

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

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Friday, October 18, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance: Miss Dylan Robinson a sixth grade student at Southern University Laboratory School.

Invocation was given by Pastor Rene' Brown who is the pastor at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He currently serves as the president of the Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association of Louisiana, Inc.

PRESENT

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. John Barthelemy and Atty. Edwin Shorter

ABSENT

Mr. Donald Dunbar, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Dr. 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. Orlando F. McMeans (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Deidre Robert

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Atty. Domoine Rutledge introduced the newest addition to the Southern University Board office, Ms. Tracey Taylor-Jarrell.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge announced the convening of 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, Mr. John Barthelemy, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Samuel Tolbert and seconded by Dr. Leon R. Tarver II the agenda was recommended for adoption

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of Professor Emeritus and director Emeritus Designation for Dr. Diola Bagayoko – Department of Science and Engineering (SUBR)

The Office of the Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. James H. Ammons recommends the appointment of Dr. Diola Bagayoko as Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus at Southern University because of his long and outstanding record and service to the university, Dr. Bagayoko is a distinguished scholar, professor, scientist and researcher. The work that he has done for the Southern University System and academia makes him the ideal candidate to receive this high honor.

Dr. Bagayoko has provided an excellent example of how a university professor can successfully blend his research with a commitment to teaching and learning. The recommendation to appoint Dr. Bagayoko as Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus was unanimously approved by the Academic Council. He also comes highly recommended for this appointment with nominations from Dr. Patrick Carriere, Dr. Laurence L. Henry and Dr. Terrence Reese.

Upon The motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Gilliam and Dr. Gaines, Dr. Diola Bagayoko was recommended for approval of Professor Emeritus and director Emeritus in the Department of Science and Engineering (SUBR).

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURMENT

Upon the motion by Atty Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Gaines the Academic Affairs Committee meeting was adjourned.

Motion passed.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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MINUTES

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Rev. Donald R. Henry.

Present: Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mrs. Ann A. Smith and Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

Absent: Dr. Rani Whitfield and Mr. Richard Hilliard

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Davis the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM:

A. Request Approval of Property Transfer of Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (SUSLA)

Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA) requested approval for the Property Transfer of Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen.

Chancellor Ellis stated, two years ago the city of Shreveport and some partners joined together for \$20 million grant. Of that grant, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) received about \$1.5 to build a kitchen incubator where they will be training students to be caterers and restaurants culinary entrepreneurs. The construction of the facility was completed in July 2019. SUSLA Facilities, Inc. (SFI) facilitated the construction in collaboration with the City of Shreveport. As agreed, on at the commencement of the project, the facility would be transferred to SUSLA once the project was completed for the implementation of programming that will take place at the facility. “Based on that information, Chancellor Ellis is requesting that the necessary steps be taken to complete the transfer of property from SFI to SUSLA.

Motion was adopted and seconded.

Motion passed

Mr. Sam Gilliam gave kudos to Chancellor Ellis. He commended him for a job well done.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campuses

Mr. Eli Guillory, System Director of Facilities and Planning provided a written report that was included in the meeting packet. He provided the status of several projects and stated that the department is on target to meet all deadlines as it relates to major projects on each of the SU campuses. He mentioned the tours of each campus was very successful and the future funding for the needs of each campus would be submitted by each of the Chancellors. Mr. Guillory thanked Board Member Sam Gilliam for participating in the tours where he was able to see how the operation works with facility planning border regions and finance from the state level.

Mr. Guillory commended Chancellor Ellis and the fine administrative team in Shreveport for all their hard work and leadership on the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen project.

Mr. Sam Gilliam commended Mr. Guillory for taking the initiative on the projects on the Shreveport campus. He was instrumental in getting the border regions, facilities and planning people to come up and make a commitment in cooperation with Chancellor Ellis.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded the Facilities and Property Committee meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Minutes

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

Present: 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 Committee Chair Leon Tarver II and seconded that the agenda be accepted.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miss Jacqueline Morgan, Editor in Chief for the Southern Digest Organization.

Briefly spoke on the student's behalf in reference to the Athletic referendum that is being brought for approval from the board. Miss Morgan stated after having a discussion with the SGA President, Donald Dunbar and Athletic Director, Roman Banks, the students agree and accept the Athletic Fee but request that there be more transparency. The students are requesting an itemized list of everything that is needed and the cost."

Mr. James LeBlanc, retired Army veteran spoke on behalf of the community in reference to the home football game attendance and what he believes can be done.? He gave the 2019 football players statistics. He said, "There's 99 student athletes on the football team. As for the Louisiana players, there are 19 from the Baton Rouge area, five of which is from Southern lab, 13 from New Orleans, three from Lafayette and eight from Shreveport. This is ridiculous! We can deal with home attendance by getting some of these local guys playing football here at Southern University because the family will come to see their kids play ball."

The board thanked Mr. Leblanc for the interesting observations.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Action Item(s)

A. Request Approval of Athletic Fee Increase (Effective Spring 2020 – SUBR)

Per Mr. McClinton, the fee for the spring will be increased to \$50 which should bring in income of \$320k. After hearing the students concern and in the absence of Mr. Dunbar and athletic director Banks, the board is recommending Dr. Belton go back and

meet with them after the funds have been received and they have gotten a better control of the expenses and what the funds will be used for, Mr. John Barthelemy made a motion to approve Item 5A with the amended recommendation from the board. Seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge.

Motion passed

- B. Request Approval for FY 20-21 Budget Requests (Including Operational Plans)**
 - 1. Southern University Board and System Administration
 - 2. Southern University and A & M College (SUBR)
 - 3. Southern University Law center (SULC)
 - 4. Southern University New Orleans campus (SUNO)
 - 5. Southern University Shreveport Campus (SUSLA)
 - 6. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Sam Gilliam, item 5B (1-6) requested for approval

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Interim Financial Reports

Mr. McClinton prepared the report and gave a summary of the report. He mentioned they had finalized the registration process for the fall semester. The Baton Rouge campus and the SUSLA campus were able to meet their budget number. For the New Orleans campus, they fell short only 130,000 and the Law Center was 116,000. Each one of those campuses have provided a document to Mr. McClinton that show how they plan to make up for the shortfall. In addition to that the SUNO campus went ahead and adjusted the spring semester. The complete financial report was included in the package.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE
(Following the Finance Committee)

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Minutes

The Internal Audit Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Leroy Davis.

Present: Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Edwin Shorty, and Atty Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Leon Tarver II and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge that the agenda be accepted.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Request Approval of the Southern University System Internal Audit Department Charter
- B.** Request Approval of the Internal Audit Quality Assurance and Improvement
- C.** Request Approval of the Two-year Audit Plan

Upon the motion by Atty Shorty and seconded by Dr. Tarver item 5 A-C requested for approval

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the Internal Audit Committee meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following the Audit Committee)

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

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Minutes

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chairman, Mr. Barthelemy

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge that the agenda be accepted.

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, senate president at Southern University of New Orleans (SUNO). Dr. Elaasar commented on the deficit issue at SUNO. He stated, “The Constitution of the faculty senate states the faculty senate be consulted in advance of significant prospective actions by the administration and the Board of Supervisors.”
The board thanked him for his comment.
- Ms. Shatiqua A. Mosby-Wilson, SUNO
Ms. Mosby-Wilson bring greetings from students at SUNO. She commended Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezon, Chancellor of SUNO on her good work and wished her luck in the future. She also stated the need to be included in the selection process for the Interim Chancellor and the selection process for the permanent Chancellor that will come as those things were not mentioned in the current package. SUNO would like to still be included in that process. With that being said, Ms. Mosby-Wilson requested the board not to necessarily rush in the selection of the Chancellor and allow them to meet this person and for us to be able to support and endorse this person's leadership of our campus. The board thanked her for her comment.
- Dr. Raymond Delaney Jr., SUNO Faculty Senate
Dr. Delaney is a community organizer who believe in what's right for the institution. He believes those that are close to the problem is closer to the solution. He is requesting that SUNO be a part of the selection process.

He stated, “If we can at least be a part of selecting someone who will represent our university that will give us great pleasure. It is important that we have a discussion so that we not only as a faculty, but also as I represent a faculty senate, know and understand what the full direction and the scope is and what we're trying to achieve as a university. I just ask that you all consider time for us to work together and work as a unit and not divided.” The board thanked him for his comment.

- Dr. Brian Ulmer, SUNO

Dr. Ulmer is a graduate of Southern University. He is seeking support from the board and wanted to comment on Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin and the great work she has done at SUNO and how she helped him and others at SUNO. He mentioned the timeline remaining for Dr. Mims-Devezin and asked if they could include SUNO in the plans for progress going forward in choosing the next person to take Dr. Mims-Devezin position.

Agenda Item 5: Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve agenda items 5A, 1 through 9

Motion passed

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. James Ammons	Executive Vice President & Interim Chancellor SUS & SUNO (Interim Appointment)	No Salary Change Housing Increase (Per Month) \$3,000.00	State
2. Karen E. Crosby	Interim Dean Dolores Margaret Richard Spike Honor College SUBR (Interim Replacement)	\$115,000.00	State
3. Lisa Mims-Devezin	Full Professor (Tenure Rank) College of Arts and Sciences SUNO (New Appointment)	\$110,000.00	State
4. Jocelyn J. Johnson	Chief of Police Police Department SUBR (Salary Adjustment)	\$94,000.00	State
5. Toni Manogin	Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness Policy and Planning SUS (Additional Duties)	\$118,000.00	Federal/State
6. Renita Marshall	Vice-Chancellor for Academic & Student Services/Associate Dean College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science SUBR/SUAREC (New Appointment)	\$135,000.00	Federal/State

7. Dana Pollard	Research Associate Professor College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science (SUAREC) (New Appointment)	\$65,000.00	Federal
8. Bijoy Sahoo	Acting Executive Vice-Chancellor SUBR (Interim Appointment)	\$170,000.00	State
9. Calvin R. Walker	Executive Vice-Chancellor and Director of Department: Agriculture, Research and Extension Center Special Projects (SUAREC) (New Appointment)	\$155,000.00	Federal

Agenda Item 6: Request Approval for 6-Month Sabbatical Leave (beginning Dec. 30, 2019) – Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin (SUNO)

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve agenda item 6.

Motion passed

Agenda Item 7: Other Business

None

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment

A motion was moved by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines that the Internal Audit Committee meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed.

RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)

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Minutes

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

Present: Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge that the agenda be accepted.

Motion passed

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

None

Agenda Item 5: Information Item:

A. Enrollment Assessment Update (SUBR)

Dr. Belton advised the board that there has been a presentation prepared that is threefold one which would anticipate providing a snapshot of our enrollment across the Southern University system, two which would discuss launching the banner consolidated platform that promises to be an upgrade to the current legacy system, and lastly, we have commissioned a consultant to do an in depth assessment of our enrollment and registration processes on the Baton Rouge campus.

First presentation was given by Dr Vladimir Appeaning provided the snapshot of enrollment where he mentioned his presentation will have three parts. One which will look at year one results, the second will include the expectations for the Southern University system and the third component will focus on 2019 preliminary enrollment data. The data presented was the official data that has now been recorded across the Southern University system to the Board of Regents. Everyone received copies of the three handouts to support the presentation.

After the presentation, there was discussion with the board members and Dr. Appeaning. Dr. Appeaning discussed SUSLA connect, % of students provisionally admitted, online

enrollment, online program fees, and SUBR enrollment number for 2019. Dr. Davis thanked Dr. Appeaning for the presentation, but he requested a one-page report for the November meeting that include why graduate student enrollment decreased and Dr. Tarver requested the justification for the fees for the online program. Dr. Belton thanked Dr. Appeaning for his presentation and board for their input and questions.

Second presentation was given by Dr. Gabriel Fagebeyiro. He provided information about the efforts to bring a consolidated banner platform that will support all the campuses within the Southern University system. Dr. Fagebeyiro gave background on the old banner system and the launching of the new banner consolidation project and the all the opportunities. The banner consolidation project is part of the long-range strategy for the system to pull resources and begin to rely on synergies and become more efficient and give students a common experience regardless of their location of which campus they are on. The old system had three separate banner systems across the system. Dr. Fagebeyiro provided a matrix which include where they are today and what the goals are for the future. There was discussion in reference to student's involvement and admissions and recruitment as it relates to retention and who oversees retention. Dr. Fagebeyiro discussed topics in depth and mentioned her would discuss more at the System Retreat. Ms. Williams thanked everyone for their hard work on the project and commented Dr. Fagebeyiro on the roadshow.

Dr. Belton thanked Dr. Fagebeyiro and mentioned to Dr. Fagebeyiro that he had a great presentation. Dr. Belton stated "he believes that the consolidation project will enable everyone to be more efficient and this will enable students to have a more seamlessly process when enrolling and not be so frustrated."

Dr. Belton mentioned, "in light of some of the challenges incurred this fall semester on the Baton Rouge campus specifically we wanted to get a third person, to come in and do an assessment of our enrollment management process in its entirety and we chose Gasery & Associates, LLC." Dr. Belton introduced Gasery who he mentioned has previously done a great job with a number of institutions of higher education in the state to come forth and engage with our university community to conduct that assessment. Gasery has been on the ground working since October 1st."

Gasery expressed appreciation for allowing him to come and have dialogue around an improvement project centered around enrollment and registration at Southern Baton Rouge campus. Gasery gave an introduction of his company as well as discussed, the agenda which included SUBR Project Charge, Organizational Excellence Guiding Principles & Success Stories, Improvement Project Approach for SUBR, and Project Progress Update. Everyone received a handout with the agenda as well as the slides for each topic discussed. Gasery provided a timeline for the project and explained it. Chairman Rutledge request a concrete timeline for the spring registration and want to follow up with an assessment which include the Fall Enrollment vs Spring Enrollment. Dr. Belton agreed to have the information. There were other questions from the board in reference to the methodology as it is centered around SUNO and SUSLA and also, they questioned the faculty and staff participation as well Alumni participation. Dr. Belton and Gasery had a dialogue with the board and the board thanked Gasery for his presentation and all his work on the project.

The board requested a preliminary report with the format in which it sell the data. They requested the report to include what the top three challenges are and what has the recent impact been on enrollment. Dr. Belton said, “he and others will be prepared next month.”

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

None

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

It was moved and seconded that the Recruitment and Admissions Committee meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed.

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

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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., Rev. Donald Henry, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mr. John Barthelemy, and Atty. Edwin Shorty

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

None

Agenda Item 5: Special Presentations

A. Above and Beyond Award

Presented by Chancellor John Pierre, SULC. The recipient was Ms. Andrea Love, Director of Admissions and Recruitment at the Southern University Law Center. She is an amazingly dedicatee employee who goes above and beyond to ensure success for the Southern University Law Center.

B. Relay of Voices

Dr. Robyn Merrick, Vice President of External Affairs introduced and welcomed Ms. Victoria Bradford and her husband Tom who has been doing a relay of voices as they move down the Mississippi River. Starting at the beginning of the Mississippi River in Minnesota and going all the way to the mouth of the Mississippi River. They have run from Minnesota and arrived on SU campus today to meet with students, administrators, faculty and staff.

Ms. Victoria Bradford thanked Dr. Merrick for having she and her husband on campus. She informed the audience that she and her husband have been running a little over 2000 miles and by the end it will be about 2400 miles from the headwaters in Minnesota through 10 states to the mouth of the Mississippi River. She noted that she had read about Southern University and

the community it was located and that Southern University is the only Historical Black College on the Mississippi River. Ms. Bradford closed by stating their goal was not so much an endurance effort, as it was to connect with 104 communities including the Southern University, North Baton Rouge community and to learn the stories of people who live and make their lives here today.

Board Chair Domoine Rutledge stated Mr. Fondel had a special recognition. Mr. Fondel presented the board with a special plaque created for Breast Cancer Awareness month in honor and recognition of his mother who passed in 2015 as a result of fighting a long battle with breast cancer.

Agenda Item 6: Action Item(s)

A motion was moved and second to approve action items 6A – 6F, excluding 6E which will be deleted from the October agenda and placed on the November agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2019 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors
- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Approval of MOU Between Baton Rouge Community College and the Southern University Law Center (SULC)
- D. Request Approval of the Contract between the Public Defender’s office and the Southern University Law Center (SULC)
- E. Request Approval for Signature Authority for Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA)
- F. Request Approval to Conduct a Focused Search for the Dean of the Graduate School (SUBR)
- G. Resolutions

Dr. Katara Williams, Chief of Staff read resolutions and commendations for the following:
Marvin Evans
Don Bolden Dillon Sr.
Cleveland Schofield Sr
Traeh Thyssen

Board Chair Domoine Rutledge made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Tolbert to add a resolution commending the couple that are representing the Relay of Voices and commend them for their work.

Dr. Leroy Davis mentioned that Dr. Laurabeth Hicks passed away on October 10, 2019 at the age of 99. Dr Davis spoke of Dr. Hicks distinguished life. He asked that Dr. Hicks be added to the list of resolutions.

Dr. Williams noted the additions to the request for resolutions
It was moved and properly seconded to adopt the resolutions with the additions. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7: Information Items**A. System President Report**

President/Chancellor Belton mentioned the 2019 System Leadership Retreat is planned for Monday and Tuesday, October 21 – 22, 2019. It will be held on the campus of Southern University New Orleans, and all the campuses will participate. He invited the board to come and be a part of the engagement during those two days. He acknowledges Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin and her tenure at SUNO. Dr. Mims-Devezin gave indication of her interest to return to her tenured faculty role at the end of this year. Dr. Belton saluted her for more than 25 years of service to the Southern University system and more relevant, the three years of service as Chancellor of the Southern University New Orleans campus, her leadership and contributions which he said made a difference. Dr. Belton expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to work with Dr. Mims-Devezin. Dr. Belton thanked the faculty and staff from SUNO for attending the meeting and supporting Dr. Mims-Devezin. Dr. Belton welcomed the opportunity to engage even more so with the faculty, the Faculty Senate, as the voice of the faculty and the body of colleagues on that university campus in the next couple months to make sure that they fulfill their responsibility to the stakeholders of the SUNO community, and certainly to those who are advancing interest about their work at the University in New Orleans.

The Board requested the representatives from the Relay our Voices to come back to the board room so they can inform them that they added their name to the list of resolutions and commendations for their efforts, and to appreciatively acknowledge them.

The Resolution will be provided to the couple from Dr. Marriott once it's completed. The Lake Charles couple took photos with the board and the board wished them good luck on the rest of the journey.

SU Votes. Mr. Raymond Fondel spoke on SU Votes. He wanted to remind everyone to work together to make sure that as a system, they are empowering the students to be able to go out to vote. And he encourages everyone to go out and to be part of the political process by participating in the elections in the state of Louisiana. He concluded the importance of voting and spoke of the policy decisions which will impact the SU System. There was a handout provided to everyone with the SU Votes information. Atty. Domoine Rutledge spoke on the importance of voting as well as SU impact.

B. Campus Reports

Southern University New Orleans (SUNO) – Chancellor Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin thanked the board members for affording her the opportunity to serve as Chancellor of Southern University of New Orleans. She said, “I would like to say to the administrators, faculty and staff of Southern University in New Orleans, I did not resign or quit on you. That is not my nature. That is not my style.

As the first alumna to serve as the eighth Chancellor of Southern University of New Orleans, I have been extremely honored.” Dr. Mims-Devezin spoke of the loan forgiveness that SUNO was granted in the amount of \$44 million on the apartment and the housing complex and also the increased housing revenue and housing capacity to \$1.6 million and

85% respectively. SUNO is one of the leading institutions for DXC technology. Dr. Mims-Devezin closed with, “I’m very proud, humble and thankful for my beginnings from Southern University at New Orleans. You know often when a woman dies, you hear the song. I shall wear a crown but on this day, I’m going to put on my robe and tell the story of how I made it over and too soon No, you shall and will wear a crown Thank you.”

Southern University Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) – Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis addressed the board and audience and thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her leadership at SUNO. He informed everyone about the grants that SUSLA received. SUSLA received a three year grant in the amount of \$680,000 for the minority science and engineering Improvement Program. Dr. Ellis publicly acknowledged Dr. Kenny Moses and Dr. Barry Hester for their leadership in writing that grant and implementing it in the future. He also mentioned that SUSLA received \$112,000 nursing capitalization grant from the Board of Regents and he publicly acknowledged Miss Tiffany Varner for her leadership in writing the grant. Dr. Ellis publicly acknowledged Mrs. Stephanie Graham, Director of sponsored programs. He applauded the SUSLA Alumni Association for putting on a gala as their first gala ever, and they presented SUSLA with a check in the amount of \$20,000. He thanked Stephanie Rogers, Tony Williams, and James Brown for starting the SUSLA alumni. Dr. Ellis also gave kudos to Dr. Melba Williams and her team. She is doing a great job with enrollment with the assistance from Dr. Ammons, Dr. Kimberly Scott and Dr. Belton.

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) – Chancellor Dr. Orlando F. McMeans thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her leadership at SUNO. Dr. McMeans mentioned he had a meeting with the La Commissioner of Agriculture. The discussion was hemp seeds. The proposal on how to use and process hemp. SU received license to grow hemp seeds. Dr. McMeans mentioned the Medical Marijuana job fair which will be held in the Multi-purpose building. They expect to hire nine individuals.

Southern University Law Center (SULC) – Chancellor John Pierre thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her leadership at SUNO. Chancellor Pierre thanked Dr. Belton for coming to the reception. Dr. Pierre introduced Mr. Melancon who was involved in the work course development. He acknowledged Dr Albert Samuels for the workshop on redistricting and Fred McBrier for the 2020 census data. Dr. Pierre spoke on the convocation and who was in attendance and gave thanks to everyone.

Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) – Chancellor Dr. Ammons thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for great work at SUNO. He thanked Dr. Belton and the board for the opportunity and approval and asked for assistance from Dr. Mims-Devezin as he transition to the Interim Chancellor position. Dr. Ammons thanked and congratulated Dr. Bijoy Sahoo who will be the interim Vice Chancellor at SUBR. Dr. Ammons said he is looking forward to the next phase. Dr. Ammons mentioned the SUBR faculty which has excelled in the cyber security. Dr. Ammons invited everyone to Homecoming October 27 – November 2, 2019. The theme is “Southern Road Trip”. All activities for the week can be found on the university website.

Dr. Leroy Davis gave kudos to Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin for her service at SUNO and Dr. McMeans. Mr. Fondel thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her service at SUNO and he thanked Zakeus Johnson for the great event at the event center on Thursday night. Mrs. Ann Smith personally thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her service at SUNO and wished her well. Mr. Barthelemy thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her service and patience, persistence, commitment, and perseverance. Atty Shorty thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her commitment and commended her on a job well done. Chairman Rutledge thanked everyone for their comments and he also thanked Dr. Mims-Devezin for her service and concluded the reports.

Agenda Item 8: Other Business

None

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

Motion was moved by Dr. Leroy Davis and seconded by Mr. Sam Gilliam for adjournment.

Motion passed