SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
Friday, July 23, 2010
Health and Physical Education Building
Southern University at New Orleans – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Public Comments
6. Action Items
   A. Minutes of the June 18, 2010 Regular Meeting and the June 30, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
   B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
      1.) Personnel Affairs Committee
      2.) Academic Affairs Committee
      3.) Facilities and Property Committee
      4.) Finance and Audit Committee
      5.) Governance Committee
   C. Revised Resolution for SUSLA and City of Shreveport
   D. Resolutions
   E. Extension of Early Retirement Incentive Plan
7. Informational Items
   A. System and Campus Highlights
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Friday, June 18, 2010
9:00 A.M.
J. S. Clark Administration Building – 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton.

PRESENT
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Mr. Walter T. Tillman Jr. (representing Interim System President Kassie Freeman)
Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Kirkland Meellad (representing Dr. Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Amendment:**

Delete Item 5: Special Recognition
Item 7B-4: Governance Committee

**AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Deleted

**AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Diola Bagayoko commented on the deliberations of the Search Committee for Dean of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus (Item 7B-5).

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, newly-elected President of the Student Government Association on the Southern University and A & M College and member on the Louisiana Board of Regents, introduced himself to the members of the Board and Administration.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the May 14, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
   On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Mire,

   **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the May 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
   On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee’s report, including the following resolutions, were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that tenure and promotion recommendations from SUSLA be and they are hereby approved.
PROMOTION
(Associate to Professor)
Dr. John Alak
Dr. Iris Champion

(Assistant to Associate Professor)
Warner Brown
Debra Hamilton
Sonya Hester
Nathaniel Manning
Wanda Waller
Norma Whitaker

(Instructor to Assistant Professor)
LaTanya Brittentine
JoAnn Brown
Patricia Brown
Joyce Cottonham
Jennifer Green
Leonard Jenkins
Kimberly Madden
Joslin Pickens
Sheila Swift
Daphne Thibeaux

TENURE
Dr. John Alak
Warner Brown
Debra Hamilton
Sonya Hester
Wanda Waller
Norma Whitaker

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the new academic program proposal for the Certificate of Applied Sciences: Medical Coding Specialist at Southern University – Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the revised 2010-2012 Academic Calendar for Southern University and A & M College be and it is hereby approved.

Informational items included in the report:

A. SUNO's nomination to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service in recognition of SUNO's outreach service in the local community

B. E-Learning Distance Education Online Course Offerings, System

C. Grants Reports, by Campus, as of June 2010

D. SUNO's Summer Recruitment Efforts

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Committee's informational report be and it is hereby received.

Motion carried unanimously.

The report provided an update on the Health Center addition project on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee's report, including the following resolutions, were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the increase in the admission application fee from $5.00 to $20.00 for students applying for admission to Southern University at Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the increase in the Cable-Internet fee from $144 per semester to $167 per semester for on-campus students at Southern University-Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Administration's request to transfer $300,000 from prior year auxiliary funds to the 2009-10 Athletics Budget for Southern University and A&M College to assist in addressing the deficit resulting from the shortfall in 2009 Bayou Classic revenues be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7#6 for the Southern University Board of Supervisors reflecting an increase in spending authority and self-generated funds for Southern University at New Orleans for fiscal year 2009-2010 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the renewal of the Student Accident and Health Insurance Contract with Monumental Life Insurance, administered by Bollinger, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year and including a rate increase of $8.30 ($4.30 Fall; $4.00 Spring/Summer) be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Southern University-Shreveport Administration be and it is hereby given retroactive approval of the new general operating account established at Capital One Bank.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
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PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the SUBR Administration's recommendation of Dr. William Arp, III as Dean of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, effective July 1, 2010, at an annual salary of $89,050 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 10 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Caiton, Dumas, Forstall, Guidry, Jefferson, Scott, Williams; 1 nay: Clayton; 0 abstentions

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee's report, including the following resolutions, were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Mylon Winn as professor of Public Administration, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $68,683 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Mr. Haridas Devadas as Data Base Administrator on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus, effective June 1, 2010 at a 12-month salary of $95,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Southern University-New Orleans, effective July 1, 2010 at a 12-month salary of $90,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the medical leave of absence, with pay, for Mr. Suman Moudgil, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective May 18, 2010 – June 23, 2010 be and it is hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the medical leave of absence, with pay, for Ms. Cynthia D. Reynaud, Assistant Director for Institutional Research at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective May 17, 2010 – July 23, 2010 be and it is hereby approved.

C. RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Scott,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- Ms. Monique M. Crook, RN
- Dr. Joseph "Terry" Kennedy
- Professor Washington Marshall
- Mrs. Sonja Pullen Anderson
- Jonathan Glenn Anderson
- Mr. John E. "Pool" Simms
- Mr. Bennett Crawford
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- Mrs. Mattie Clarkson Braden
- Mr. Noles A. Lawrence, Sr.
- Mr. Craig Ordogne
- Mr. Orbin Clinton Washington

COMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Board’s commendations, by way of a resolution, will be sent to SU Law Center Alumni – Atty. Stephanie Finley, upon her selection and nomination by President Barack H. Obama and confirmation by the U. S. Senate for the post of U.S. Attorney for Louisiana’s Western District; and, to Atty. Brian Jackson on his selection and nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the U. S. Senate for the post of U. S. District Court Judge for Louisiana’s Middle District.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Law Center’s ceremony to recognize Attnys. Finley and Jackson will be announced soon.

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The Board’s commendations were extended to Mr. Jason Wynne Hughes and the SU Legislative Team for their efforts during the 2010 Legislative Session.

The Board was also advised of Mr. Dalton Honore’s election to the Louisiana House of Representatives representing District 63 which includes the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus. Mr. Honore’ replaced State Rep. Avon Honey who passed away earlier this year.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. 2010 SU Legislative Agenda
   The Board received an update from Mr. Jason Wynne Hughes on 2010 regular session legislation that affected the Southern University System. A report on the outcomes of the session will be reported at the July Board Meeting.

B. System President’s Remarks
   None

C. Campus Highlights
   Highlights submitted by the campuses on monthly activities are available for review online and in the Office of the Board of Supervisors.
AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Guidry requested that SU campuses submit the names of students who make the Dean’s List to the American Press Newspaper in Lake Charles. This publicity will serve to aid the campuses in their recruitment efforts in the Lake Charles area.

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Mr. Caiton expressed his appreciation to Chairman Clayton for hosting the reception on the previous evening at his home to introduce SU System President-select Ronald Mason, Jr. and Mr. Lyvonia “Stump” Mitchell, the new football coach at Southern University-Baton Rouge.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Friday, June 18, 2010
9:00 A.M.
J. S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson. The invocation was given by Atty. Jefferson.

The oath of office was issued by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. to Mr. Randale Scott, Student Member for 2010-2011. Mr. Scott is the President of the Student Government Association on the Southern University at Shreveport.

PRESENT
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson - Chair
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

ABSENT
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice-Chair

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Mr. Walter T. Tillman Jr. (representing interim System President Kassie Freeman)
Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Freddie Pitcher (SULC), and Victor Ukpolo (SUNO); Dr. Kirkland Mellad ((SUAREC)

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BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Williams, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Certificate of Applied Science in Medical Coding, SUSLA

B. Adjustment to 2010-2012 Academic Calendar, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following items:

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Tenure and Promotion for SUSLA Faculty

Promotion
(Associate to Professor)
Dr. John Alak
Dr. Iris Champion

(Assistant to Associate)
Warner Brown
Debra Hamilton
Sonya Hester
Nathaniel Manning
Wanda Waller
Norma Whitaker

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Tenure
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Sonya Hester
Wanda Waller
Norma Whitaker

B. The new Academic Program Proposal for the Certificate of Applied Science: Medical Coding on the Southern University-Shreveport Campus

C. The revised 2010-2012 Academic Calendar for Southern University-Baton Rouge.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, SUNO

Chancellor Ukpolo reported that Southern University at New Orleans was recently named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Corporation for National and Community Service bestowed this recognition upon SUNO for service rendered to the local communities.

B. E-Learning Distance Education Online Course Offerings, SUS

Dr. Andrea Green Jefferson provided an update on e-Learning, Distance Education, Online Course Offerings including faculty training and certification on the Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport campuses. The report also delineated, by campus, the number of current SU faculty with quality matters certification, faculty trained to teach online; and the number of current and proposed online degree programs.

C. Grants Report Summary, as of June 2010

Grant funding received for this fiscal year was reported by Dr. Melva K. Turner--

- SU Baton Rouge $16,215,925.23
- SU Ag Center $2,652,504.00
- SU New Orleans $14,662,292.00
- SU Shreveport $11,899,545.95

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

SUNO’s Summer 2010 enrollment of 1524, includes 272 first-time freshmen and surpassed pre-Katrina enrollment members, according to Chancellor Ukpolo. The Administration was urged to utilize the strategies implemented by SUNO in order to increase enrollment at the Southern University and A & M College campus.

A detailed report of SUNO’s Enrollment Plan will be given at the July Board Meeting.
AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kassie Freeman, Ph.D. Secretary  Tony M. Clayton, Esq., Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System
FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Friday, June 18, 2010
J. S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Walter Guidry.

PRESENT
Mr. Walter Guidry, Chair
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr., Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren Forstall
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-officio

ABSENT
Mr. Myron K. Lawson

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Mr. Walter T. Tillman Jr. (representing Interim System President Kassie Freeman)
Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Dr. Kirkland Mellad (representing SUAREC Chancellor Leodrey Williams)

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BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3:  ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4:  PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
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AGENDA ITEM 5:  INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Ingrid Williams of Noland and Wong Architects provided a visual presentation on the proposed expansion of the Health Center facilities on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus. The project includes, among others, additional exam rooms, expanded waiting room, a bio-hazard area, and computer area.

The report was informational.

AGENDA ITEM 6:  OTHER BUSINESS

An update on the Steptoe sidewalk project on the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus is to be given to the Committee at its next meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS 7:  ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Kassie Freeman, Ph.D., Secretary          Tony M. Clayton, Esq., Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS                      BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System                  Southern University System
The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Atty. Warren A. Forstall.

PRESENT
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Randale Scott
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-officio

ABSENT
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Mr. Walter T. Tillman Jr. (representing Interim System President Kassie Freeman)
Vice President Tolor E. White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Freddie Pitcher (SULC), and Victor Ukpolo (SUNO); Dr. Kirkland Mellad (representing SUARE Chancellor Leodrey Williams)

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BOARD COUNSEL
Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following requests from the Administration.
Motion carried unanimously.

A. Increase in the Admission Application fee from $5.00 to $20.00 for students applying for admission to Southern University at Shreveport

B. Increase in the Cable-Internet fee from $144 per semester to $167 per semester for on-campus students at Southern University and A & M College.

C. The transfer of $300,000 from prior year auxiliary funds to the 2009-2010 Athletics Budget at Southern University-Baton Rouge to assist in addressing the deficit resulting from the shortfall in 2009 Bayou Classic revenues.

D. BA-7#6 for the Southern University Board of Supervisors which reflects a decrease in spending authority and self-generated funds for Southern University-Baton Rouge; and, an increase in spending authority and self-generated funds for the Southern University-New Orleans Campus for fiscal year 2009-2010.

E. Renewal of the Student Accident and Health Insurance Contract with Monumental Life Insurance Company, administered by Bollinger, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year (Systemwide), including a rate increase of $8.30 ($4.30 Fall; $4.00 Spring/Summer)

F. Retroactive approval of the new General Operating Account established by Southern University-Shreveport at Capital One Bank.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.

Kassie Freeman, Ph.D., Secretary
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System

Tony M. Clayton, Esq., Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System
PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Friday, June 18, 2010
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Richard J. Caiton.

PRESENT
Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Chair
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair
Mr. Randale Scott
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

ABSENT
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Mr. Walter T. Tillman Jr. (representing Interim System President Kassie Freeman)
Vice President Tolor E. White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC); Dr. Kirkland Mellad (representing SUAREC
Chancellor Leodrey Williams)
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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointments

1.) Professor of Public Administration, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Mylon Winn as Professor of Public Administration as Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective July 1, 2010 at an annual salary of $68,683.

Motion carried unanimously.

2.) Data Base Administrator, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Mr. Haridas Devadas as Data Base Administrator at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective June 1, 2010 at a 12-month salary of $85,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

3.) Dean of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, SUBR

No action was taken by the Committee on this item.

4.) Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Southern University - New Orleans, effective July 1, 2010, at a 12-month salary of $90,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Leaves of Absence

1.) Associate Vice for Facilities Operations, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, medical leave of absence, with pay, for Mr. Suman Moudgil, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations at Southern University and

Motion carried unanimously.

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2.) Assistant Director of Institutional Research, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, a medical leave of absence for Ms. Cynthia D. Reynaud, Assistant Director for Institutional Research at Southern University and A & M College, effective May 17, 2010 - July 23, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kassie Freeman, Ph.D., Secretary               Tony M. Clayton, Esq., Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS                          BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University and A & M College System   Southern University and A & M College System
SPECIAL MEETING
Southern University Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, June 30, 2010
9:00 A.M.
J. S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chair, Mr. Darren S. Mire. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

PRESENT
Mr. Darren S. Mire, Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chair
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
Interim System President Kassie Freeman
Vice President Tolor E. White
Chancellors Kofi Lomotey, SUBR; Ray Belton, SUSLA; Victor Ukpolo, SUNO; Leodrey Williams, SUAREC; and Freddie Pitcher, SULC

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was adopted, including the following items.

Motion carried unanimously.
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Item 6E: Authorization for Tuition Increase, by campus

Item 6H: BA-7 #7, SU System

Item 6I: Approval of Student Referenda, SUBR
1.) “Gold N Bluez” Fee
2.) Live Text Support Fee

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the Faculty Senate (SUBR) spoke in opposition to the compensation recommended in the proposed Employment Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and for Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. as System President (Item 6F) and to the appointment of a Chief of Staff at the System level (Item 6G).

Dr. Thomas Miller, Vice President of the Faculty Senate (SUBR) urged the Board of Supervisors to provide information to the Board of Regents that would justify its favorable consideration of House Resolution 198 and Senate Resolution 185. The resolutions urged and requested the Regents to implement the Postsecondary Education Review Commission's (PERC) recommendations calling for equitable and sufficient funding necessary for Louisiana's Historically Black Colleges and Universities to achieve their unique and important institutional mission.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Kassie Freeman was recognized by the Board of Supervisors Board Members for her service as Interim SU System President, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Dr. Freeman expressed her gratitude to the Board for having given her the opportunity to serve in the position. She also thanked the System and Campus Staff and Administrators for their assistance and support.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Waiver of the ten-day notice requirement for Special Board Meetings

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board waived the ten-day advance notice required by the Bylaws for Special Board Meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Submission of 2010-2011 Budget Reduction Plans, SU Systemwide

No action was taken on this item.
C. Policy for Early Retirement/Resignation Plans

1. Tenured Faculty, SU Systemwide
2. Unclassified Employees, SU System

During the presentation and discussion of this item, the following were highlighted:

---The proposed Retirement/Resignation Plans represented the Administration’s best efforts to effect the necessary budget reductions through voluntary attrition in lieu of implementing a mandatory Reduction in Force Plan.

---The actual cost savings resulting from the implementation of the Retirement/Resignation Plan will be reported by the System and the Campuses to the Board each year by October 1.

---Campuses will be given the option of lowering the terms and conditions of their respective plans.

---The System and Campuses’ operating budgets for FY 2010-2011 will be presented for Board approval at the August meeting.

Board action on the recommendation followed.

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Williams,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Southern University System Retirement/Resignation Incentive Policy for Unclassified Personnel at the SU System level; and, for Tenured Faculty, Systemwide be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the System President to implement a budget reduction plan, including termination, should the savings realized from a Retirement/Resignation Plan not meet the amount identified as necessary to balance the System budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Request for termination of Baccalaureate Degree programs, SUBR

A motion was offered by Atty. Dumas and seconded by Mr. Caiton for action by the Board to defer the Administration’s request to terminate the Baccalaureate Degree programs at Southern University-Baton Rouge that are listed below until a report on the Administration’s efforts to save the program is received.

- Agricultural Education
- Art Education
- Computer Science Education
- Early Childhood Education
- General Science Education

Vice Chancellor/Provost Shujaa assured the Board that the proposed program terminations would not negatively affect students nor faculty at Southern University and A & M College.

Mr. Guidry recalled that the Board of Regents, as a matter of policy, requests higher education institutions to conduct program reviews and to subsequently recommend for termination those programs which are found to be low completers.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Bell, and seconded by Mr. Guidry,

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that Southern University and A & M College’s request to terminate the following Baccalaureate Degree programs in the College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction be and it is hereby approved.

- Agricultural Education
- Art Education
- Computer Science Education
- Early Childhood Education
- General Science Education

Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 10 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Caiton, Forstall, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Scott, Williams; 1 nay: Dumas; 0 abstentions

E. Authorization for Tuition Increase, By Campus

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the Southern University campuses be and they are hereby authorized to enter an initial performance agreement with the Board of Regents, per the LA GRAD Act; and, to implement an increase in tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year, as indicated below:

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Motion carried unanimously.

The Board also noted that the LA GRAD Act would also require the State Management Boards to increase non-resident fees and, that Southern University may establish a waiver policy to offset the negative impact of an anticipated non-resident fee increase.
Mr. Jason Wynne Hughes advised that Southern University and Grambling University’s non-resident fees will be compared with those charged at similar institutions before any requirement to raise non-resident fees is imposed under the LA GRAD Act.

F. Consideration of Employment Contract for Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. as President of the Southern University System

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the employment agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. as President of the Southern University System, for a fixed term of five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2010 and expiring/terminating on June 30, 2015 be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President shall be paid (1) an annual salary of three hundred seventy-four dollars and zero cents ($374,000.00) for the term of this agreement as compensation for his services while serving as President; (2) a vehicle allowance of $16,000 annually; and, (3) a housing allowance of $36,000 annually.

Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 10 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Caiton, Dumas, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Scott, Williams; 1 nay: Forstall; 0 abstentions

The agreement also provides for the appointment of Dr. Mason as a full professor with tenure at the Law Center.

Further details of the agreement are disclosed in the document.

G. Appointment of Chief of Staff, SU System

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the System President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a Chief of Staff at the SU System level.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairman and System President be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate the salary for the Chief of Staff position and submit their recommendation to the Board for final approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. BA-7 #7, SU System
On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Guidry,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that BA-7 #7 reflecting net adjustments in the total spending authority in the amount of $1,895,660.00 for the institutions within the Southern University System, as authorized by House Bill 1358 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of Student Referenda, SUBR
   1.) “Gold and Bluez” Dance Team Fee

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the student referendum approving a fee increase of $2.00 to support the “Gold and Bluez” Dance Team at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective 2010-2011 academic year, be and it is hereby ratified.

Motion carried unanimously.

2.) Live Text Support Fee

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the student referendum approving a one-time tuition fee of $98.00 to provide access to the Live Text Learning Outcomes Assessment Tool and Digital Portfolio for the Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus, effective 2010-2011 academic year, be and it is hereby ratified.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kassie Freeman, Ph.D., Secretary               Tony M. Clayton, Esq., Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS                        BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Southern University System                   Southern University System
July 6, 2010

Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., President
Southern University System
4th Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

RE: Revised Resolution for SUSLA and the City of Shreveport

Dear Dr. Mason:

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana partners with the City of Shreveport on various projects throughout the year. Based on changes in the Administration, we are requesting the previous resolution be updated to reflect the current officers of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

The attached resolution is being submitted with the updated information so that the Southern University at Shreveport and the City of Shreveport can continue as allies to provided services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects.

Your review and approval of this update resolution is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.
Chancellor

RLB/ew
RESOLUTION
of the
Southern University Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, Dr. Ray L. Belton is the Chancellor Southern University at Shreveport, having been appointed to that post by the Southern University Board of Supervisors in November 2000; and

WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport has been approved as a sub-grantee of the City of Shreveport (the "City") to oversee certain grants and projects in fulfillment of goals and objectives established by the City for various Economic Development and Workforce Projects; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage Southern University at Shreveport on a regular basis to perform certain tasks and responsibilities that require immediate response to and acceptance of grants and project offers in funding amounts at various levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport requests that the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport be vested with the authority to sign and enter into Agreements with the City of Shreveport to perform said tasks and responsibilities attendant to training, workforce and economic development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern University Board of Supervisors hereby grants authorization of the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with the City of Shreveport, to be handled through SUSLA’s Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects and to do all things necessary to ensure fulfillment of said agreement and contracts that he so executes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions taken pursuant to this authorization are subject to the prior review and approval of the President of the Southern University System or her designee.

CERTIFICATE

We, the duly authorized officers of the Southern University Board of Supervisors do hereby affirm that the foregoing is a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University and A&M College System at its regular meeting held on July 24, 2009.

Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. System President
Secretary
Board of Supervisors
Southern University System

Atty. Antonio M. Clayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
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Kofi Lomotey, Chancellor
July 2010

Significant Achievements/Accomplishments

2010 Summer Classical Jazz Series on the Bluff Kicks Off

On Thursday, July 1, 2010, the second annual Summer Jazz Series on the Bluff featured its first jazz artist. The smooth and melodic sounds of jazz vocalist Lamont O'Neal entertained the audience. In addition to his jazz renditions, O'Neal also entertained the crowd with at least one gospel selection. This artist seemed to especially enjoy having members of the audience join him on stage. A number of enthusiastic attendees graced the stage and showed off their dancing skills as the band played. It was a wonderful, entertaining and relaxing evening for all in attendance.

The next show will be on July 9, 2010 and will feature Michael Phillips, a talented jazz saxophonist. Although the inclement weather did not allow us to have the first concert outside as planned, hopefully the weather will cooperate so that the second, third and fourth concerts can be held outside on the beautiful bluff!

High School Students to Participate in Alvin Batiste Jazz Institute Summer Jazz Camp

The Director and Associate Director of the Alvin Batiste Jazz Institute are looking for talented and interested jazz students of high school age to participate in a student jazz camp this summer. The summer jazz camp is an idea that was introduced by the late Professor Alvin Batiste and is now being re-introduced as a part of the jazz institute's overall program.

Young musicians in 9th through 12th grades are encouraged to apply for participation. The camp will run from July 26th to July 30th and will provide a supportive and creative environment for high school musically talented students to study and play with peers and a prestigious faculty of musicians and educators. Improvisation and ear training through the rhythm section, horn section and small ensemble playing will be emphasized.
The camp will culminate with a performance by the camp participants and faculty. The faculty will include Alvin Batiste Jazz Institute Director Harry Anderson, associate director Herman Jackson, lead clinician Wess "Warm Daddy" Anderson, Michael Esneault, piano and rhythm section and Donald Evans, horn section.

The week-long camp will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. The major sponsor for the jazz camp is the Office of the Mayor-President. That office provided a donation in the amount of $2,500. These funds are to be used principally to cover the registration fee of $150 per student for some youth who wish to participate and who are members of low socioeconomic households.

**SUBR Continues to Emphasize Community Service**

Professor Eva Kleinpeter, a long time member of the College of Education faculty, believes in teaching by example. Recently, Professor Kleinpeter, along with about 30 of her students, engaged in a community service project that resulted in a bright and freshly painted front entrance of Crestworth Elementary School. Through her classes, Professor Kleinpeter demonstrates what the University continues to emphasize through community service – the importance of giving something back. Students know that community service is high on the University’s list of priorities for its students. In fact, clocking at least 60 hours of community service is a requirement for graduation.

Students who engaged in this particular project appeared to be happy and enthusiastic to do so. Dorothy Watkins, a senior child development major, perhaps expressed the sentiment of the students best when she said, “We all have a spirit of community service. Dr. Kleinpeter re-enforces and enriches it.” “This will make a real difference to the community and to the children who go to school here,” said First Circuit Judge John Michael Guidry. The work of these students and their instructor was featured in *The Advocate* and on WBRZ-TV Ch. 2.

**DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS**

**Coach Stump Mitchell Holds Highly Successful Summer Football Camps**

From the northern part of the state, to central Louisiana to south Louisiana, SUBR’s new head football coach made his presence known this summer! Coach Stump Mitchell and his staff held football camps across the state, and nearly 500 youth came to meet the new head football coach and to be exposed to the fundamentals of the game of football.

The youth and their parents/guardians were enthusiastic and pleased to meet and interact with the new coach and his staff. The largest camp was held on the Baton Rouge campus with over 250 youth in attendance. All participants were not local. Some campers were from Mississippi, New Orleans, Lake Charles and Lafayette. This was an excellent opportunity for some of the participants to visit our campus for
the first time. The coach and his staff, the athletic director and other University officials encouraged these prospective students to choose SUBR to pursue their postsecondary education. For additional details, please see attached Advocate article.

OFFICE OF MEDIA RELATIONS

The Office of Media Relations continues to seize every opportunity to positively expose SUBR through both print and electronic media. Since January, 2010, SUBR representatives have appeared on television over 30 times promoting various positive activities and highlighting accomplishments of students, faculty and staff. In addition, the Baton Rouge campus has been featured in The Advocate and other print media numerous times positively promoting the University.

What follows is an update covering media activities since our June report to the board.

On June 10, Southern was featured on WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 highlighting its partnership with Wintec, a company that has a HCA-10 compound that has the ability to soak up large amounts of oil in battling the giant oil spill in the Gulf. Dr. Sam Washington, Director of SUBR's Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, was featured in the story. SUBR's engineering students will be studying the toxicity of the chemical to see if it will be harmful to humans and marine life.

On June 11, the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies was featured on WVLA-TV Channel 33 for the testing of air-monitoring equipment that can be used on campus and in surrounding areas to detect concentrations of toxic chemicals in the air. Dr. Sam Washington was featured in the story.

On June 16, The Advocate newspaper published a story about how Southern University's professors are assisting with the recruitment efforts at the University. The story was a positive look at how everyone is pitching in to help at Southern. Approximately 30 faculty members participated in a special recruitment training workshop sponsored by the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

On June 17, The Advocate newspaper published a news feature article focusing on an emergency management practice disaster response activity sponsored and hosted by Southern University. The mock event was held in the end zone facility at A.W. Mumford Stadium.

On June 24, Michelle Hill, executive associate to the Chancellor, was a guest on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's Morning Show and on WEMX Wake Up Syndicate on July 1 to promote Southern’s effort to help students complete their fall 2010 registration and assist with financial aid. (This was part of a larger media awareness campaign that will be explained later in this report.)
On June 25, student volunteers from the College of Education were featured on WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 evening news. The students were painting the entrance to Crestworth Elementary School. The students were also featured in The Advocate on June 26.

Southern University’s Classical Jazz on the Bluff series was a major feature article in The Advocate’s Sunday Magazine section on June 27. The participants include: Singer Lamont O’Neill, Saxophonist Michael Phillips, Jazz Violinist Michael Ward and Singer Yolanda Lindsay. The series runs throughout July and is free and open to the public.

SU Media Relations Director Edward Pratt also promoted the Jazz series on WBRH-FM’s, local jazz radio show on June 27.

The SUBR Office of Media Relations, in partnership with the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, has launched an awareness campaign to urge students to register early and to complete their financial aid matters as soon as possible. Ads began appearing on radio stations WEMX-FM 94.1, KQXL-FM 106.5 and WXOK AM 1460 on Thursday, July 1...The ads will continue through July 10.

Another interview is scheduled for Saturday, July 10 on WAFB-TV Ch. 9’s Saturday morning show. Southern will also be featured on the July 18th Major Topics radio show on KQXL-FM 106.5. Tentative guest list include Edward Pratt and Michelle Hill.

On Wednesday, July 7, Chancellor Lomotey visited the Hollywood Casino, ate lunch with John Smith and other Casino executives and received the second of 2 checks for $25,000 for SUBR scholarships.

Later this month Henry Frierson will be on campus to discuss possible dual degree programs and other academic collaborations between SUBR and the University of Florida (UF). Dr. Frierson is Associate Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School at UF.
Central Plant & Other Buildings
The designer has been authorized to complete the bid documents. Construction is projected to begin in early 2011. All documents for construction have been finalized. Robert Cannon, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration/Facilities, reports that the “in-the-ground” phase of construction for the College of Business Building is nearly finished. Additionally, exterior work on the ITC Building is finished, and work has commenced on the interior.

Hot Water Trenches/Sidewalks
Driven by safety concerns for the entire University community, the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning & Control has been working with us to address the concrete hot water trenches with steel covers that are present on the Park Campus. These discussions and assessments resulted in planning to rectify the most dangerous areas that feature the trenches. The informal bidding process is nearly complete, and reconstruction on the trenches near the Health & PE Building and the Library should commence within the next three weeks. Work on the remaining trenches is expected to being in mid to late August.

University Library
The architect will present mitigation proposals for FEMA on July 21, 2010, and should garner approval to complete bid documents for both projects after that date. Construction is projected to begin in early 2011. In the interim, Building 41 on the Lake Campus will be used as additional temporary library space.

“Students should be pleased with this addition because it will provide a quiet zone for study, plus additional services will be available,” said Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson, director of the Library. “The design plans for the permanent library are very nice. I believe that the University community will be impressed with the final product.”
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College of Arts and Sciences:

Department of Arts and Humanities

NEH Panel Invitation: Dr. Chester Mills, Associate Professor of English, has been selected as a panelist to evaluate proposals for the 2010 National Endowment for Humanities Awards for Faculty: Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts. The applicants to this national competition are from federally designated institutions of high Hispanic enrollment, and historically black colleges and universities. Dr. Mills’ expertise in his areas of scholarship and teaching has qualified him for this recognition by the National Endowment for Humanities organization.

Department of Natural Science

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, Chair

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar:
Organized a trip for the Robotic Club at Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies to visit the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO), May 7, 2010. Taught 2 Physics sections of the summer outreach program for 2nd to 4th graders called "Gateway to Excellence in Science and Math (GEMS)" which is organized by Dr. Joe Omololu, Murty Kambhampati, and Dr. Carl Johnson at SUNO. One session was about Electricity and Magnetism and the second was about Optics.

Dr. Murty Kambhampati: Received a supplemental grant ($44,999) from NSF to support six students and a faculty member to participate in summer research projects at Brookhaven National Labs (BNL), Long Island, NY this summer (June 6 - August 14, 2010). Students: Dominique Townsend, Selam Workeneh, Herman Mackey, Jerilyn St. Cyr, Dorcas Falodun, and Natasha Robateau (All are biology majors).

Dr. Joe Omololu:
The Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) students started their summer internships under the E’MaS program.

E’MaS faculty, staff and scholars recruited participants for our three summer programs: the Summer Enrichment Program for High School students, GEMS (Gateway to Excellence in Math and Science) for grade schoolers, and Summer Enrichment for Teachers.

Dr. Omololu served as Chair of the Search Committee which was charged with recommending faculty to be hired for Biology, Mathematics and Chemistry positions.

He took a trip to Iowa City, Iowa for research collaboration with faculty from the Department of Mathematics at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Joseph Olubadewo:
Attended a QEM conference in May in Baltimore

Attended the Human Anatomy & Physiology Society (HAPS) 24th Annual Conference in Denver along with Dr. Ibrahim Ekaidt.

Dr. Illya Tietzel:
Was invited by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Biological Sciences Directorate (BIO) to participate at their expense in the NSF Human Resource Division (HRD) Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) in Washington, DC June 6-9, 2010. He was chosen from a group of scientists/investigators, nominated by the principal investigators of institutions participating in one of the projects sponsored by the HRD within the Education and Human Resources Directorate (EHR). Dr. Omololu nominated Dr. Tietzel as new faculty worthy of being sponsored.

Dr. Tietzel was asked by the Chancellor of SUNO to serve as a member of the "Core Requirements: Faculty Comprehensive Standards: Faculty Subcommittee(s)" chaired by Dr. Sudipta Das. The first meeting was on May 7th of 2010; Dr. Tietzel attended and received tasks. He prepared drafts of section 3.7.3 and provided data for faculty numbers of 2006, 2009, 2010. He also assisted in calculating faculty student ratios.

Dr. Tietzel assisted in giving tours of the biology facilities to individuals interested in enrolling at SUNO as Biology Majors.

Dr. Tietzel participated in reviewing and recommending candidates for open faculty positions of the Department of Natural Sciences as member of the hiring committee.

In June, Dr. Tietzel taught the science section in a PRAXIS 2 Test preparation workshop hosted by the College of Education & Human Development at SUNO. The event was organized by Ms. Gilda Jones.

Dr. Tietzel also taught 2 biology sections of the summer outreach program for 2nd to 4th graders called "Gateway to Excellence in Science and Math (GEMS)" which is organized by Dr. Joe Omololu at SUNO.

Dr. Tietzel is currently conducting research at the LSU Health Science Center about his own research project studying the role of alterna-
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 cultivated macrophages in chlamydial pathogenesis.

Summer Programs in Natural Sciences

The following programs are being hosted by the Department of Natural Sciences this summer. These programs are organized by Dr. Joe Omojola, Murty Kambhampati, and Dr. Carl Johnson:

Gateway to Excellence in Math and Science (GEMS)

This program serves forty (40) 2nd to 4th graders in two separate sessions. Session I is June 7–18 and Session II is July 6–16. The objective of GEMS is to increase the interest of elementary students in mathematics and science. Towards this end, GEMS will provide students with hands-on, inquiry based instructions in mathematics and science.

Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)

This program serves thirty (30) 10th and 11th graders from June 14 through July 9, 2010. The objective of SEP is to give high school students enrichment in mathematics and science in order to better prepare them for college. In this program students also carry out a supervised, independent research in a science of math discipline.

Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)

This program serves up to ten (10) undergraduate science and math majors in a traditional summer research internship. These students also assist in teaching and mentoring high school students in SEP in addition to carrying out an independent research with a faculty member. The program runs from May 24 through August 6, 2010. The objective of SURE is to equip undergraduate students with research skills and methodologies while preparing them for graduate school.

Museum Studies

Dr. Sara J. Hollis, Director

Activities of Dr. Sara Hollis, Director of M.A. Museum Studies:

Dr. Sara Hollis served on the Commencement Committee, as well as several committees for SACS re-accreditation, plus the Faculty Development Committee, the Education Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and others. Dr. Hollis is very active in the arts community, considering that part of her recruiting efforts for M.A. Museum Studies. She continues to attend the weekly exhibitions at the J.W. Marriott which showcase a number of New Orleans artists, photographers, and craft persons and therefore draws a different crowd every week. She attended the New Orleans Photo Alliance presentation entitled "6 Shooters", which featured interviews with 6 prominent photographers in Louisiana and also the May meeting at the New Orleans of Art for the Viewing of "Beloq". On May 16th she attended the reception for the Louisiana Watercolor Society's International Exhibition at Place St. Charles.

On May 18th Dr. Hollis and Dr. Jiang attended the Advisory Committee Meeting for the M.A. Museum Studies Program. The Committee met from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Rm. 306 ADM. Building. Dr. Jiang took the minutes. The Board formed two subcommittees and plans were made for meetings of the subcommittees.

The two subcommittees are: Curriculum and Recruiting & Retention. Dr. Sara Hollis, Director of the Master of Arts in Museum Studies Program is serving on a number of meetings that are preparing SUNO for the SACS Self-Study. She has been preparing all of the documents requested for the Self-Study. She has also been visiting numerous museums and galleries to make them aware of recent developments in museum studies and to discuss current and possible future internships for M.A. Museum Studies Students. She placed two announcements about the application process for M.A. Museum Studies in the Arts Councils email announcements which have been sent out to all members of the Arts Council all over this area. She attends many evening and weekend arts and cultural events to hand out Museum Studies brochures to help with recruitment. The July 1st deadline for M.A. Museum Studies has been extended to July 15th to allow more prospective students to apply. Dr. Hollis invited all museums studies students to come out July 1st to celebrate the official opening reception of the Julia Street Gallery of recent Museum Studies Graduate Myesha Francis Agwe.

As an artist, Dr. Hollis maintains a studio, La Mermaid Studio in Gentilly and a small gallery space to show her work at Le Boulevard Marketplace in Lakeview where she shows her drawings, paintings, and photographs. As a writer, Dr. Hollis has had two articles published in The New Orleans Tribune this summer. The first, Art, Glorious Art was a review of the Beyond the Blues exhibition at the New Orleans of Art featuring the art collection belonging to the Amistad Research Center. The second, Harold Batiste, Jr., Cultural
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Icon and Master Teacher, is about the recent autobiography of Mr. Batisse and the reception and book signing held at the Historic New Orleans Collection. Over the years, Dr. Hollis has written locally for the NOMA Arts Quarterly, the Gulf Coast Arts Review, the Louisiana Weekly, and Data, as well as various academic journals. During the last year she had two exhibitions at the JW Marriott on Canal Street in New Orleans.

Dr. Yu Jiang’s Activities

On Wednesday June 9, Dr. Jiang hosted a lunch with Dr. Hollis, Mr. Adewale Adenle and his wife Sheleen Jones Adenle, to discuss enforcing and maintaining high academic standards for MA in Museum Studies Program students who choose to do a graduation project instead of a thesis. Later, Ms. Cherie Caizenavette joined the meeting. Mr. Adenle and Ms. Caizenavette both graduated from SUNO’s Museum Studies Program. During the discussion, Dr. Jiang’s position was that the Museum Studies Program would still allow its students to choose either to a graduation thesis or a project. The graduation thesis and project will each need to clearly show the kind of contribution students are making to the museum community. For instance, in dealing with a museum exhibition project, the following questions need to be thought of carefully: Does the intended show focus on a heretofore unnoticed but highly achieved artist, a historical phenomenon, and etc.? Or does it utilize new exhibition methods that broaden our way of thinking about how an exhibition interacts with its visitors? A meaningful project should bring something to the broader context of museum studies as a discipline.

On Thursday June 10, Dr. Jiang attended the Faculty Senate Meeting from 3 to 4:30PM. At the meeting, SUNO’s budget cut and administration review issues were discussed.

On Saturday June 19, Dr. Jiang attended a full-day Quality Matters Workshop on the Lake Campus, NC28C, 8AM to 4PM. This was a very helpful workshop that intended to help participants to improve online course design that focuses on 8 quality-control standards, including Course Overview and Introduction, Learning Objectives, Assessment and Measurement, Resources and Materials, Learner Engagement, Course Technology, Learner Support, and Accessibility. These standards are further divided into a total of 40 solid sub-standards.

On Tuesday June 22, Dr. Jiang attended a meeting with Dr. Hollis, hosted by Dr. Henry Mokosso, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. At the meeting, the possibility of teaching undergraduate classes for the fall was discussed in the event of low enrollment for the Fall Museum Studies Program courses.

On Saturday June 26, Dr. Jiang attended the National Conference Artists New Orleans Chapter Awards Ceremony at the New Orleans Ashe Cultural Arts Center from 7 to 9PM. At this event, Mr. Adewale Adenle and his wife Sheleen Jones Adenle, both received the Outstanding Artist Award. Dr. Sara Hollis attended this ceremony as well.

On Tuesday June 29, 2010, Dr. Jiang attended a meeting hosted by Dr. Henry Mokosso. At the meeting from 2:15 to 3:15PM, the Museum Studies faculty and Dean Mokosso discussed some pressing issues regarding the program, such as summer 2010 course schedules, management of the program, and maintaining a col

Dr. Nina Muller-Schwarze

Dr. Muller-Schwarze is teaching one online class this summer, Professional Conferences. Dr. Muller-Schwarze attended a conference titled "Red Beans and Rice" at the Historic New Orleans collection with students from the class. Students are working on activities related to analyzing conference skills and strategies and preparing either a conference presentation or a reflection on a conference presentation.

Dr. Muller-Schwarze met with Dr. Belisle several times to seek funding for a museum exhibit based on Dr Muller-Schwarze's research; this exhibit will be used in the Fall for classes and Dr. Muller-Schwarze has been actively working on these syllabi and preparing the activities for these fall classes. This has meant several meetings with the curator, Liz Williams, of the Southern Food and Beverage Museum, where the exhibit and related activities will take place. Dr. Muller-Schwarze is actively working together with Dr. Belisle to pen letters seeking funding for materials for the exhibit from local businesses and foundations.

Dr. Muller-Schwarze is working diligently on her book under contract with McFarland Academic Press.
Dr. Muller-Schwarze has also met with Dr. Belisle to explore possible avenues for funding to support book writing. Book writing this summer involves translating colonial documents from Spanish, taking notes on these documents, interpreting this data in light of anthropological theory, and synthesizing this information into a written rough draft. Dr. Muller-Schwarze also has worked with the helpful librarians to get obscure references here at SUNO and at Tulane University this summer.

Dr. Muller-Schwarze is also working hard towards finishing an article about basketry in rural Panama, and has worked with the curator of the Tulane University herbarium, Anne Bradburn, with regards to a collection of cultural materials collected by Dr Muller Schwarze, and the basis for this article. Dr. Muller-Schwarze also received a spontaneous email from an undergraduate student at another university who read a published article of hers and is interested in conversing about her research. Dr. Muller-Schwarze is waiting to hear back from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities regarding her application for $42,000 for a film project; notification should be received July first.

College of Education:
Dr. Wanga continues to lead the effort on the QEP topics and report preparation and Dr. Shawn Bellow continues to lead the Student Learning Outcomes Committee and report preparation.

Dr. Bellow continues to serve on several SACS committees as does Drs. Wanga, Dickerson, Robinson and Kaltenbaugh.

Dr. Bellow organized and conducted a presentation of student teachers’ portfolios.

Dr. Allen-Jones continues to serve on CETL as does Dr. Kaltenbaugh.

Dr. Boone has contacted several cultural sites for students registered in EDUC 275, Multicultural Education, for the summer session.

Drs. Kaltenbaugh and Olubadewo, along with a middle-school science teacher, Ms. Lekisha Dapremont, traveled to Maryland to attend a workshop on MSP-Start Planning grants. Drs. Kaltenbaugh and Olubadewo will develop a planning grant and submit it to MSP by July 8, 2010. Dr. William Belisle will be assisting in the budget preparation. The Non-masters alternative certification program admitted three new candidates during May, 2010. Regarding state-wide alternative certification programs, and in response to the State Department of Education’s mandate for those programs to provide 80 hours of “Readiness Preparation” prior to enrollment, Dr. Kaltenbaugh developed an 80 hour Readiness Preparation Program that will address the following: (1) Classroom environment; (2) Classroom management; (3) Instructional Design and (4) Instructional Delivery. This 80 hour Readiness Preparation Program will be conducted from July 8, 2010 – August 3, 2010. Title III Alternative Teacher Certification and COE/HD Accreditation Grants were updated for 2010-2011 and will be submitted to Dr. Brenda Jackson by June 2, 2010.

Dr. Allen-Jones provided service to sixty (60) students.

Prior to a course being cancelled for the summer, Dr. Allen-Jones worked with Ms. Mona Lisa Anderson to have all students in JRDV 091 evaluated for their oral reading and comprehension abilities. All students were evaluated. In addition, Dr. Allen-Jones sought the assistance of Ms. Yolanda Mims, Director of Students with Disabilities Services, to assist a student in ECED 314. ECED 314, Creative Curriculum, requires a field site placement.

Dr. Dickerson has been designated at the Freshman Counselor.

Dr. Sherry Bachus, CDFS faculty member, attended the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 101st Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio June 23-27, 2010. The College of Education and Human Development received a Value-Added Teacher Preparation Action Research Study Subgrant for $20,000.00. Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh is the PI and Dr. Kimberly Dickerson is the Grant Researcher. All education faculty will be involved in the research.

The College of Education and Human Development has been involved in the Freshman Orientation Meetings held in the Gym. Dr. Kimberly Dickerson and Dr. Shawn Bellow have been attending the summer registration activities.

Dr. Katherine Robinson, PK-16 School-University Partnership Coordinator, identified three new K-8 school sites for field experiences.

Dr. Katherine Robinson and Ms. Celina Carson, CDFS Field Experiences Coordinator, identified seven sites for field experiences for CDFS students.

Drs. Boone and Kaltenbaugh
established a new Summer Field Site with the Plaquemines Parish School System. 

Dr. Allen-Jones updated the Early Childhood Brochure. Ms. Gilda Jones, Praxis Coordinator, conducted a Praxis II (0014) Workshop on June 28 and June 29. There were 28 attendees. Campus faculty and former education candidates presented on specific topics. An 80 Hour Readiness Training Workshop has been developed by Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh and approved by the Board of Regents as part of SUNO’s new alternative certification program. The 80 Hour Readiness Training is a mandate from the Board of Regents for alternative certification candidates entering the new Certification Only, Alternative Certification Program path. To date, five new candidates are slated to attend. The 80 Hour Readiness Training Workshop will begin July 7th and end on August 2nd. It will address the following: (1) Classroom environment; (2) Classroom management; (3) Instructional Design and (4) Instructional Delivery. The College of Education faculty have met and discussed several key issues: (1) what the new College of Education and Human Development should look like and how it should be designed; (2) identify goals and objectives for the 2010-2011 academic year; (3) complete Expert List to strengthen the school-university relationship; and (4) update all Policies and Procedures manuals to reflect current status. 

Five major goals for the 2010-2011 academic year have been identified: (1) submit final proposal for the Masters in Education Program of study; (2) Seek NAEYC Accreditation for Early Childhood Education. This year is the third year that we have data so we can begin the process. (3) Seek National Accreditation for CDFS. (4) Seek reinstatement of secondary education programs. Research will begin as to the feasibility of goal #4 in September. High schools will be visited and canvassed to secure data of non-certified secondary teachers regarding if we had a program and to obtain their commitment to enroll in our program. Numbers are important when trying to propose a new and or reinstatement of programs. (5) Increase our retention/graduation rate by implementing several new programs and improving on others. Examples – set up a study buddy program, improve on our advisement; establish intercampus partnerships with the math, science, English and social sciences departments to address concepts/content that are tested on the PRAXIS I and II tests. 

Title III Alternative Teacher Certification and COE/HD Accreditation Grants submitted to Dr. Brenda Jackson June 2, 2010. Dr. Sherry Bachus has a BoR grant- Second Life Technology. 

Works in Progress: 
Dr. Sherry Bachus. Proposal for Presentation: National Coalition for Black Development and Family and Consumer Science, Inc. at the AFCA Conference in Arizona. An MSP Start Partnership Grant is being developed by Drs. Kaltenbaugh, Olubadewo, Tietzel, and Omojola, along with school partners in Plaquemines Parish and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter Schools. It will be submitted to MSP on July 8, 2010. Dr. William Belisle is assisting. The Non-masters alternative certification program admitted five new candidates during June, 2010. Beginning July 1, 2010 the alternative certification path is now known as Certification-Only Program, Alternative Path. Both the Early Childhood Program (PreK-3rd) and the Elementary Education (1-5) certification-only programs have been approved by the Board of Regents. Dr. Shawan Bellow and Dr. Pamela Wanga have a proposed article for publication for spring 2011 in Educational Considerations. "How we soared above impending challenges of hurricanes, loss of documents, and no faculty to embracing the news of NCATE reaccreditation with new faculty, all in one year!"

General Studies Staff Meetings 
The General Studies Program Director has had several staff meetings regarding student learning outcomes, advisement and accreditation reports. The Director has initiated discussions on appropriate advisement procedures and shared Program data on matriculating students and the implications of that data on student retention and success. The GSP staff has also provided information on their previous advisement experiences relative to the data reports received. 

The General Studies Director and staff have been involved in the following activities to improve delivery of services provided by the Program: 

General Studies Program Re-Certification Activities
Academic Affairs

Several reports have been ordered from the ITC for review to complete the General Studies Program assessment. The completed assessment report will be forwarded to the accreditation officer for review with the required documentation.

The Director has requested a meeting with the College Dean and Associate Dean to convene meetings with the appropriate English and Math faculty members to discuss institutional data and the implications on retention and graduation, especially those who teach remedial English courses, English 111 and 112. These meetings are critical since student learning outcomes are linked to success rates with these courses and are reported with the GSP student learning outcomes program assessment for the 2012 institutional SACS recertification.

Program Development

Title III Program Grant Enhancement report and renewal application was completed and submitted to the Title III Program Office prior to the established deadline.

The Director has been collecting data to respond to the Board Committee on CALL- Distance Learning.

Staff Activities

Dr. Mary R. Vaughn
Quality Enhancement Sub-Committee on Public Relations/Marketing

Met with the Public Relations/Marketing Committee to develop strategies for meeting QEP Committee Requirements

Coordinated the Development of a Logo for QEP Project

Coordinated the development of a bookmark and a table announcement for the Board of Supervisor’s Meeting to be held at SUNO.

Coordinated the development of the SUNO Cheerleaders’ QEP Cheer.

Appointed to the Board of Supervisors’ Meeting SUNO Planning Committee

Conducting Research on Successful National Advisement Models

Participated in the Freshmen Seminars and Freshmen Registration

Met with the Core Requirements: Student Support Services; Comprehensive Standards: Student Affairs & Services Sub-Committee(s)

Met with the Chancellor’s Accountability Task Force on Report on Retention and Graduation Rates

Convened the Sub-Committee on Advisement

Conducted a SWOT Analysis (Environmental Scan) on Advisement

Conducted Research on Best Practices

Met with Enrollment Management and Select Student Affairs Staff

Completed report for the Accountability Report Task Force on Retention and Graduation Rates- Sub-Committee on Advisement

Completed Certification Course for Quality Matters (Curriculum Reviewer for Distance Learning Courses)- Sponsored by SUNO, June 19, 2010

Ms. Marina Dumas-Haynes, Academic Counselor (Faculty)

Appointed to teach Freshman JRV111 & 111A Freshman Assembly and College Survival Skills

Ms. Alfred Harris, Academic Counselor

Board Planning Committee for SUNO meeting in July

The Observer Committee

Assisting the QEP Public Relations/Marketing Committee

with developing institutional logo, bookmarks and table announcements for Board Meeting in July

Ms. Orion Prater

Developed QEP Cheer with the SUNO Cheerleaders’

Student Activities

Students assisted in the designing of the QEP Logo.

College of Business

Accreditation:

In an attempt to align CBA faculty qualifications with the AQ/PQ standards adopted by CBA in its Accreditation Plan which was approved by AACSB International, CBA is critically reviewing the credentials and portfolio of intellectual contributions of every faculty member in the college.

Specific action recommendations will be made to the university administration by July 2010. In the meantime, CBA has concluded a national search for two faculty members to help meet the teaching and advisement needs of its growing student body.

Additional foundation work is ongoing for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building as of June 30, 2010 at SUNO’s Lake Campus. The contract for the Building was awarded to Stallings Construction Company (Mike Stallings, President) on February 4, 2010 at a cost of $3,365,400. Ground was broken on March 24, 2010. The building is to be completed by summer 2011.

During the month of June, Fouad K. Moussa, Assistant Professor of Finance, traveled to Paris, France to confer with his dissertation advisors in preparation for the defense of his dissertation in December, 2010.

Frank Martin, Professor &
Academic Affairs

Chair of the Business Entrepreneurship Department, served as a reviewer of applications for State and Local Government Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for the New Orleans Aviation Board, the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, and Harrah’s Casino.

Office of Student Services (OSS) June 2010 Report

Continued tracking of 2006 – 2009 cohorts, where 28% or 2006 cohort, 19% of 2007 cohort, 26% of 2008 cohort, and 35% of 2009 cohort are on track to graduate within 6 years.

Developed gradation plan for all enrolled cohort students. Contacted by phone and email all cohort members with reasonable opportunity to graduate within 6 years to encourage persistence and registration.

Reviewed suspension and probation lists and contacted CBA students to discuss academic recovery.

Sent welcome letter from Dean to all new freshmen students – 80 admitted for Summer 2010 and 30 admitted for Fall 2010 and encouraged early registration.

Participated in early registration for new freshmen students.

Continued to advise and meet with students with special challenges for problem solving and referral.

Developed retention tracking system for faculty advisement.

LSBDC Greater New Orleans Regional Collaborative Partnership June 2010 Report

Trainings and Seminars presented, participated and/or attended:

How to Form and Register

Your Business
Starting and Financing Your Business
Understanding Credit

Counseling Sessions

Relationships with our community partners at the River Region Parish are being developed and maintained via seminars and one on one counseling sessions. These services are currently being provided every other Friday in the month.

One on one counseling provided to the following types of new business:


One on one counseling provided to the following types of existing businesses: Transportation Service, Dry Cleaning Service, Daycare Facility, Fast Food Establishment, Comedy Club, Cartoon Character Party Provider, DVD Rental Kiosk, Celebrity Stylist Training School, Association Consulting, Coffee/Lt. Meals Café, Architect Firm, Entertainment Production.

Grants/Loans

Assisting clients with loan packaging via SBA and various other lending institutions.

Reports/Assignments

Preparation of Center IC reports (client data and professional participation).

Research

Researched client specific information.

Meetings Attended

LSBDC Monthly Meeting
CBA Monthly Meeting
LA Workforce Com. Collaboration
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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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**11th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic**

The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation hosted the 11th Annual Gentlemen’s Cooking Classic (GCC), Saturday, June 26th at Harrah’s Louisiana Downs in the Red River Room. Known for its fabulous cuisine, the GCC has become the largest gathering of diverse and exceptionally talented Chefs in the Shreveport/Bossier area. This year’s theme: "Good Friends, Delicious Foods and Fine Wine."

For one day, these distinguished gentlemen exchange their designer suits, Mont Blanc pens and/or uniforms for aprons and spatulas to raise funds for scholarships for students at Southern University at Shreveport. The GCC has hosted more than seventy chefs and thousands of patrons in the past. Celebrity participants included Mayor Cedric B. Glover, former Mayor Keith Hightower, Sheriff Steve Prator and many popular local restaurant chefs.

This year, the event honored and featured local Celebrity Chefs, Jason and Michael Brady, Owners of Wine Country Bistro and the City of Shreveport's Chief of Police, Henry Whitehorn and Fire Chief, Brian Crawford, as the evening's “Southern Gentlemen.” Mr. John Hubbard, Manager External Affairs, AEP SWEPO served as Chair, and Mrs. Helen Godfrey-Smith, President and CEO of Shreveport Federal Credit Union as Co-Chair.

Pictured Above: SUSF President Mr. Winor Andrews flanked by this year’s honoree’s Jason and Michael Brady- Owners of Wine Country Bistro.

Pictured Above: Images are from the event.
SUSLA CO-SPONSOR'S ICE BIZ-CAMP

The annual Inner-City Entrepreneur’s Biz-Camp summer program kicked-off on June 11th. SUSLA staff members gave of their time, talents and expertise to train and prepare young entrepreneurs in the development of their future businesses for the annual business plan competition while competing for cash prizes and scholarships. The future entrepreneurs were trained in areas such as business plan development, product development, promotion, customer service and business etiquette.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Classes Session II July 7th—August 4th
Encana Camp Energy July 12th - 16th
National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam July 14th
Chancellor's Retreat July 15-16
QEP Planning Dates
Freshman Orientation July 30th and 31st (Hosted by the SGA and the QEP Planning Committee)
The Chancellor's Report to the
Southern University Board of Supervisors

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: Freddie Pitcher, Jr.
CAMPUS: Southern University Law Center
DATE: July 2010

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governor Names Chancellor to Panel

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr was recently appointed to a six-year term on the State Police Commission by Gov. Bobby Jindal. The seven-member Commission serves as the final authority over the administration and regulation of the State Police Service. This service pertains to all classified, full-time, law enforcement officers employed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The principal clients and users of the State Police Commission are commissioned Louisiana State Troopers and members of the public interested in becoming a Louisiana State Trooper. Attorneys representing appellants in disciplinary hearings are also a part of the client population served. These attorneys work directly with the State Police Commission.

Chancellor Pitcher Installs LSBA Officers

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. administered the oath of office to the 2010-’11 officers and members of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) during the installation service held on June 11. The activity was held in conjunction with the LSBA’s Annual Meeting in Destin, Florida. Michael A. Patterson of Baton Rouge was installed as the 2010-’11 President.

Alumnus Confirmed as U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana

Brian A. Jackson, ’85, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the position of U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Jackson is the first SULC alumnus to be appointed to the federal bench. He was recommended to President Barack Obama last July by U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu.

A shareholder in Liskow and Lewis in New Orleans, Jackson joined the firm following a 16-year career in the U.S. Department of Justice. Jackson is a former First Assistant U.S. Attorney in Baton Rouge and served for a time as acting U.S. Attorney for the Middle District. He also has been an Associate Attorney General in Washington, D.C.
Jackson earned a bachelor’s degree from Xavier University of Louisiana and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center. Jackson and members of his law school study group were known as “The Corporation.” This group established the Tyrone Key Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides two scholarships annually to deserving students at SULC.

He is the first SULC graduate to serve on the Admissions Committee for the Louisiana Supreme Court, where he wrote the bar examination on criminal law and evidence.

Jackson is a 2010 inductee in the SULC Hall of Fame.

Alumna Confirmed as U.S. Attorney for Louisiana’s Western District

Stephanie A. Finley, ’91, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the U.S. Attorney for Louisiana’s Western District.

Finley is the first woman in the State of Louisiana appointed as a U.S. Attorney.

“I am honored that President Obama has selected me and the Senate has confirmed my nomination to serve the people of the Western District of Louisiana as the U.S. Attorney,” said Finley.

Working for the Department as a prosecutor for the last 14 years has been an extraordinary experience. I now look forward to leading this dedicated group of men and women in their tireless pursuit of justice, she said.

Senator Mary Landrieu recommended Finley for the post in July of last year. “During the interview process, I was so impressed with Stephanie Finley’s law enforcement and military experience,” said Senator Landrieu.

“She is wholly committed to community safety and upholding public integrity. She will bring a wealth of knowledge to the U.S. Attorney position, especially given her background as both an Assistant U.S. Attorney and prosecutor for the U.S. Air Force,” Landrieu said.

For the last 18 years, Finley has practiced law in the federal arena as a Judge Advocate and an Assistant U.S. Attorney. She is currently Senior Litigation Counsel for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Lafayette, where she previously served as Acting Deputy Chief.

Finley earned her bachelor’s degree, with magna cum laude honors, from Grambling State University. While at SULC, she was editor-in-chief of the Law Review and is a cum laude graduate.


More than 80 entering students are participating in this summer’s Pre-Law Program, July 7 through 30.

The preparatory program is an “intensive institute,” according to Berryl Gordon-Thompson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support Programs.
Through this program, SULC starts building the foundation of knowledge and understanding of the structure and content of the legal system. The participants are submerged in law school pedagogy and theory, Chancellor Pitcher said.

Students are introduced to the Socratic method, as well as to legal skills, which emphasize legal writing and legal analysis, through instruction in three substantive courses, Torts, Contracts, and Basic Civil Procedure, he continued.

Office of Career Counseling and Development

Fall 2010 On Campus Recruitment/Resume Collect Employer Registration is underway. To date, the following employers have registered to participate in the Fall 2010 program:

Adams and Reese, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz (Birmingham, AL); Blue Williams, LLP (Metairie, LA); Chaffe McCall LLP (New Orleans, LA); Chopin, Wagars, Richard & Kutcher LLP (Metairie, LA); Deutsch Kerrigan & Stiles, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Irwin Fritchie Urquart and Moore, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Jones Walker LLP (New Orleans, LA); Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D. Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP (Baton Rouge, LA); Laborde & Neumer (Lafayette, LA); Lemle & Kelleher, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Liskow & Lewis (New Orleans, LA); McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel, & Welch PC (Metairie, LA); McGlinchey Stafford, APLLC (Baton Rouge, LA; McGlinchey Stafford, APLLC (New Orleans, LA); Miami-Dade County State Attorney (Miami, FL); Office of Chief Counsel, IRS (Washington, DC); Phelps Dunbar LLP (New Orleans, LA); Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLP (Baton Rouge, LA); U.S. Air Force, Judge Advocate General’s Department (Keesler AFB, MS); U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (Worldwide); Environmental Protection Agency (Washington, DC); Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Johnson LLP (New York, NY); Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, PC (Tulsa, OK); and Stone Pigman Walther Witzman LLC (New Orleans, LA).

Professional Development Activities

The National Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP) held its Annual Education Conference from April 28 - May 1, 2008 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Director Michelle A. Jackson attended this event. While at the Conference, Ms. Jackson was a speaker at a session entitled, “Diverse Lawyer Recruiting Challenges and Strategies,”

Office of Financial Aid

This office has received a total of 442 financial aid applications for the 2010-2011 school year. The breakdown is 211 freshman applications and 231 junior and senior applications. Information on each student application has been assembled, reviewed, and ready to be tracked, and verified where required.

The 2010 summer school financial aid budget for law students was approved and submitted to the campus office for inclusion on the student financial aid system. Summer school financial aid applications were distributed to students and a final count of 182 loans were processed.
Letters have been sent advising all incoming students of our participation in the direct loan program, with instructions on signing a new master promissory note under the direct program, entrance counseling, and how to apply for loan funds for next school year. Additionally, this office emailed all second and third year students with the same referenced information.

Financial aid award letters are projected to go out to students around July 30, 2010.

On the Go

Professor Donald North, Director of Clinical Education, was a presenter at the 14th Annual Louisiana Appellate Project Seminar, June 4, at Benedict’s Plantation in Mandeville, Louisiana. North’s topic was “Mixed Loyalties and Commitments: The New Fiduciary Conflict of Interest.”

Professor Gail Stephenson, Director of Legal Analysis and Writing, was a panelist for the June meeting of the Baton Rouge Bar Association in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the BRBA’s magazine, Around the Bar. Stephenson writes a monthly column, “Gail’s Grammar.”

Alumni News

Cynthia N. Reed recently received the 2010 Pro Bono Publico Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). Reed is the SULC Director of Continuing Legal Education and Alumni Affairs.

LaToya Jones Burrell, a 2010 honor graduate, has joined SULC as an Academic Counselor with the Office of Academic Support Programs.

During her matriculation, Burrell served two years as a teaching assistant. Additionally, she was a member of the Moot Court Board, a Civil and Administrative Law Clinical Education student attorney, an editor for the Journal of Race, Gender & Poverty, and was actively involved with the Student Bar Association and the ATLA mock trial team.

Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., ’08, owner of the Law Offices of Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., LLC, and Assistant District Attorney for the 10th Judicial District in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Franchesca L. Hamilton-Acker, ’98, managing attorney for the Acadia Legal Service Corp. in Lafayette (CINC Unit), were sworn in as at-large members of the Louisiana Board of Governors for 2010-11.

Monique Wright Hudson, ’06, has been accepted into the National Security Law LL.M Program at George Washington University.

Ashley L. Smith, ’09, has completed the LL.M program at Southern Methodist University School of Law. Smith has returned to her hometown, Tallulah, Louisiana.

Office of Publications and Electronic Media

Publications in progress are the SULC Annual Report; SULC 2010 Reflections; SULC in the News; and the SULC Catalog 2010-2012.

Recruitment Activities

The Office of Recruitment has scheduled 14 fall recruitment tours, to date, and continues to conduct tours of the Law Center and enter application requests onto the database for prospective law students. It is also preparing to mail applications and catalogues and continues to assist the Admissions and Registrar's offices as needed.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Change

None
The Southern University Ag Center held its annual Family and Youth Exposition June 17-19. The event, which culminates the 2010 youth development program activities statewide, brought more than 300 youth together for a two-day educational, fun-filled experience. The theme for this year’s Expo was, “Inspiring Youth With Tools for Achieving Excellence.”

Southern University Ag Center’s specialists, agents, and researchers delivered a memorable Expo program. Retired Lt. General Russel L. Honoré was keynote speaker. He advised youth to aim high for achievement.

“Those youth are participants of Southern University Ag Center’s Youth Educational Support (YES) programs across the state,” said Wanda Burke, youth development specialist. “We enjoy offering the children the opportunity to explore life on a college campus. This is a seed-planting process designed to inspire participating youth to attend college, preferably Southern University. Hopefully, they have gained the knowledge to create a better quality of life for themselves and motivate others.”

On Thursday, youth got acquainted and enjoyed Funtastic activities on the grounds of the Southern University Ag Center. Educational seminars and workshops focused on technology, hand-washing, juvenile justice, 4H, poultry, and making scents demonstrations were held throughout the day on Friday. The event ended Saturday morning with awards and recognitions.

The youth also participated in illustrated talk, motivational speaking, and quiz bowl competitions.

The event was covered in section B of the Advocate, June 19.
SU Ag Center officials attend USDA/NIFA annual meeting

The United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA) held its 2010 National Extension and Research Administrative Officers’ Conference at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, May 15-20.

The conference targeted personnel involved in administering USDA/NIFA funded programs, preparing programmatic reports on grants and formula opportunity funds, and those preparing required plans of work and annual reports of accomplishments and results on Hatch, Smith-Lever, McIntire-Stennis, and other related funds.

All land-grant institutions were represented at the conference which was attended by more than 500 individuals from the United States and the territories.

Kirkland Mellad, vice chancellor for research; Gina E. Eubanks, vice chancellor for extension; Oscar Udoh, coordinator for planning and evaluation; Belinda Mack, coordinator for fiscal and administrative affairs; Alice Dyson, administrative assistant; Angela Jackson, administrative assistant; Danielle Coleman, accountant; and Linda Jarvis, accountant, attended the conference from the Southern University Ag Center.

The conference provided information on USDA/NIFA policy and procedure changes as well as updates for the coming year. Presenters at the conference clarified some lingering issues about the new NIFA Priority Areas: Global Food Security; Childhood Obesity; Climate Change; Sustainable Energy; and Food Safety.

Other presenters shared information on such issues as grant submission through grants.gov, impact reporting, networking for effective performance, management in the midst of dwindling resources, diversity and building cultural competences.

SU Ag Center links small business with USDA Grant Program

WesMar Farms is one of many small farm producers who benefit from SU Ag Center’s Extension training and assistance. With the help of staff at the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, West and Marguerite Constantine were among the successful applicants for a USDA grant to receive a $20,000 value-added producer award.

During the National Summit of Rural America on June 3, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, announced that USDA had selected recipients in 45 states and Puerto Rico to receive business development assistance and pursue marketing opportunities for agricultural commodities. Funding was made available through USDA Rural Development assistance under the Value-Added Producer Grant program, which was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"As part of the Obama administration’s work to turn the economy around, USDA is acting as an important catalyst for business development and job creation in rural America," Vilsack said. "These grants will improve financial returns and help create jobs for agricultural producers, businesses and families across the Nation. USDA is investing in farmers, ranchers and cooperatives to strengthen the economic foundation of rural America."

In Louisiana, WesMar Farms was selected as one of only two rural small businesses to receive a working capital grant to upgrade a value-added business, expand capacity for locally produced products, and help develop markets. The Constantines raise Nubian dairy goats for milk in Moreauville located in Avoyelles Parish, and will expand their cheese and soap value-added production.

WesMar is one of only two licensed goat dairy farms in Louisiana. It markets its products through retail outlets from Alexandria to Ruston, including Baton Rouge.

St. Helena youth attend 4-H Day at the Capitol

The annual 4-H Day at the Capitol was held on June 2, and attracted a total of 1,102 4-H members from across the state. The legislators were very impressed with the turnout and provided excellent tours and educational programs to the parish groups. The state 4-H officers were introduced to legislators in the Senate and House of Representatives at the afternoon sessions.

A total of 41 youth from St. Helena were in attendance along with five volunteers. They met with Senator Robert "Rob" Marionneaux and asked questions about the Gulf Coast and Wetlands to get an understanding about the oil spill.

SU Ag Center re-entry class graduates inmates

SU Ag Center's Delores Johnson and Tiffany Franklin teach the Second Chance 2 Recovery class in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. The re-entry class prepares inmates for return to the community. The class recently graduated 24 female inmates who participated in parenting and life skills classes.

The Ag Center presented certificates of completion to 15 inmates during the prison's "One Day with the Kids" event designed to reward inmates with a day in the courtyard with their children. Prison warden Joseph Grimes presented certificates of appreciation to Southern University Ag Center's parent educators Johnson and Franklin.
Linda Early Brown and Gloria London are working hard to revitalize rural communities. Southern University Ag Center is known for linking citizens of Louisiana with opportunities for success. Ms. Brown, director of Communities of Color Network and Ms. London, director of the Center for Rural Small Business Development, have collaborated in an effort to take the business and tobacco initiative on the road to reach citizens through our mobile technology.

Wilbert Harris, computer technician and William Augustine, research associate, traveled to Erwinville Community Center (Erwinville, LA) and St. John The Baptist Church (Alsen, LA) on June 2 to provide educational enrichment activities to the communities utilizing the mobile technology center.

The Wake Up, Louisiana! campaign is an educational event held statewide by the SU Ag Center's Communities of Color Network under the direction of Linda Early Brown.

Recently, regional coordinators Shawntell Harrell, Paula Jordan and Shirley Simon conducted workshops, shared videos, and demonstrated how Big Tobacco markets are targeted to the African American community.

The campaign encourages each resident to get involved in tobacco control and advocacy.

As a token of appreciation, each participant received a take-a-way item as a reminder of the information disseminated.
Kudos to Dr. Divya Jaroni

The 1890 land-grant universities and Southern University Ag Center had their largest individual success in the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) program when Dr. Divya Jaroni, a microbiologist, won a $1 million grant for food safety research related to E. coli in beef cattle.

Fiscal year 2009 was the first year that the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) administered the AFRI program, which was created by the 2008 Farm Bill. AFRI solicited competitive grant applications in 40 programs.

More than 2,000 competitive grant applications were received and reviewed through a competitive peer review process comprised of more than 500 subject matter experts from across the country. Faculty from 1890 institutions made up only 5.4 percent of AFRI’s competitive review panels.

Dr. Jaroni was among the thirty percent of grant recipients in the integrated project category that combined research, education and extension components.

Through federal funding and leadership for research, education and extension programs, NIFA focuses on investing in science and solving critical issues impacting people’s daily lives and the nation’s future. For more information, please visit www.nifa.usda.gov.

For additional FY 2009 funding highlights, please view the full report online at: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/newsroom/pdfs/2009_afri_synopsis.pdf

Urban forestry professors Zhu Ning and Kamran Abdollahi published two abstracts during the 20th annual international conference on soil, sediments, water, and energy.

The abstracts were entitled “Remediation urban soil through bio-based mulch amendment” and “Urban forest ecosystem assessment and restoration after hurricane Katrina.” Drs. Ning and Abdollahi also made two presentations at a conference in San Diego, California.
Linda Early Brown, director, Communities of Color Network, and Fatemeh Malekian, associate professor, Food Science and Nutrition, presented a paper at the Priester National Extension Health Conference 2010 in Mobile, Alabama, April 20-22. The conference was themed Healthy People, Healthy Communities: Reducing Health Disparities.

Their presentation was entitled "Putting Your Heart Into Your Health" and the submission was recognized as an outstanding presentation for the National Priester Award.

Linda Early Brown presented a poster at the National Health Education Council Conference: Promising Practices Achieving Health and Social Equity in Tobacco Control in New Orleans. The poster was entitled "Communities of Color Network Addressing Health Disparities among African Americans." Also, Ms. Brown was invited to present a poster on Health Disparities at the American College Health Association, June 1-5 in Philadelphia, PA. The poster was entitled "The Louisiana Tobacco-Free College Initiative: A Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control College Initiative in Louisiana."

### Upcoming Events

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