

**Southern University and A&M College System
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall
Shreveport, Louisiana
Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

The Invocation was given by Rev. Quincy D. Gardner a native of Monroe, La.

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Curman Gaines.

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. John Barthelemy, Rev Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Dr. Leroy Davis

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. SUSLA Alumni Student Scholarship Check Presentation (SUSLA)

The alumni presented a check to Dr. Ellis and SUSLA in the amount of \$20,000.

B. LED Academic Support Check Presentation (SUSLA)

LED presented a check to Dr. Ellis and SUSLA in the amount of \$1,135,000.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(S)

Dr. Tarver made a motion to approve Items 7A through 7E globally and Mr. Gilliam second the motion.

Motion passed

- A. Request Approval of Professor Emeritus Status for Dr. Ali Fazely - College of Sciences and Engineering (SUBR)
- B. Request Approval of Professor Deleso Alford to be granted prior service credit at Florida A&M College of Law for purposes of tenure (SULC)

Rev. Tolbert questioned the request from the professor. There was discussion around the time and service from another university and the waiting period for purposes of tenure. It was mentioned “the professor brings a significant amount of experience and her information can be reviewed in the packet and she is a qualified individual.”
- C. Request Approval of Dr. Shelby Sanders Endowed First Generation Undergraduate Scholarship and Check Presentation (SUSLA)

The scholarship was introduced by Ms. Stephanie Rogers. “Dr. Shelby Bryant Sanders was an educator at the secondary and post-secondary levels, raised from meager beginnings at Tuskegee, Alabama. Dr. Sanders excelled in school, and with support from scholarships and grants, was the first in her immediate family to achieve an advanced degree. She was an avid supporter of equality and dedicated her career to create opportunities for low income individuals, especially young women through access to higher education. Not only that, Dr. Shelby Sanders was the mother of our very own Dr. Rodney Ellis.” Dr. Ellis spoke very highly of his mother and what inspired him to donate to SUSLA. He wrote a check for \$30,000 to the foundation and title Three matched the donations with \$30,000 to total \$60,000. The \$60,000 gift was taken to the board of regents and they matched it with \$40,000 for a total of \$100,000.
- D. Request Approval of 2020-2021 Academic Catalog (SUSLA)

SUSLA provided a copy to everyone.
- E. Request Approval of 2017-2020 Faculty Handbook (SUSLA)

SUSLA provided a copy to everyone.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- A. Discussion of Feasibility Study to Increase Legal Education Capacity (SULC)

Presented by Chancellor Pierre – Chancellor Pierre presented his observation and proposal option to the Board of Supervisors in reference to establishing a Law School in the Shreveport/Bossier area. The Caddo Parish Commissioner funded a study. The location will be in the Downtown Memorial Library. The building would be free. Will present a roadmap for the board to consider.

Atty Rutledge thanked the Caddo Parish commissioner for putting the money up to fund the study. Dr. Belton recognized Erica Bryant and mentioned we are committed to relationship and partnership.
- B. 2020-2025 Quality Enhancement Plan (SUBR)

Presented by Dr. Sahoo and Dr. Finley – “A peer review team from SACSCOC will be on campus March 2 – March 5 and an essential component for review by SACSCOC is the Quality Enhancement Plan. Dr. Sahoo and Dr. Finley presented a power point presentation which was in a handout provided to everyone. They did a full discussion of

the plan and the courses as well as acknowledging the QEP Team and QEP Time-Line and introduced the Gateway to completion and Gateway to completion senior advisor (See Handout)

C. Aviation Maintenance Program Presentation (SUSLA)

Presented by Dr. Ellis and one of the employer partners – They discussed the Aviation Maintenance program in its entirety. The presentation was thorough. Dr. Ellis introduced the faculty at SUSLA. There was a handout provided to everyone. (See Handout) He introduced a graduate who wanted to speak about their successes and plans in the industry. The graduate gave his testimony and experience in the industry and Mr. Dunbar and Atty Whitfield thanked him for coming and mentioned he may want to come back and speak to the students in inspire them with the work that he does.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barthelemy made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Gilliam second the motion.

Motion passed.

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
(Following Athletics Committee)**

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
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Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield.

Present: Mr. John Barthelemy, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mrs. Ann Smith and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Dr. Leroy Davis

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Barthelemy and second by Mr. Gilliam, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar – SUNO Faculty Senate “commented on the status of the three new buildings which are not functioning properly. There are issues with the lighting, and the wires aren’t working properly. This isn’t acceptable.” Dr. Elaasar stated, “The buildings need to be investigated.” The greenhouses heater doesn’t work. He says he want the state to be accountable. “I would like for Mr. Guillory to come and meet with the faculty to hear from them directly.

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ITEM

A. Priority Projects Updates by Campuses

Mr. Eli Guillory addressed the SUNO buildings and mentioned he would follow-up. He stated, we are moving forward with some issues with the dome on the Baton Rouge Campus, the demolition of Jones Hall on the back of the campus and some mechanical upgrades.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barthelemy made a motion to adjourn and Atty Magee second the motion.

Motion Passed

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)**

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
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Shreveport, Louisiana
Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Finance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty Edwin Shorty

Present: Atty Edwin Shorty, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, and Atty Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Mrs. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Hilliard and second by Dr. Tarver, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patrick Shaw – SUNO SGA President, was introduced by Mr. Donald Dunbar, SUBR SGA President and Board Member. Mr. Shaw gave a brief explanation of the action items 5A – 5C along with the faculty senate Dr. Elaasar and asked the board to vote in favor.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Request Approval for Utilization of Prior Year Funds (SUNO)**
- B. Request Approval for Utilization of Prior Year Funds – Technology Fee (SUNO)**
- C. Request Approval for Utilization of Prior Year Funds – Student Approved Yearbook Funds (SUNO)**

Dr. Tarver made a motion to approve Items 5A through 5C globally and Mr. Hilliard second the motion.

Motion passed

Atty Magee thanked the students and faculty for all they are doing at SUNO and he commended each of them for coming together as one.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- A. Interim Financial Report** - Mr. McClinton presented the report. He stated that each campus report was prepared by the CFO of each campus and he reviewed each report to verified and confirmed that all budgets balanced. There were no questions.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS - Dr. Ammons addressed the board and community guest. “He thanked the SGA President and Faculty Senate for their support and for being in Shreveport to attend the meeting and represent SUNO. He thanked the administrative team for their openness and transparency and for their willingness to include faculty and students in every step to ensure the fiscal stability. Dr. Ammons informed everyone that both Mr. Shaw and Dr. Elaasar were added to his leadership administrative team. He said, “he looks forward to working with them to continue on our quest to stabilize SUNO.”

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Tarver made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Gaines second the motion.

Motion Passed

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Finance Committee)

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
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Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Governance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Sam Gilliam

Present: Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Curman Gaines, Atty Patrick Magee, Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, and Atty Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Magee and second by Atty Rutledge, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Academic Complaint and Grievance Policy (SUSLA)
- B. Request Approval of Student Complaint Policy (Non-academic) (SUSLA)
- C. Request Approval of Credit Hours Definition (SUSLA)
- D. Request Approval of Transcript Resend Policy (SUSLA)
- E. Request Approval of Administrative Costs Policy (Direct and Indirect) (SUSLA)
- F. Request Approval of Curriculum Committee Guidelines Policy (SUSLA)
- G. Request Approval of Minimum Admissions Policy (SUBR & SUNO)

Atty Magee made a motion to approve Items 5A through 5G globally and Dr. Tarver second the motion.

Motion Passed

Dr. Belton asked Dr. Appeaning to give a presentation on items 5G. Dr. Appeaning summarized the policy rationale for item 5G - Minimum Admissions Policy (SUBR & SUNO). Dr. Appeaning explained that the purpose of the policy was to establish minimum standards for regular admission for first-time freshmen at Southern University and A&M College (SUBR) and Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). Each campus could adopt more specific or rigorous requirements for admission.

Minimum Admission Standards for First-Time Freshmen at SUBR and SUNO

TOPS Core Curriculum / Louisiana Board of Regents' Core Curriculum	19 Units comprised of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Units – English • 4 Units – Mathematics • 4 Units – Natural Sciences • 4 Units – Social Sciences • 2 Units – Foreign Language / Speech • 1 Unit – Arts
AND	
Minimum Overall High School GPA	2.00 on a 4.00 scale
AND	
Literacy and Numeracy Requirements for Placement	ACT English Sub-Score: 15 ACT Math Sub-Score: 16
AND	
Number of Developmental Courses Allowed	One (1)

Dr. Appeaning further shared that the adoption and implementation of this policy aligns with the Louisiana Board of Regents Supplement to the Minimum Admission Standards for 4-Year Universities under the Regents' Academic Affairs Policy 2.18. In his discussions with the leadership of SUBR and SUNO, both institutions expressed their commitment to providing supplemental instruction/tutoring/co-requisite courses and other academic and student support services necessary to support student success.

With respect to implementation procedures of Policy 2-001, Dr. Appeaning explained that the Offices of Enrollment Management at SUBR and SUNO will review all applications to determine if students meet the minimum admission standards approved by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors on February 21, 2020.

With respect to student placement, Dr. Appeaning explained that once a first-time freshman is admitted to SUBR or SUNO under Board Policy 2-001, the student will be placed into either an academic college (aligned to selected major), or the university college. The placement decision will be predicated on the following criteria.

Placement into Academic College:

- Completion of TOPS Core Curriculum
- High School GPA of 2.00
- ACT English sub-scores of 18 or better
- ACT Mathematics sub-cores of 19 or better

Placement into University College:

- Completion of TOPS Core Curriculum
- High School GPA of 2.00

- ACT English sub-scores of 15-17
- ACT Mathematics sub-cores of 16-18

Dr. Appeaning provided an overview of the University College's role to provide comprehensive academic and student support services to assist admitted, in-coming, first-time students with making the transition from high school to college. The University College will provide a first year experience program that would empower the students with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the collegiate environment. Comprehensive academic support services will include intrusive academic advising; academic support such as supplemental instruction and tutoring; career planning; peer mentoring; and new student orientation. Finally, an Early-Alert System will be employed to monitor the academic progress of each student.

Dr. Appeaning also explained that both developmental and co-requisite courses will be available. Dr. Appeaning further shared that students will be domiciled in University College until they complete the exit requirements for entry to an academic college related to their selected academic major. The exit requirements are as follows:

- Passage of a college level Mathematics and English course with an end-of-course grade of C or better.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale.

Finally, Dr. Appeaning expressed his deepest appreciation for the leadership and support demonstrated for this minimum admissions initiative for SUBR and SUNO by the President - Dr. Ray L. Belton, Board Chairman – Attorney Domoine Rutledge, Louisiana Board of Regents Commissionaire for Higher Education – Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, Chairman of the Louisiana Board of Regents – Mr. Marty J. Chabert, and Louisiana Senate Education Committee Chairman, the Honorable Senator Cleo Fields and his legislative staff for facilitating the meeting that provided clarification and support allowing SUBR and SUNO to move forward with the minimum admissions policy.

Dr. Appeaning addressed questions from Mr. Gilliam, Dr. Whitfield, Ms. Ann Smith and Mr. Barthelemy. They all thanked Dr. Appeaning and Dr. Belton. Dr. Belton recognized Chairman Rutledge and Senator Fields for pushing this initiative forward and he said, "he (Dr. Belton) appreciates all that had been done." Mr. Gilliam inquired about the impact on SUSLA connect. Both Drs. Belton and Ellis indicated that while there could be up to a 20% impact on SUSLA connect, that percentage would be offset by improved efficiencies.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Whitfield made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Tarver second the motion.

Motion Passed

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(Following the Governance Committee)

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
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Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman, Atty Patrick Magee

Present: Mr. John Barthelemy, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Curman Gaines and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Ms. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Barthelemy and second by Dr. Gaines, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Agenda Item 5: Action Items

Mr. Barthelemy made a motion to approve Items 5A (1-8) globally and Dr. Tarver second the motion.

Motion passed

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Alex Appeaning	Vice President for Policy, Strategic Planning, Institutional Effectiveness/Vice-Chancellor for Academic Compliance (salary adjustment) SUS/SUBR	\$140,000.00	State
2. Corinne Blache	General Counsel (New Appointment) SUS	\$140,000.00	State
3. Sharron Herron-Williams	Full Professor and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Institutional Priorities (Reassignment) SUSLA	\$78,030.00	State
4. LaShunda Hodges	Assistant Research Plant Science Professor (New Appointment) SUAREC	\$75,000.00	Federal
5. James Obuya	Associate Research Plant & Soil Science (New Appointment) SUAREC	\$65,000.00	Federal
6. Linda Schweitzer	Research Scientist (Continuation-FT Status) SUAREC	\$65,000.00	Federal
7. Akai Smith	Director for ADA and Title IX Compliance (New Appointment) SUBR	\$72,000.00	State
8. Cedric Upshaw	Executive Director of Governmental Relations (Title Change) SUS	N/A	N/A

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

Atty Magee commented, "I would like to thank Dr. Belton for allowing Chairman Rutledge and myself to venture out and try to find someone to fill the legal counsel position. There were several qualified applicants. But however, there was one good person that seem to go above and beyond. Her name is Ms. Corinne Blache. She comes to us from the La Department of Justice. She come highly recommended with no faults as a manager or a person. She is the new legal counsel for the university, and she's been here two weeks. I'm very proud of Corinne and I want to welcome her."

Atty Magee also mentioned and notified everyone that our outside legal counsel. Atty Winston Decuir, Jr., has accepted the general counsel job at La State University. Atty Magee shared information about the Atty Winston Decuir background history and mentioned his brother Atty Brandon Decuir will be replacing his brother spot at the table as the outside legal counsel. Atty Magee stated, "I have no doubt from an outside counsel standpoint, we will receive phenomenal service from this gentleman."

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

Mr. Barthelemy made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Whitfield second the motion.

Motion passed.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(Following the Recruitment and Admissions Committee)

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
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Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

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

PRESENT

Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Chairman
Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Dr. Rani Whitfield
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Curman Gaines
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Mr. Sam Gilliam
Mr. John Barthelemy
Atty. Edwin Shorty
Mr. Richard Hilliard
Atty Patrick Magee
Mr. Donald Dunbar

ABSENT

Dr. Leroy Davis
Mr. Raymond Fondel
Mrs. Arlanda Williams

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President, Ray Belton
Chief of Staff, Dr. Katara Williams
Interim Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor Bijoy Sahoo (SUBR)
Systems Vice Presidents Flandus McClinton (Finance and Business Affairs), Vladimir Appeaning (Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness), and Robyn Merrick (External Affairs)
Chancellors Dr. James Ammons (SUNO), Dr. Orlando F. McMeans (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Brandon DeCuir, and Deidre Robert

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

Upon the motion by Dr. Whitfield and second by Atty Magee, the agenda was recommended for adoption

Motion passed

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

None

Agenda Item 5: Special Presentations

A. Above and Beyond Award

Presented by Ms. Leslie McClelland, Chief of Staff. The recipient was Ms. Linzola Dudley Winzer, Special Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor at SUSLA. She has been employed at SUSLA for 13 years and worked for two Chancellors and one Interim Chancellor. She is the hardest working woman on the campus. She is a cancer survivor and a fierce champion for SUNO and the System.

Atty Rutledge congratulated and thanked Ms. Winzer for her services. Dr. Whitfield thanked her for her services. He commended the president for implemented the above and beyond award.

Agenda Item 6: Action Item(s)

Dr. Tarver made a motion to approve Items 6A – 6H globally and Dr. Whitfield second the motion. Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors
- B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Request Approval of Letter of Intent by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services in favor of the Southern University Law Center to create the Vulnerable Communities & People Initiative (SULC)
 - Chancellor Pierre introduced Secretary Marketa Garner Walters and her Assistant Secretary to speak on behalf of the La Dept of Children and Family Services. She spoke on behalf of the department and she mentioned her assistant was a graduate of Southern University. She gave history on the initiative and she and Chancellor Pierre both signed the resolution for the file. The Letter of Intent was included in the packet for reference.
- D. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for IBM Global University Programs (SUS)
- E. Request Approval of Joint Affiliation Agreement between SUSLA and SUSLA CDC (SUSLA)
- F. Request Approval of Uniform Affiliation Agreement between SUSLA and SUSLA Alumni Association (SUSLA)

- G. Request Approval of MOU between SUSLA and Texas A&T regarding Academic Preparation for Student Athletes (SUSLA)
- H. Resolutions

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

- Mrs. Sharon Broussard Landry
- Mr. Willis Andrews
- Mrs. Danita Morgan Sweetnam
- Mr. Willie Belton
- Mrs. MaryAnn Johnson
- Mr. Willie D. Burton
- Mr. Harold Carmichael – Commendation

Dr. Tarver made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Whitfield to adopt the resolutions. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7: Informational Items

A. Banner Consolidation

Update from Dr. Belton. “Members of the Board, as you are aware, we have been providing you weekly updates as relates to the advancement of the banner consolidation that has an effect of consolidating all of the database for the campuses. Admittedly, that consolidation process has been a challenge and I really want to thank the Chancellors and their staff for their patience and more importantly their work in trying to work through some issues that align with that implementation. We are still in the midst of registration and trying to facilitate students who have some challenges completing their registration. But today, many of the campuses or I say most of the campuses have reached milestones that were comfortable for last spring, and in some cases, they have exceeded those enrollment milestones. So, I ultimately believe that we are over the worst part. There are some issues that we are working through. But we believe that at the end of the day, this consolidated platform enable us to really automate our registration process and provide for students the opportunity to complete that process, but without being burdened by having to come to campus having to engage face to face with the staff at our respective. So, I offer that as an update. Are there any questions?”

Mr. Dunbar commended Dr. Belton on behalf of the students. He said, “I just want to say thank you President Belton. You know, it's very different from what we experienced last semester that's going on now and I noticed this semester everything went very smoothly. Thank you for your leadership and thank you.”

Chairman Atty Rutledge thanked Dr. Belton for the weekly updates as requested.

B. Commencement Protocol

Update from Dr. Katara Williams. Everyone was given a packet of information which consists of several proposed changes to the protocol for Southern University Baton Rouge campus. Of course, we always anticipate our commencement activities as being one of the most celebrated events every semester. And so, we want to make sure that we feel we are exuding the utmost decorum in our commitment practices. And so, as a committee, we met. The chair of that committee is the registrar. We've also been working with public affairs as well as the SCA. Just to really think about what our commitment protocol needs to look like for Southern University of Baton Rouge. So, there are five specific recommendations to improve the Commencement experience that you have enclosed within the packet of material. They were also emailed. We have spoken with Mr. Dunbar with the SGA who has agreed to champion and be an ambassador for us in terms of talking about the expectations and what's acceptable. So, I'd like to yield to Mr. Dunbar so he can talk a little bit about how he will work with us and carry out this work."

Mr. Donald Dunbar stated, "I would like to thank Dr. Williams and on behalf of my peers at the Fall 2019 graduation, I apologize for the inappropriate things that went on. , I would just like to say that, being a member of a Greek organization, I find oftentimes that you, to get caught up in the moment, and not make a wise decision, but I want to do my best to be a champions with my peers. Let them know this is how we do things in descent and in order. I realize this is a formal ceremony in which each person should enjoy this day and be respected as well. I'm all for meeting with everyone and making sure they know the expectations that we have noted here in the packet. Thank You. "Dr. Williams welcomed any input as they move forward.

C. Legislative Update

Update from Dr. Robyn Merrick. "it is time for the 2020 legislative session. And it's about two weeks away. We are getting started on March the ninth this year. This is a general session that we're facing, that is a little longer than usual 60 days where we'll be able to entertain subjects of general nature." So, we've had several meetings that have occurred already since the governor's inauguration and the new legislature has taken its installation steps of installing 64 new members of the legislature between the House and the Senate and we're getting to know them along the way." Dr. Merrick provided the legislative priority document. She mentioned, "the documents have been put together as the direction of President Belton along with several members of our staff and leadership across the system to include board members as well." She explained the document. She also mentioned, "we will be working with our medical marijuana provider, our Ag Center, and our legal counsel in watching the legislations as it relates to medical marijuana. We will update the board on a weekly basis as we've done in previous sessions and again at every board meeting during the session to give you the updates of what's happening at the legislature and ask you to mark your calendars for March 31. That is going to be SU day at the Capitol. The entire month of March we set aside to dedicate Founders Day at Southern University as you will know it is our 140th anniversary of the university so we're celebrating the entire month of March and that will conclude for the month of March with SU day at the Capitol on March 31. We're still working with Southern Strategy as well, our consultants, our legislative consultants, Rodney Braxton,

and Kevin Cunningham. And so, you'll be seeing them as well. Happy to entertain any questions regarding our legislative priorities for this year. We're always available by telephone, text, email, whatever works. Also, you have received a flyer regarding our first ever Southern Sunday that is part of our Founders Day activity. Rev. Tolbert has worked with us. Thank you, sir, for your leadership on that. To reach out to the churches across the state of Louisiana and churches across the country where we have alumni who are members and we will be celebrating these virtual Founders Day on Sunday March the eighth. And so that's the second Sunday of March. And there's information that has gone forth to all the churches. We're still getting churches that are registered to be a part of this. For more information, please feel free to contact us on that as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. Thank you.

D. System President's Report

Dr. Belton thanked the chairman and the board and mentioned the good news that was revealed today about the adoption of the new admissions policy. He mentioned, "we are in fact continuing to work with the Board of Regents about the formula metrics as Dr. Appeaning may reference. There are other discussions we'll have with the Board of Regents committee. Dr. Belton reminded everyone about the committee that will be on site at the Baton Rouge Campus the first week in March. He is looking forward to the meeting."

E. Campus Reports

Southern University New Orleans (SUNO) – Presented by Dr. James Ammons. "I want to thank everyone for their support and team effort to ensure the longevity of the institution. This April 14-16, a special committee will visit the campus. There is a plan for the members of the board to be there on April 15. We will send out additional communications as well as discussions on the content of our report. SUNO is involved in a study project in New Orleans. It's called the immersion project and its designed to highlight outstanding higher education institutions in order to attract international and domestic students, researchers and experts to the Greater New Orleans area, and the project is estimated to take about six months to complete. On campus, we have organized the planning committee to address the university's fundraising needs. We've had two successful fundraisers. We had a special worship service. The two pastors that host the worship service from the New Orleans community raised over \$11,000. We want to express our appreciation to both pastors and again we thank them and all the faith leaders across the city of New Orleans who came and supported us. We also had a meet and greet fundraiser. And I want to thank Attorney Edwin Shorty for sponsoring the meet and greet. And I also want to thank Mayor Cantrell for her appearance. There is a new partnership between SUNO and the City of New Orleans. I met with the mayor and her staff to discuss actions that we would take to strengthen the linkages between the city of New Orleans and SUNO. And this partnership demonstrates the city's best interest and commitment to the provision of higher education opportunities for all the citizens of New

Orleans. And this joint venture is another factor that contributes to a beneficial relationship with the larger community.”

Southern University Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) – Presented by Dr. Rodney Ellis. “I want to acknowledge our radiology program and program directors. They’ve had for four years a 100% pass rate on their licensure exam and that’s tremendous. We want to acknowledge this past Wednesday at the Board of Regents meeting; we were approved to offer a new Associate Degree in teaching. So, we’re looking forward to potentially beginning that program sometime in 2021. I want to thank the team here at SUNO again for helping to put on this production for the meeting today. A lot of folk on this campus came together to make sure everything was complete and spectacular. I want to thank my team again. If there is anyone else, I forgot, Thank YOU.

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) – Presented by Dr. Orlando McMeans. “Good afternoon. I want to commend Dr. Ellis for the gift he presented today in the name of an educator. I guess he is putting up a challenge to the rest of us to possibly follow. As for my report, it’s included in the packet. We’ve been doing so much in medical marijuana. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony. It was great. It was amazing. Folks all over the country and HBCU’s started sending emails about their interest in medical marijuana. We were excited about that. But I want to briefly make some announcements of upcoming events. The 77th annual State livestock show will be February 27 to 29. And it will be at the livestock arena. I asked my staff to reach out to you directly because we still have the sales going on for the grand champion steer champions here and grand champion Hall. So, this is an important fundraising event. Also, I want to acknowledge our extension staff. We will have our first camp summit on March 18 from 9-5pm. This is important because a lot of our stakeholders, small farmer growers get involved in that area. Also, our 10th annual Louisiana small farmers conference will be March 19 – 21st. And if you don't have anything to add that concludes my report.” And finally, I heard people talking about certain amounts of good news. On earlier this week, I was informed by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture that we were recommended to receive an award for scholarships. And the amount of this over four-year period is \$2.25 million with the first year \$750,000. So, we're excited about that. And I want to thank my vice chancellor who are here, for putting that together relatively quickly, and the faculty, they did an outstanding job. And we will be meeting with Congressman to see if we can get those numbers even higher because they do have more opportunity. So, thank you.

Southern University Law Center (SULC) – Presented by Chancellor John Pierre. “I want to thank Dr. Ellis for the great hospitality while we have been here in Shreveport. I want to commend him and thank him for the generous gift that he presented today. I want to remind the board about the SULC SACSCOC and SUS Board of Supervisors Lunch Meeting which will be held on March 25, 2020. This will be part of the onsite visits with the SULC. There are two SACSCOC visits in Baton Rouge. One for the Baton Rouge campus the first week in March and then we’re following on March 23rd. For the March board meeting

we will do a presentation about the QEP for the current University law Center because we are required to do a tune up and this will be the first for the University Law Center. in the sense that we have been recently approved. We look forward to engaging the board in the planning. We look forward to bringing new and innovative ideas to the board. We look forward to engaging conversation with the board especially with respect to the report given today as it relates to legal education needs, in the Shreveport, Bossier, and the Northwest Region. Thank you, this concludes my report.”

Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) – Presented by Dr. Bijoy Sahoo. “I’m delighted to report that the 2019 family nurse practitioner certification exam pass rate is 95%. The family nurse practitioner program national average score on the exam was 589. The national average score is 573. These results confirm that exceptional faculty produced exceptional students and results. Thank you to the faculty and staff for your contribution to the success of our students and our program. I also want to highlight that executives from the Walmart enterprise who travel from Bentonville, Arkansas, and from local Walmart stores and Sam’s clubs to meet with Southern University faculty and students to discuss the university’s curriculum alignment with new workforce trends. Walmart Executive Council visited classrooms to engage with Southern University students during the afternoon to discuss carrier opportunities. Walmart also provided the opportunity for Southern University students. To apply for high demand internships in the United States and provided guidance to Southern University international students on how to apply for internships, and full-time positions abroad. The visit by Walmart’s pages the new model for capacity building between corporate America and our university. This model provides a great opportunity for customization and alignment between corporate segments and the university programming. The Southern University Office of Career Services, the center for philanthropy, and the System Foundation Office hosted this event. I also want to highlight a recent column written by Forbes magazine, Dr. Manicia Finch, Associate Director for Enrollment Management was highlighted as one of the unsung heroes among influences in the university community. Finch was cited for exemplary leadership and service in college admissions with a commitment to student matriculation. Also, to mention that on Wednesday, I attended the Board of Regents meeting and at that meeting I was so proud of and so happy when the Chair of the Board of Regents recognize our SGA, President, and member of the board of supervisors for his leadership. Thank you, this concludes my report.”

Agenda Item 8: Other Business

Chairman Atty Rutledge thanked Dr. Sahoo and all the chancellors as well as Dr. Belton for their reports. He announced to the board that “the Board Retreat in Lafayette, La scheduled in April has been rescheduled to May because of Atty Magee’s schedule. The Board’s office will send updated correspondence with the location change. On another note, the board office normally sends the board packet electronically and they produce the board packets for each meeting. It has been brought to my attention that we are killing a lot of trees, therefore I am going to work with the board office to see how we can reduce the amount of paper printed for the meetings.

We will look at some alternative means by which we can provide the information to everyone. We have the iPad we use at the Baton Rouge meetings. So, we may have to see if we can bring those on the road when we travel. We will work through it. “

Chairman Atty Rutledge asked if there were any questions. There were none. He thanked Chancellor Ellis and the entire community for their hospitality.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

Motion was moved and seconded for adjournment.

Motion passed