acct, Fin, and Econ SUBR (New Appointment)	\$90,000.00	State
2. Marla Dickerson	Director of CLE & Managing Fellow of the Cannabis Compliance, Law & Policy Law Center SULC (New Appointment)	\$89,700.00	State
3. Mary Cobb-Marshall	MBA Online Coordinator College of Business SUBR (New Position)	\$60,000.00	State
4. Kimberly LaMotte	Academic Support Counselor & Instructor Law Center SULC (Additional Duties/Salary Adjustment))	\$87,000.00	State
5. Orlando McMeans	Chancellor - Southern University Agricultural Research & Extension Center & Dean - College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science SUAREC (New Appointment)	\$220,000.00	State/Federal
6. Habib P. Mohamadian	Tenured Professor in Engineering SUBR (Reassignment)	\$99,370.49	State
7. Courtney Richardson	Academic Support Counselor & Instructor SULC (Additional Duties/Salary Adjustment)	\$84,000.00	State
8. Gregory P. Speyrer	System Analyst Law Center SULC (Additional Duties/Salary Adjustment)	\$75,000.00	State
9. Tesfalidet Tukue	Assistant Professor of Accounting Dept. of Acct, Fin, Econ SUBR (New Appointment)	\$120,000.00	State

C. Unpaid Leave Request for Professor Latisha Nixon Jones (SULC)

Action item 5C was motioned and seconded.

Motion passes

**Agenda Item 7: Annual Evaluation of Southern University System President/Chancellor Dr. Ray L. Belton (*Executive Session may be Required*)**

Board member, Atty. McGee offered an apology..... “my apology to the Chair to my esteemed colleagues on the Board to the individuals in attendance at last board meeting as well as this board meeting; as I was derelict in my duties to ensure the process was followed. I always preach about the process. I was derelict

in my duties in so far as ensuring that the process of Dr. Belton's evaluation was done in a prudent manner. And with that I'm going to offer everyone including Dr. Belton, my apologies for not ensuring that was done in an appropriate manner. Additionally, I want to extend thanks to Dr. Belton for showing absolute professionalism in dealing with my incompetence.

He then requested the motion to go into executive session be read.

The audience was dismissed and executive session was held in the meeting space

Motion moved and seconded to reconvene after the executive session

Motion passed

**Agenda Item 8: Other Business**

None

**Agenda Item 9: Adjournment**

Personnel Affairs was motioned and second for adjournment

Motion passed

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)  
Alexandria City Hall Ball Room  
1st Floor  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301  
Friday, August 23, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Regular Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Atty. Domoine Rutledge

**Present:**

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Donald Duncan, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Atty. Patrick Magee and Ms. Arlanda Williams

**Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda**

Adoption of agenda with the exception of item:

## 6. D Request Approval of Uniform Affiliation Agreement (SUS)

### **Agenda Item 4: Public Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5: Special Presentations**

Above and Beyond Award

Presented by Chancellor Rodney Ellis, SUSLA. The recipient was Damian Whitley, Assistant Director of Records and Registration. He has been with SUSLA for over 12 years.

Special presentation of roses to Board Member, Dr. Curman Gaines for his wife Maxine Gaines by Chairman of the Board Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

Student Board Member Donald Dunbar welcomed Blake Reddick and Miss SUBR Alacia Brew

Dr. Katara Williams, Chief of Staff read resolutions for the following:

- Frank Ransberg
- Lt. Col. Roosevelt Peters
- Vernita Andrews
- Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Board Member Dr. Tolbert requested a resolution be sent to the Angela Project in recognition for the work they have done with the 400 Commemorative Service of Black Enslavement in America.

### **Agenda Item 6: Action Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2019 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors
- B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Request Approval of Contract between Southern University System and Refreshment Solution, LLC for Lease of Space for Vending Operation Services (SUS)
- D. Request Approval of Uniform Affiliation Agreement (SUS)
- E. Resolutions

Recommendation was made for the approval of action items A-E with the exception of D.

Motion seconded and passed

### **Agenda Item 7: Information Items**

Medical Marijuana Update

Dr. Snowden provided an update on medical marijuana program The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry gave permission to them to begin growing plants on July 12, 2019. The Commissioner toured the facilities last week and was very pleased with the progress they are

making. The Louisiana Department of Pharmacy renew her Schedule 1 drug license to begin research on these type of drugs. They are on target for getting medicine to patients. There are currently 5000 patients enrolled in the program. She asked that the audience refer people they may know who meet some of the requirements and suffer from these debilitating conditions to the Southern University site to see if they qualify for participation in the program. The staff consists of 10 people employed from the Southern University and the North Baton Rouge community the goal is to have a staff of 40. Weekly meetings are held with the Chancellor to discuss weekly endeavors.

#### B. System President's Report

President/Chancellor Belton acknowledged Miss Southern University and the SGA president for their tireless work putting forth the agenda for the state and for their participation in the Governor's Fellowship Program

#### C. Campus Reports

SUNO: Chancellor Mims-Devezin, stated that Southern University in New Orleans is ranked #13 for best colleges in the area of Biology and #2 for College of Business accreditation. Southern University is nationally ranked a rating they have never before received.

SUSLA: Chancellor Ellis reported that SUSL is ranked #21 in top colleges and universities in Louisiana. SUSLA received \$10,000.00 contribution from David Rains Community Health Center to go towards Healthcare scholarships. They are having an accreditation site visit in New Orleans and Baton Rouge on Sept 17 and 18 board members are invited to attend. More details will be forthcoming. The grand opening of the Mylan Street Kitchen Incubator on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 10am

SUSLA: Chancellor Pierre, gave thanks to Dr. Belton and Dr. Ellis for attending a meeting at the Petroleum Club where they addressed a number of stakeholders. The Board of Regents is announcing RFP's and taking applications to choose a contractor to do the feasibility study.

SUAREC: Interim Chancellor, Calvin Walker thanked the board for the opportunity to have served as interim chancellor for the past 6 months and extended congratulations to Dr. Orlando McMeans the incoming chancellor. Chancellor McMeans served as a president of MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences) the largest student organization in Agriculture. The undergraduate national president is from Southern University majoring in Plant Science. She is scheduled to graduate this spring with a 4.0. Dr. Dawn Million Patin had an excellent Chef Camp. Antonio Harris Appaloosa Santee had an excellent summer camp. He introduced Roosevelt Johnson who presented a brief video which will be shown at the football games and at the Bayou Classic. The message is, "Come join us, Come grow with us."

SUBR: Vice President/Associate Chancellor Dr. Ammons reported that in the August issue Diverse Issues in Higher Education published its top list of bachelor degrees conferred by Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Southern University ranked #3 among HBCUs conferring degrees in nursing, nursing administration, nursing research and clinical nursing. He extended congratulations to the faculty in the School of Nursing. Louisiana's newest Poet Laureate

announced by Governor Edwards is Professor John Warner Smith. Professor Smith teaches English at Southern. Jocelyn Johnson for the second time in 3 years has been recognized as a regional director of the year for region four which consist of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Board Member Tolbert thanked Dr. Ruben Walker for the fine way he participated in the transition with the new chancellor.

**Agenda Item 8: Other Business**

Board member Fondel wanted to recognize that in Lake Charles the first of the month (August) they were able to send 40 students to Louisiana, Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It was a two day event that included giving trunks to the individuals.

**Agenda Item 9: Adjournment**

Motion was moved and seconded for adjournment.

Motion passed