

## **SU LABORATORY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**February 16, 2024**

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA.

### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron K. Lawson.

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the SU Laboratory School Committee. Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Rev. Cross Richard, Sr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Kailyn Banks and a rising star 7<sup>th</sup> grader from Southern University Laboratory School.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Above and Beyond Award**

Dr. Luria Young introduced Ms. Johlana Turner; Interim Registrar - Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)  
Ms. Turner thanked everyone for the award.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ROLL CALL by President Dennis Shields**

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield - Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith –Vice-Chair, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and Mry Jyron Young and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Paul Matthews

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert; the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion Approved.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)**

##### **A. Update on SULLS Academic Performance**

Mr. Brister gave an update on Southern University Laboratory School's Performance.

There were comments and accolades given by several board members.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Christy Reeves to adjourn the meeting.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**(Following SU Laboratory School Committee)**

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA.

### **AGENDA**

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Member Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

#### **Roll Call by President Dennis Shields**

**Present:** Dr. Leon Tarver – Chairman and Mr. Sam Gilliam – Vice Chairman Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr Arlanda Williams, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Tony Clayton

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

There was a motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the agenda with an amendment – Add Action Item 5B.

Roll Call Vote to approve with amendment.

Motion passed.

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

None

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

Dr. Ammons gave a summary of recommendations.

There was a motion by Ms. Maple Gaines and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve action items 5A.

Motion passed.

A. Request Approval of the Recommendation Letter of Approval for Tenure and Promotion. (SUNO)

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FACULTY TENURE**

\*Effective Date: Fall Semester of 2024 Campus: Southern University at New Orleans

Name of Faculty Member	Department	Years of Experience at SUNO as a Full-Time Faculty Member	Present Rank	Number of Years in Rank	Number and % of Tenured Faculty in Department (including chair if tenured)
Meiko Thompson	Forensic Science	5	Assistant Professor	5	0/0%
Sharon McGee	Health Information Systems	6	Assistant Professor	6	0/0%
Rachid Belmasrou	Natural Science	13	Associate Professor	7	19/100%
Ashley Ojo	Social Science	6	Assistant Professor	6	5/62%

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FACULTY PROMOTION IN RANK**

\*Effective Date: Fall Semester of 2024 Campus: Southern University at New Orleans

\*Provided all approvals are secured prior to this date.

Name of Faculty Member	Department	Promotion from Present	Next Rank	Years of Experience at SU as Full-time Faculty Member	Number of Years in Present Rank	Is Automatic Tenure Granted if This Promotion is Approved? (Yes or No)	Temporary Track (non-Probationary)  Probationary (tenure track)  Tenured
Meiko Thompson	Forensic Science	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	5	5	Yes	Probationary (tenure track)
Sharon McGee	Health	Assistant	Associate	6	6	Yes	Probationary

	Information Systems	Professor	Professor				(tenure track)
Rachid Belmasrou	Natural Science	Associate Professor	Professor	13	13	Yes	Tenured
Ashley Ojo	Social Science	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	6	6	Yes	Probationary (tenure track)

Chancellor Piere gave a summary and introduced Dean Andrews who presented the details of the major.

Chairman Lawson and Mr. Raymond Fondel commended Dean Andrews for making this happen. Dean Andrews answered questions from the board members. Dean Andrews introduced the team that assist him. Mr. Sam Gilliam commended the team.

There was a motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve action items 5A.

Motion passed.

**B. Request Approval of Proposed for a Bachelor of Business Administration**

- Major in Risk Management
- Course Syllabi of 12 new courses for the Risk management and Insurance major
- New Prefix/Rubric of “RSIN” for the Major

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith to adjourn the meeting.

## FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

### MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chair Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

#### Roll Call by President Shields

**Present:** Atty. Edwin Shorty – Chairman, Mr. Paul Mathews, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Paul Matthews the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment – Informational Item 5B.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

##### A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

Mr. Kenneth Dawson highlighted all projects on each campus. He noted that the details are in the report.

##### B. Deferred Maintenance Program (Dashboard) Bonton Associates

Mr. Dawson introduced the representatives that were in attendance from Bonton Associates. The dashboard was presented by the representatives' from Bonton Associates and additional information was provided. Board members commended Mr. Dawson and Bonton Associates. They believe the dashboard is an awesome tool.

Mr. Dawson left with a to-do list from the board members, they ask that he take a look at the mini dome and music facilities.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Matthews to adjourn the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Facilities and Property Committee)**  
Southern University System Board Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

**MINUTES**

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Chair Dr. Arlanda Williams called the committee meeting to order.

**Roll Call by President Shields**

**Present:** Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge

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

Upon the motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge the agenda was recommended for adoption.  
Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

A. Financial Statement

Mr. McClinton announced the detailed information is in the packet. Mr. McClinton gave the budget hearing dates and he was requested to Send dates to the Board Members and keep them updated once it begins.

Board members asked Mr. McClinton questions in reference to campuses being in the red but increasing expenses. How?

Mr. McClinton addressed the revenue shortfalls for the campuses and mentioned the campuses will adjust their budget to cover the shortfall .

Chancellor Pierre gave information in reference to the purge, enrollment, FASFA, etc.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam to adjourn the meeting.

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Following Finance Committee)**

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA.

### **MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Item(s)
  - A. Request Approval of the Updates to the Bylaws for the Southern University Board of Supervisors Per the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC),
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**The Bylaws will be reviewed and edited. Per Chairman Lawson, The Governance Committee will not meet today, will defer to next month.**

## LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA.

### AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Vice Chair Atty Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

#### Roll Call by President Shields

**Present:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mr. Jyron Young, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman

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

Upon the motion by Mrs. Christy Reeves and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Ms. Maple Gaines and seconded by Atty. Edwin Shorty to approve action items 5A (1-3) in global.

Motion approved.

##### 1. Action Item(s)

##### A. Request Approval of Agreements Equal to or Greater than \$300,000.00.

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. Louisiana, Department of Economic Development (Interagency Cooperative Endeavor Agreement)	<b>The parties entered into agreement on July 1, 2014 and executed July 1 2019. This amendment is to extend the term date and amend obligations and Project Goal Table. The established outcome is to increase the number of program graduates</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	SUBR/ LED
		<i>This Term</i>	
		<b>\$1,000,000.00</b> <i>Total</i>	
2. Inertial Confinement Fusion Program (Subaward Agreement)	<b>This agreement to establish education research in physics research frontier between SUBR Faculty and Univ of Rochester leading Scientists through Laboratory of Lasers Energetics</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	SUBR/ LA Dept. of Energy
		<i>This Term</i>	
		<b>\$ 541,700.00</b> <i>Total</i>	

3. Louisiana Housing Corporation (Subcontract Agreement)	This agreement is to provide Program Management of Disaster Response and Recovery Housing Programs for the LA Housing Corp and Franklin Associates, LLC	SULC/
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**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

2. Informational Item(s)

A. Franchise Agreement with Entergy

Information was provided by Atty Corinne Blache and Atty Brandon Decuir

There was a lengthy discussion among board members and general counsel.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adjourn the meeting.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**(Following Legal Affairs Committee)**

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA.

### **AGENDA**

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Student Affairs Committee. Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

**Present:** Dr. Rani Whitfield – Chair, Mr. Raymond Fondel – Vice Chair, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Jyron Young, Ms. Zazell Dudley, and Ms. Maple Gaines, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and seconded by Mr. Jyron Young the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)**

- A. Update on Counseling Services from each Campus (SUS)
- B. Update on Intramural Programs from each Campus (SUS)

Update on Counseling Services and Intramural programs were presented by Dr. Ammons for SUNO; Dr. Gantt (video presentation); and for SUBR was Dr. Valerie Irving (counseling services) and Mr. Dale Auzenne (Intramural programs).

Requests: SUNO (Ms. Christy Reeves ask that they follow up with the # of students served); Request 1-2 page pamphlet on the updated FASFA to be sent to the board

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

None

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

A motion was made by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

## PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Student Affairs Committee)  
 Southern University System Board Room  
 J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70813

### MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam – Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Tony Clayton

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver II the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and second by Dr. Arlanda Williams that Action Item 5(A-E) be approved in global.

Motion Approved

##### A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUS)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Kenneth Dawson	<b>System Director of Facilities Planning</b> <i>Facilities Planning</i>	Salary Adjustment Existing Position	<i>N/A</i>	\$110,000.00	\$135,000.00	State
2. Eddron Scott	<b>IT Helpdesk Manager /IT</b> <i>Division of IT</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Waived</i>	\$65,000.00	\$70,000.00	State

##### B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Cheryl Legohn-Tubbs	<b>Director of VA/Community Service-Learning</b> <i>Student Affairs</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	\$ 59, 740.00	\$76, 500.00	Federal/State

C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Mark Fredrick	<b>Assistant Football Coach</b> <i>Athletics</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$ 75, 000.00	\$95,000.00	State
2. Aretha Hunt	<b>Asst. Athletic Director of Ticket Operations</b> <i>Athletics</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$ 71, 520.00	\$85, 520.00	SU Foundation
3. Fredia Morris	<b>Associate Comptroller for Special Projects</b> <i>Finance and Administration</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	–	\$65,000.00	State
4. Toby Rens	<b>Head Volleyball Coach</b> <i>Athletics</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$57,702.00	\$70,000.00	State

D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Brittany Howard	<b>Program Coordinator</b> <i>Cooperative Extension</i>	Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$55,152.11	\$64,656.00	Federal

E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUSLA)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Devonye Brown	<b>Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management</b> <i>Student Affairs and Enrollment Management</i>	Temporary Appointment Existing Position	<i>N/A</i>	\$130,000.00	\$105,000.00	State
2. Lonnie McCray	<b>Interim Vice- Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development</b> <i>Office of The Chancellor</i>	Continuation Salary Increase	<i>N/A</i>	\$108,576.00	\$114,433.60	State
3. La Tienda Pierre	<b>Director of Compliance</b> <i>Student Affairs and Enrollment Management</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	–	\$71, 500.00	State
4. Cheryl Taylor	<b>Director Of Advancement</b> <i>Office of The Chancellor</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$ 71, 800.00	\$76,000.00	State

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)**

A. Update on employee Evaluations from each Campus (SUS)

There was a request to peruse evaluations and respond next month. Atty Rutledge asked the status on search for Human Resource Director? President said he is hoping mid-late summer.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following Personnel Committee)**

Southern University System Board Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron Lawson

#### **PRESENT**

Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Christy Reeves, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Rev. Dr. Rani Whitfield, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Jyron Young

#### **ABSENT**

Atty Tony Clayton,

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield, and second by Mr. Jyron Young the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Tracey Taylor-Jarrell read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Kenneth Ray Paynes
- Dorothy Stokes
- Donnie Ray Braxton
- Robert Raymond Furnier
- Stanley A. Halpin, Jr.
- Nathaniel Francis Harrison, Jr.

Commendations

- Southern University Bowling Team for becoming back-to-back SWAC Bowling Champions 2023 – 2024.

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve the read resolutions and Mr. Jyron Young second the motion.

Motion approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):**

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and Second by Mr. Paul Matthews to approve action item 6(A – B) in global.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the January 12, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting (SUS)
- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

Mr. Paul Matthews mentioned having a discussion on raising the threshold on personnel actions. Mrs. Ann Smith asked that this be an item on the retreat schedule in April. Atty Rutledge mentioned having a discussion on the appeals process for employees as well. He also asked the president when he will report on the recruiting/admission strategies? The president informed the board the report will be given by each campus at the March meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

- A. Legislative Updates
- B. President’s Report
- C. Chancellor’s Reports

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert to adjourn the meeting.