SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)
Friday, June 29, 2012
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Public Comments

5. Action Items
   A. Minutes of the May 25, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
   B. Committee Reports
      1. Academic Affairs Committee
      2. Facilities and Property Committee
      3. Finance and Audit Committee
      4. Personnel Affairs Committee (Executive Session may be required)
   C. Resolutions

6. Informational Items
   A. Southern University System Model
   B. Campus Monthly Updates

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment
Southern University Board of Supervisors  
Friday, May 25, 2012  
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Present
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Mr. Demetrius Sumner  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Absent
None

University Personnel in Attendance
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

Board Counsel
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.
AMENDMENT:
Delete Item 6E. Appointment of Chief Information Officer, SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Professor John Delgado voiced opposition to his termination as a faculty member in the SUBR School of Architecture; requested the Board to restore his professorship; and, to conduct a review of the School.

A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Atty. Magee, to extend the time for comments by Professor Delgado beyond the three-minute limit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, newly-elected Vice President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, registered a concern relative to the current budget crises facing the University; and, the process used by the SUBR Administration in recommending the termination of several tenured faculty members.

Dr. Thomas Miller, newly-elected President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, commented on the University's budget; the process used by the Administration in recent faculty terminations; and, the absence of faculty input in the upcoming SUBR Reorganization meeting.

A motion was offered by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Forstall, to extend the time for public comments by Dr. Miller beyond the three-minute limit.

The motion carried. Atty. Magee voted nay.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the services of outgoing student member, Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner. Mr. Sumner expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to serve as the Student Board Representative for 2011-12.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting on April 27 2012

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Rev. Tolbert,
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting on April 27, 2012 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved, by way of a resolution, the Committee reports and/or recommendations below.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) Academic Affair Committee (May 14, 2012)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Professor John Delgado (SUBR) be and it is hereby denied.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Dr. Lionel Lyles (SUBR) be and it is hereby denied.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Dr. Mylon Winn (SUBR) be and it is hereby denied.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President's recommendation be accepted and the appeal of Dr. John Penny (SUNO) be and it is hereby denied.

Academic Affairs Committee (May 25, 2012)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the following requests for sabbatical leave by SULC faculty be and they are hereby approved.
- Professor Evelyn Wilson – effective Fall 2012 Semester, with pay; for independent study and research;

- Professor Michelle Ghetti – effective Academic Year 2012-13, without pay, to assume a fellowship with the U.S. Supreme Court;


2.) Bayou Classic Committee (May 18, 2012)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Bayou Classic Committee, that the informational report containing an update on the Bayou Classic be and it is hereby received.

3.) Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the informational report reflecting a monthly update on Capital Projects, SU Systemwide, be and it is hereby accepted.

4.) Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the following Endowed Professorships be and they are hereby approved.

SUBR
The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorships in the College of Sciences (3)

SUNO
The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science

SUSLA
The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science and Technology

The Committee’s report also contained the status of FY 2011-12 General Fund projections, as of April 30, 2012 for the Board and System and Campuses; and a discussion of ways to address the financial crisis facing the University.
C. Resolutions

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Clayton the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

➢ Rev. Charles T. Smith, on his retirement as Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, following fifty (50) years of distinguished service.

Condolences

➢ The Wayman B. Handy Family
➢ The Roy Lee Jacobs Family
➢ The Josephine Tillman Family

D. Equipment Loan Policy for the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Equipment Loan Policy for the Board, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Board Resolutions Requesting Assistance from the Louisiana Legislature, the Governor, and the Attorney General

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that in order to secure the future of the State and the general welfare of the citizens, the Board hereby urges the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature to use all means available to ensure that higher education receives no further reductions in state funds during next fiscal years, including but not limited to, use of the Rainy Day Fund, one-time funds, and funds or earnings from the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill settlement.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Board hereby requests and encourages the Louisiana State Attorney General and the State of Louisiana to secure the future of the State of Louisiana and the general welfare of its citizens by dedicating all or a
substantial portion of the funds or earnings from the funds acquired from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement and any other settlements to be a permanent funding source for Higher Education in the State of Louisiana.

Roll call vote. Motion carried. Atty. Clayton abstained.

F. Appointment of Chief Information Officer, SUBR

Deleted.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System and Campuses

President Mason shared information received from the Board of Regents regarding the initial findings that SUBR, SUSLA, and SULC failed to meet their respective GRAD Act targets. The Administration will meet with Regents' staff to discuss how this matter can be resolved. The Board will be given an update at the earliest possible time.

The President also reported on the difficulty experienced by the Administration in getting the necessary State approvals of the contract with EO Serve to provide online instruction for the University.

Chancellor Llorens announced that a SUBR Reorganization Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2012 in the A.W. Mumford Fieldhouse on the SUBR Campus. All Board Members were invited to attend.

Detailed Campus reports are available online and on audio/video tape in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.
Academic Affairs Committee
9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 25, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Dr. Eamon M. Kelly. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant.

Present
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly Chair
Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Vice Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent
None

University Personnel in Attendance
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

Board Counsel
Atty's. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Add Item 6A: Requests for Sabbatical Leave, SULC

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS
AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. REPORT ON RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES, SUBR

The Administration's report revealed that the institution has attained its required target rates for retention, same institution graduation and doctoral completers; but, on the other hand, failed to meet its target for baccalaureate and master's completers. Strategies to improve retention and graduation rate will be maintained and expanded, where necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Requests for Sabbatical Leave, SULC

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following requests for sabbatical leave by S.U. Law faculty.

Motion carried unanimously.

-Professor Evelyn Wilson – Leave with pay, for independent study and research, effective Fall 2012 Semester;

-Professor Michelle Ghetti – Leave without pay, to assume a U.S. Supreme Court Fellowship, effective Academic Year 2012-13;


AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the meeting was adjourned.

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Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, May 25, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Present
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chair
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, Vice Chair
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent
None

University Personnel in Attendance
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

Board Counsel
Atty's. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Monthly Executive Project Summary and Projects Update

The report on the status of capital projects for each campus was given by Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning.

Committee members registered their concern regarding the slow process involved in executing the dormitory demolition project on the SUBR Campus. The Committee suggested that Mr. Vincent seek the assistance of the System President and SUBR Chancellor in an effort to expedite the project.

A status report on the dormitory demolition project will be given to the Committee at its June meeting.

The Committee also requested that the Administration provide a report at its June meeting on the status of the AT&T project at SUBR.

Finally, the Committee requested the Administration to register the Committee’s concern to the appropriate agencies regarding the slow progression of a number of University capital projects.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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Finance and Audit Committee  
Friday, May 25, 2012  
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  

Minutes  

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

Present  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaux  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent  
None

University Personnel in Attendance  
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA),  
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

Board Counsel  
Attyys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  

On motion of Mr. Sumner, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:  
Add Item 6A. Request for Approval of Endowed Professorships, SUBR, SUNO and SUSLA
AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Financial Status Report, as of April 30, 2012

Vice President Kevin Appleton presented the monthly report showing FY 2011-12 General Fund projections, as of April 30, 2012, for the SU System.

President Mason provided a briefing on the outlook for state funding for SU System for the FY 2012-13. He announced that the University is expecting a budget reduction of $19.9 million plus unfunded mandates of $3.5 million for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. If these reductions materialize, Southern University will no longer be able to exist in its current form. Therefore, the Administration is presently developing different budget models to address possible scenarios created by the reduction in its state appropriations.

The official plan, which will be presented at the Board’s June meeting, will incorporate initiatives that will support the University for the next three fiscal years:

- Year 1: Survival (reorganizing and downsizing)
- Year 2: Stabilization
- Year 3: Rebuilding

During the budget discussion which continued, the following suggestions were offered to address the current financial situation:

- Request the State Legislature to allow Southern University as well as other state institutions to take advantage of a university tax free status by offering tax credits to persons or corporations that invest money in the respective universities. This (tax credit) new money can be used to enhance infrastructure (building parking garages) which, in turn, becomes a revenue producer for the campus. Funds also can be used to enhance academics and increase faculty.
- Increase student enrollment to generate additional revenue
- Decrease student enrollment to match the anticipated revenues
- Make additional cuts in programs, services and personnel to address the budget cuts
- Attract a different base of students
- Provide new degree programs
- Provide the Board with a plan that address the worst case scenario
- Develop a plan to increase Alumni giving
- Allow President to begin process with Chancellors to make needed budget reductions and restructuring
-Study best practices used by other State universities in order grow enrollment
-Streamline University to service the current enrollment

Finally, the Committee requested the Administration to provide at the June Board meeting, a report that describes the leadership, the team and the facilities in the area of Recruitment.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Request for approval of Endowed Professorships

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the following Endowed professorships.

Motion carried unanimously.

-SUBR
The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in the College of Science (3)

-SUNO
The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science

-SUSLA
The James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship in Science and Technology

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the meeting was adjourned.

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

SUBR Holds Two-Day Academic Redesign Retreat

On May 30-31, 2012, the Baton Rouge Campus held a two-day Academic Redesign Retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to convene current departmental chairs, academic deans, faculty and staff senate representatives, and administrators to work together to further develop the five academic colleges approved by the SUS Board. The retreat objectives for each of the five groups were:

- Design new academic college structure and organizational charts.
- Develop mission and objectives as a blueprint for a strategic plan for each new college.
- Describe or define new college by degree programs, current enrollment and graduates.
- Outline steps for further development and engagement of faculty, students and other stakeholders in college redesign.
The retreat opened with greetings from the Chancellor, the System President and the campus Interim Provost. The first presentation was given by Board of Regents Commissioner Jim Purcell. Commissioner Purcell set the tone for the retreat. He spoke of the critical challenges that all of state higher education now faces and of the reality of extreme budgetary problems that would directly influence any reorganization efforts that SUBR would propose to implement. He also made some suggestions that SUBR might consider as it attempted to address extreme budgetary issues while simultaneously trying to preserve its mission. He shared a number of cost saving measures that SUBR might want to consider.

The second principal presenter was Dr. Janet Rami, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. Dr. Rami's presentation focused on the Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diploma Act (La GRAD Act). She shared with the group the basic elements and requirements associated with the GRAD Act as the background and context for ongoing restructuring and reorganization efforts.

One of the key elements of the two-day retreat was the breakout sessions. Retreat participants (academic deans, academic departmental chairs) were divided into five groups based upon the five proposed colleges and the proposed academic departments for each college. The objective was to engage in intensive discussions with a view toward meeting the retreat's four objectives previously mentioned.
At the end of the sessions, individual presentations were made by each new college wherein proposed merging, consolidating or terminating of some existing programs was presented. In some instances, new programs were also purposed. College organizational structure was also proposed. Feedback from retreat attendees was received; questions were asked and answered; suggestions were made.

Approximately 70 individuals participated in the retreat. The total work group participants was 55 representing 13 deans and 42 faculty.

The Retreat Evaluation results showed that participants were satisfied with the quality of the two principal speakers (Dr. Rami – 100% and Dr. Purcell – 100%), and 93% rated Dr. Purcell very good to excellent. On overall rating of the retreat, 95% of participants felt their expectations were met. The participants also rated attainment of objectives at 95% satisfaction.

**Southern University Brazil Organization Leadership Development Team visits Rio Janeiro and Sao Paulo**

The delegation from Southern University- Baton Rouge traveled to the country of Brazil for the purpose of exploring opportunities for the development and establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding with two universities. The delegation included the following people:

Dr. James L. Llorens – Chancellor  
Dr. Barbara W. Carpenter – Dean, International and Continuing Education  
Dr. Donald Andrews – Dean, College of Business  
Dr. Ashagre Yigletu – Associate Dean and MBA Director, College of Business  
Mr. Louis Henry- President and CEO, Franchise Food Systems of MN  
Mr. Caranza J. Guidry- CEO, Rover Services of Baton Rouge  
Mrs. Agnes Andrews- Owner, All-State Insurance Company  
Mrs. Glenda D. Llorens – former Businesswoman and Wife of the Chancellor

The opportunity to network with colleagues in Brazil came as a result of a previous visit by Dr. Donald Andrews through an educational tour with Indiana University in 2011. The Southern University delegation was successful in signing formal agreements with the Rio de Janeiro State University in Rio Janeiro and with Zumbi dos Palmares University of Citizenship in Sao Paulo.
The Rio de Janeiro State University is one of the largest universities in Rio Janeiro and has an enrollment of approximately 23 thousand students. The university has 40 post graduate programs, 38 master degree programs, two professional master degree programs and 23 doctorate degree programs. In addition to the Schools of Law and Medical Sciences, the university promotes programs in humanities and social sciences, biomedical sciences, mathematics and computer and natural science. Zumbi dos Palmares University of Citizenship is the first university in Latin America that was founded for black students. The university was founded in 2004 by its current president, Jose Vicente and provides a unique program which includes evening and weekend courses for working Brazilian students. The university offers four-year degrees in business administration, with plans to add programs in history, literature, and education. The history and literature programs will emphasize African-Brazilian culture. Given the absence of black role models in Brazil, the university leadership at Zumbi dos Palmares University of Citizenship has looked to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the United States for inspiration and leadership.

The Southern University partnership includes faculty and student exchange programs; shared research interests; and the exploration of possible opportunities for enhancing entrepreneurial activities between small businesses of both countries. While in Brazil, the SUBR delegation met with various local civic and community leaders as well as state governmental officials in Rio Janeiro and Sao Paulo. A highlight of the visit included presentations by students enrolled in the affirmative action /quota system for higher education in which Black Brazilians are afforded the opportunity to attend colleges with governmental assistance. With 44 percent of the country’s 170 million people claiming African descent, Brazil has the world’s second-largest black population after Nigeria.

There are large numbers of students who are unable to attend colleges in Brazil due to space limitations. It is hoped that the partnerships between SUBR and the State University of Rio Janeiro and the partnership between Zumbi dos Palmares University of Citizenship in Sao Paulo will open the doors for mutual cultural understanding and increased student and faculty exchanges between universities. Funding for the educational collaboration was provided by Mr. Louis Henry and Mr. C.J. Guidry who are loyal financial supporters of the University.

**Students Attend SU recruitment event in Baton Rouge**

About 35 high school students participated in Southern University’s recruitment event held May 23 at Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.

Chancellor James L. Llorens spoke and strongly encouraged students to take a look at some of the nationally recognized programs on the Baton Rouge campus.
Director of Recruitment Michelle Hill explained to the students the entrance requirements for the Baton Rouge campus, along with the criteria for full and partial scholarships. Recruiters and other SUBR officials were available to answer questions from students and parents.

Several of the students announced that they would be attending Southern in the fall.

The Rev. S. C. Dixon, pastor of Greater Mount Olive, hosted the event and also urged students to consider Southern University.

**SU Professor Sudhir Trivedi Receives AAUP Academic Freedom Award**

Southern University Faculty Senate Vice President Sudhir Kumar Trivedi, PhD was recently presented the American Association of University Professors J. Thomas Hemrick Award for his "contributions to academic freedom."

The award is named in honor of the late J. Thomas Hamrick, a professor in the Tulane School of Community Health and Tropical medicine. During AAUP’s investigation of the post-Katrina events at Tulane which led to its administration being censured, Dr. Hamrick contributed to the investigation.
Dr. Trivedi, a computer science professor, received the award at the AAUP's annual State Conference held April 14 at Tulane.

The award is accompanied by a monetary donation to support chapter development at the recipient's campus AAUP chapter.

**Mbarika receives Lifetime Achievement Award**

Dr. Victor W. A. Mbarika recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Cameroon Association of Engineers and Computer Scientists (CAECS).

Mbarika, the Houston Alumnae Endowed Professor in the College of Business, received the award for "Outstanding contribution in computer science and telecommunication" held May 18-19 at the Scientific and Technologic Forum of the Cameroonian Diaspora, an international symposium organized by the CAECS. The event hosts nearly 250 international guests from various fields of technology, academia, policymakers and professionals.

The gathering, held in Dortmund, Germany, provided a collegiate setting for presentations and discussions of national and international development issues of concern and best practice models.

The Cameroon Association of Engineers and Computer Scientists was founded in 2000 in Frankfurt, Germany. Prior to its creation, the increasing number of engineers and computer science students from this part of Africa that live in Germany sought to establish an association which could help to improve their status in German universities.

The symposium honors the best Cameroonian graduates and professionals in the industry or in the field of research.

**Rahman headed to Baker Hughes Oilfield for the summer**

Southern University graduate student, Mohammad Rahman, will spend the summer interning with Baker Hughes Oilfield Service Company in Houston starting in June.

The computer science major, a native of Bangladesh, will spend 10 weeks working with top oil companies.
Baker Hughes is an oilfield service that delivers solutions to help oil and gas operators make the most of their reservoirs. The geomarket team works side by side with customers to engineer reliable application-specific products and services that create more value from the reservoir.

Rahman, who graduates in the fall, says he was able to land his first internship after attending Southern’s Career Fair in February.

**SU to hold African-American women and depression workshop**

Southern University’s Department of Social Work held “Downhearted Blues: African-American Women & Depression” workshop Friday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to noon in Rodney Higgins Hall on the 3rd floor.

The workshop fee was $30 and was open to the public, but early registration was highly recommended.

The workshop addressed how the combination of gender and race creates unique challenges for those grappling with symptoms of depression.

Presenter Margaret Emery Hubbard, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, shared how cultural hurdles can complicate treatment and how cultural strengths can be used in treatment.

The workshop was part of the Summer Lecture Series being offered to professional social workers and students. Social workers who did not have the 20 hours of continuing education units (CEU) required for license and registration could earn three CEUs for each workshop attended. The workshops were just in time to meet the June 30 deadline for CEU requirements.

**SU offers CEUs in ‘Techniques of Supervision’ workshop**

Southern University’s Department of Social Work held a “Techniques of Supervision” workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, June 15 in Rodney Higgins Hall on the 3rd floor.

The workshop was open to anyone currently providing Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) supervision or anyone who had an interest in supervision. The cost of the workshop was $30 and early registration was highly recommended.

Coordinator of Continuing Education Carey Yazeed, LCSW-BACS (Board Approved Clinical Supervisor), discussed ways to provide effective supervision and “Corrective Supervision.” Yazeed has been providing licensing supervision since 1999.
The workshop was part of the Summer Lecture Series being offered to professional social workers and students. Social workers who did not have the 20 hours of continuing education units (CEU) required for license and registration could earn three CEUs for each workshop attended. The workshops were just in time to meet the June 30 deadline for CEU requirements.

**Southern marks construction on $6.5 million Athletic Complex**

"Students and supporters of Southern University will be excited as they watch crews build the new Intramural Athletic Complex on the Baton Rouge campus," Chancellor James L. Llorens said at the groundbreaking ceremony for the facility.

The $6.5 million structure will be a showpiece for the students and the Southern community," Llorens said.

The 33,578 square-foot building, located near the apartments and dorm complexes on the north side of the campus, is expected to be completed sometime in late spring or early summer of 2013. It will include basketball courts, along with volleyball, aerobics, weight-lifting and exercise areas. There will also be locker rooms and a lounge area.

Anna Jones, the President of the Southern University System Foundation, said, "I hope the facility and what it does for the landscape of this campus will move alumni to dig deep to support the needs of this university."

The Athletic Complex is the final piece associated with a $60 million bond project that included new student residence halls, the expansion of A.W. Mumford Stadium, and other construction.
Willie McCorkle, President of the SU Student Government Association, said "students will be very excited when the facility is completed. This will definitely be the place to be."

The architectural firm for the project is M3A Architects of Jackson, Miss. The contractor is D. Honoré Construction of Baton Rouge.
# Southern University and A&M College

## Funded Proposals/Contracts/Agreements May 2012

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Office of Media Relations Update

May 17: *The Advocate* published a story and an accompanying map instructing motorists where parking venues would be located for the Southern University graduation ceremony and the SWAC baseball tournament, which were occurring simultaneously on May 18 on the Baton Rouge campus.

May 25: WAFB-TV Ch. 9, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 and WVLA-TV Ch. 33 aired stories on Southern University's groundbreaking ceremony for the school's Intramural Athletic Complex.

June 3: *The Advocate* newspaper published a story in its Sunday edition on Southern University's new online RN to BSN degree program in the School of Nursing.
Numerous persons participated in SUNO's New Student Orientation session held Wednesday, May 30, 2012. First-time freshmen, transfer students, and Summer Bridge students registered for classes and learned about housing and other offerings. Students, members of the Student Government Association, faculty and staff collectively participated in this worthwhile activity that has been held for the second straight year.
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DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
The College of Arts and Sciences held three meetings presided over by Dr. Lisa Mims who sat in for Dr. Henry Mokosso. The meetings were at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. A sign-in sheet was taken, and minutes written at each of the meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to suggest to the administration the ways and means to deal with the budget shortfall of $2.3 million. The following suggestions were made by the faculty.

Adopting a (4) day work week schedule.
Faculty teaching a five course workload (15 hrs.) provided no faculty will be terminated. Terminating non-productive programs.
Decreasing the number of adjunct and part-time faculty, while increasing their teaching load by (3) three.
Increasing the ban of 25% distance learning offerings to 50% or higher.
Increasing class size, although some faculty have been teaching large classes of 50 students.
Terminating the athletics programs, and replacing Blackboard with Moodle.
Merging administrator's salaries and consolidating functions.
Faculty taking one day or two furloughs
Increasing parking charges to 50% or 75%.
Reducing overload pay per course by 25%.
Freezing all hiring.
Conserving energy, and switching off lights and equipment when not in use.
Quick attention and repairs to facilities problems such as running water in toilets would save money.

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES:
Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason was named Fellow of the Texas Social Media Research Institute, and re-elected as the Treasurer of the International Society for Educational Biography at the annual conference at the end of April. She was also named the Technology and Social Media Coordinator for ISEB. These roles run from 2012-2015.

Ms. Cynthia Ramirez displayed an exhibition and demonstrated artwork at the Jazz and Heritage Festival on May 3-6, 2012

MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM:
GENERAL: Eleven graduates of the M.A. Museum Studies Program marched in the May 2012 Commencement Exercises. They were: Mr. James Steven Armour, Sr., Mr. Michael W. Harris, Sr., Ms. Kathie Hambrick Jackson, Mr. Tran Paul, Ms. Dana Hill-House Ranson, Ms. Shawndrika Reed-Sutton, Mr. Brian A. Smith, Ms. Simmone Tassin, Ms. Dawn M. Reed Thomas, Mr. Frederick O. Tufior, and Ms. Roberta L. Wilson. There were two students in M.A. Museum Studies who graduated with 4.0 averages, Ms. Kathie Hambrick Jackson and Mr. Frederick O. Tufior. Ms. Hambrick Jackson gave the address at the Medallion and Hooding Ceremony for M.A. Museum Studies students and Mr. Tufior received the Allen-Haynes award.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Dr. David Riep was featured on Career Day at Mayfield Elementary. He appeared in eight classes, and spoke about careers in museums. Dr. Holli published an article entitled: "HARD TRUTHS: Thornton Dial at NOMA" which was published in the May edition of The New Orleans Tribune. She also attended the final lectures and films in association with that exhibition on May 18th at NOMA, and attended three painting shows in the CBD, including the International Watercolor Exhibition sponsored by the Louisiana Watercolor Society of which she is a long-time member.

PUBLICATION: Dr. Riep produced another DVD. The title is "Beer Making in Southern Africa". It documents the process of making sorghum beer and highlights the use of beer as a form of social control in 20th Century South Africa.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: Accreditation:
The Health Information Management Systems Program will receive an accreditation resource site visit in the fall semester of 2012 from CAHIIM (Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education).

On May 1, 2012, The HIM Program hosted "Coding Internship at The Ochsner Health System Forum" with guest speaker Indra Osi, RHIA, CHP.

Several HIM students got summer jobs at Ochsner.
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Health Systems as data entry clerks working on the Epic Projects in the Electronics Health Records Division.

Conference Attendance:
Laura Douresseaux attended the Mellon Facts Fellowship Award Summer Seminar at Xavier University of Louisiana on May 14-17, 2012. She is a 2012 Mellon Fellow.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES:

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar:

Dr. Illya Tietzel:
Dr. Illya Tietzel received an award LEQSF-EPS(2012)-SURE-63 of the EPSCoR for supervised undergraduate research experience program that will pay a $4000 stipend and $500 for supplies in the area of BP oil spill research and microbes. Mr. Gawan Kiffin, a mentee of Dr. Tietzel, was the recipient of the award.

Dr. Tietzel assisted in recruitment efforts at Lake Area High School at 6026 Paris Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122 on Friday, May 4, 2012.

A youth minister of St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, 6336 Berkeley Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131, joined with youth, parents and the pastor to donate personal hygiene items and $271 to Covenant House at 611 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

On May 21, 2012, Dr. Illya Tietzel started a collaborative research project with Dr. Alison Quayle, Associate Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology at the School of Medicine of LSUHSC and Dr. Lindsey Buckner. Dr. Tietzel will assist in training an MD/Ph.D. student of LSUHSC, New Orleans. The project will study the role of alternatively activated macrophages in chlamydial pathogenesis.

On May 29, 2012, Ms. Michelle Bennett started her summer research at SUNO about biofilms and the microbe Pseudomonas aeruginosa under Dr. Tietzel as part of the URM grant.

Dr. Yolander Youngblood
On May 15th, as part of the "Enhanced Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Biotechnology Workforce" grant proposal that was awarded last year, Drs. Alvin Bopp, Tonye Numbere, and Yolander Youngblood hosted the "CSI: New Orleans Workshop" for high school students and their teachers. Seventy-five (75) high school students, three high school teachers, and two police officers from the NOPD were invited. Four laboratory volunteers, Don Harris, Pamela Young, Angee Taylor and Phyllis Okwan also participated.

Dr. Solomon Adekunle
Attended the iPlant Tools and Services Workshop, University of Arkansas, May 17-18, 2012

Dr. Murty Kambhampati
Secured a piece of land (20x20') behind the NSC building (of SUNO) to conduct biological/environmental science research for undergraduate and high school students. This experimental site was cleared, tilled, and prepared for the use in research by a team of STEM faculty and students.

A selected number of 13 STEM undergraduate students in E3MaS (Enhancement, Enrichment & Excellence in Mathematics and Science) and SENS (Scholarships for Excellence in Natural Sciences) grants under 2012 SURE (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) program and initiated a 10 week long program on May 23rd.

Reviewed 10 SET (Summer Enrichment for Teachers) applications of high school teachers.

Selected about 60 applicants out of a pool of ~125 applications for a 5 week long SEP (Summer Enrichment Program) for high school students.

GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM:

PROGRAM OPERATION & ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

The General Studies Program staff has been engaged in developing an on-line curriculum for the 8-week Humanities Concentration/History Minor to be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee. The Program staff also worked collaboratively with the Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences faculty to complete the submission of the appropriate documents for review by the University Curriculum Committee during the week of May 29, 2012. The director as well as the two academic counselors contributed to the completion of this initiative and worked diligently with the
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social sciences and humanities faculty.

The following project activities were conducted during the month of May:

Graduation and Commencement Exercise... two senior citizens were recognized as oldest the graduates: Ms. Estelle Bolden and Mr. Charles Jackson. Ms. Estelle Bolden was interviewed and featured on WDSU-TV news.

Curriculum Development Proposal- The General Studies Program staff completed a new curriculum for an Associate Degree in Social Sciences, submitted to the Dean for review and approval.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES:

Dr. John Penny was interviewed by WWL Channel 4 regarding the Mayor's State of the Union Address. Attention was focused on how to reduce the murder rate in New Orleans. It was stated that African Americans represent 97% of the homicide arrests and 91% of the victims.

He also attended a meeting of the Board of "Children Unlimited" of which he is a member, to discuss mentoring of children for celebration of Father’s Day.

Dr. John Penny also attended a meeting of HOPE Community Corporation of which he is Chair. The meeting was to solicit community collaboration to contribute toward building a neighborhood multi-purpose center. This is a proactive effort in crime prevention.

College of Education & Human Development:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Interim Dean

Accreditation:
Dr. Diane Bordenave attended the College of Education & Human Development Faculty Meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2012. She also attended the Child Development and Family Studies Departmental Meeting held on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave conducted a peer evaluation of Ms. Celina Carson on May 3, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave participated in the Chair Evaluation meeting with Dr. Pamela Wang.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CoE &HD Teacher Education Council Meeting. She also donated $20.00 towards refreshments for the meeting.

Ms. Celina Carson conducted a peer evaluation of Dr. Diane Bordenave on May 2, 2012.

Grant Submissions:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh submitted signed documents for CITAL and PARCC grants to Dr. Jeanne Burns (LA Board of Regents) on May 16, 2012.

Professional Outreach to Students and Community:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh attended the freshmen orientation meeting held on May 2, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh traveled to Port Sulphur, LA on May 7, 2012, in connection with recruitment efforts. She attended the Summer Bridge and Freshmen Student registrations being held on May 30, 2012, from 8:30 until noon. In addition, she is also scheduled to attend the registration for returning students.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh responded to over 45 telephone calls regarding information ranging from registration needs to program information to upcoming events. She also met with five students to discuss grades/faculty issues.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended a Saving Kids Unlimited, Inc., board meeting in preparation for summer events.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh participated in the Honore' program candidate interviews held on May 16th and 21st, 2012.

Dr. Diane Bordenave taught course CDFS 470, administered the final exam and submitted final grades to the Registrar's office.

Dr. Bordenave participated in the recruitment efforts held at Carver High School, New Orleans, LA

On May 3, 2012, Dr. Bordenave attended a meeting of the Algiers Point Association. She serves as an association board member.

Other University-Related Activities:
On May 4, 2012, Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh met with Drs. Lisa Mims-Devezin and Cynthia Singleton and Mr. Norbert Davidson to complete Common Core English and Mathematics College level expectations.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin to plan for the upcoming Common
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Core CITAL Meeting: Identified college faculty and ADEP faculty. The meeting was held on May 18, 2012.

On May 30, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh coordinated the CITAL Common Core Awareness meeting for Arts and Sciences, CoE/HD and ADEP faculty members from 12:30 until 5:00 p.m.

On May 9, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh held a meeting to discuss a possible add-on certification—Interventionist: Birth to Age 5. The meeting focused on the review of Bulletin 746 and designing a plan of action. A follow-up meeting was held on April 24, 2012.

May 17, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with April Bedford, Interim Dean, CoE/UNO to discuss a joint Master’s program of study. A follow-up meeting happened May 29, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Mr. Green, ADEP Principal, to update MOU originally in place with Priestley, and to recruit for SUNO and CoE/HD.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the LACTE State Wide Dean’s meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA on May 11, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh participated on the Faculty Development Committee.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh conducted a college-wide meeting to discuss budget cuts on May 7, 2012. Faculty provided input as to how to save money.

Dr. Diane Bordenave attended university budget meetings held by Chancellor Victor Ukpolo on May 3rd and 10th, 2012.

On May 12, 2012, Dr. Bordenave attended SUNO’s Commencement Ceremony held at the UNO Lakefront Arena.

Dr. Bordenave attended the end of semester luncheon hosted by Drs. Louise Kaltenbaugh and Vincent Johnson at East of Italy restaurant on May 14, 2012.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK:
Report on Major School of Social Work Activities
Dr. Beverly Favre, Dean
April and May, 2012

Dr. Ronald Mancoske
Re: Activity Report—April, 2012
Strategic Plan-Goal 2 Strategy - #8 Support staff involvement and leadership in appropriate professional development organizations
Scholarly Activities/ Professional Development Review, Journal of Social Work Education Proposal reviews (CSWE Annual Program)
Webinar (Blackboard Innovative Teaching)
Dissertation Report (Public Housing in NO)
Presentation at Race/Gender/ Class Conference; attend conference

Community Services
Chair, United Way, United Way Health & Independence (proposal reviews)
Coordinating Council, United Way
Orleans Parish Juvenile Alliance (Orleans Parish Juvenile Court), Advisory
SAMHSA Technical Assistance Center, trainings on strategic planning

Assistant Prof Harry Doughty
Strategic Plan-Goal 2 Strategy - #8 Support staff involvement and leadership in appropriate professional development organizations

1. Served on the Reaffirmation Celebration committee and participated on the program, March 1, 2012.

Dr. Jill Murray:
Strategic Plan-Goal 2 Strategy - #8 Support staff involvement and leadership in appropriate professional development organizations
Presented 3 hour CEU Ethics Workshop
Advised Students
Wrote recommendation letters
The Chancellor's Report
To The Southern University Board of Supervisors
June 2012
The Chancellor's Report to the
Southern University Board of Supervisors

NAME OF CHANCELLOR:  FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS:  SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE:  JUNE 2012

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chancellor Pitcher Interviewed by Law Publication

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. was recently interviewed by Owen Praskievicz of pre-Law Magazine. Praskievicz, articles editor of the magazine conducted interviews for commentary profiling Gulf Coast (area) law schools. The articles will be published in the magazine later this summer.

State Supreme Court Justices Set Meeting

State Supreme Court Justices and law school deans met during the State Bar Association meeting in Destin, Florida, June 6-8.

The meeting, called by Chief Justice Katherine Kimball, with the deans of law schools at Loyola, Tulane, Louisiana State, and Southern University, dealt with law school curriculum and future changes to the State Bar Examination.

Chancellor Pitcher said direct and future changes to the bar concern its structure. "We are moving toward a test with multiple choices, as has been adopted by other states," he said. Louisiana is one of two states continuing to administer an all essay examination.

Professor Mark Thurman Promoted to Full Professor with Tenure

Professor Mark Thurmon has been promoted to full professor with tenure. Thurmon teaches Business Entities, Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law, and Law & Technology. He joined the faculty in 2008.
Professor Thurmon has published a number of articles on intellectual property law issues and is a frequent speaker at CLE programs. He is an active member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, having served as a committee chair and on the Editorial Board of the AIPLA Quarterly Journal. Professor Thurmon testified before Congress in 2000 on international intellectual property issues. He has taught IP law in Warsaw, Poland, and he helped develop and teach an IP course in Indonesia.

Prior to coming to SULC, Professor Thurmon worked in a large private law firm that specialized in intellectual property law, was a full-time law professor at the University of Florida, and worked as an in house IP attorney for a mid-sized corporation, and clerked for a federal judge.

Third-Year Student Adam Credeur Places in LSBA Writing Competition

Adam Credeur, a third-year student, is the second-place winner in the Louisiana State Bar Association’s Environmental Law Writing Competition.

Credeur, a native of Lafayette, Louisiana, wins $1,750 and his article, “Haynesville Shale: Those Frackin’ Alt. Wells, will be published in the Louisiana Bar Journal. The recognition was formally announced Thursday, May 17, at an LSBA meeting held at the Camelot Club.

At SULC, Credeur is a member of Southern University Law Review, the Federalist Society, and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. His other professional association memberships include the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen (LAPL), American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), and Young Professionals in Energy.

For a second time this summer, Credeur will be interning with Chesapeake Energy Corporation in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in professional land and resource management from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.

This year, Professor Gail Stephenson, director of the legal analysis and writing program, required all of the students in the Law Review and Journal Workshops to enter writing competitions.
On the Go

Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones and Rachel L. Emanuel, Director of Communications, were recognized at the Capital Area Annual Fellows Event hosted by the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Capital Area Community Partnership Panel on Wednesday, May 9, in Baton Rouge. The Capital Area fellows, grantees, and LBF President-Elect Patricia A. Krebs were introduced at the event, Vice Chancellor Jones and Emanuel and are current LBF grantees.

Recruitment

The Office of Recruitment has 11 scheduled tours and continues to assist with Banner entry of the fall 2012 incoming class. The Law School Annual Meeting and Educational Conference were recently held in Boca Raton, Florida. The Law Center Recruitment Director Andrea Love attended this meeting as well as the DC Law Forum in June.

Alumni News

Colonel Michael Black, '90, U.S. Army, was commencement speaker for the 2012 SU Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Friday, May 18. Black, who is stationed at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., currently serves as a professor in the Department of National Security Studies at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, from which he graduated in 2011. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Southern University. Following law studies, Col. Black was selected for assignment in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps) in 1990. In May 2000, he received an LL.M. in Military Law from the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Col. Black has been a prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, and served as part of the army staff in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Administrative Law Division.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None
Southern University and A&M College
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Years of
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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Presented to:

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June 2012 Number 243-67
SU Ag Center Scientist Applauded for best written Board proposal

Dr. C. Reuben Walker, Professor and Program Leader of Animal Science in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, led a Southern University research team that received a research grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund within the Industrial Ties Research Subprogram.

The proposal was ranked first among 33 grant proposals submitted in the category from public colleges in Louisiana. The grant was funded for $135,000 and Walker was the principal investigator. Drs. Patricia McLean-Meyinsse, Kit Chin, Aloyce Kaliba, Yeman T. Ghebreyesus and Ghirmay Ghebreysus were co-investigators.

The proposal is titled, "Production of Niche Marketing Assessment of Aquaculture Waste in Organic Production." The proposed research is a collaboration involving SU-Baton Rouge, SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC), and several industry partners, including Agromen, Inc. of St. Landry Parish, First Harvest Community Gardens of Opelousas, Sanco Earth Farm of Lafayette, and the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The goal of the research project is to explore the solar drying of raw aquaculture waste of crawfish and crab into meal products. Walker and his team view these products as having a great potential for use as a feed and fertilizer in sustainable, organic, and conventional production systems.

Walker said that it expands upon the research efforts of Dr. Samuel Myers (retired professor at LSU).

"Finding viable uses of aquaculture waste have a potential to impact Louisiana economy," he said. "Dr. Walker is a joint appointee at the SU AG CENTER where he conducts research as as professor of animal science."

Several years ago, Walker patented an aquaculture waste process. It was SUBR's and SUAREC's first patent. Full story is available at http://www.su.ag.edu/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/209

SU Ag Center and Pennington Discuss Collaboration

Dr. Steven Heymsfield, George A. Bray, Jr. Endowed Super Chair in Nutrition, Executive Director at Pennington Biomedical Research Center, paid a courtesy visit to the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center on May 8, 2012.

Researchers at the SU Ag Center are interested in partnering on nutritional studies with Pennington which focuses on chronic disease research. Dr. Heymsfield was invited to see firsthand the ongoing research at the SU Ag Center in the sustainable plant and animal production system. The meeting was an opportunity for researchers to dialogue with Heymsfield on joint project possibilities. The SU Ag Center's scientists have developed value-added products from hibiscus and meat goat, which they displayed and discussed their health benefits. Hibiscus for example, has high anti-oxidant properties that prove beneficial in the treatment of hypertension, which plagues the African American population.

Value-added products display included hibiscus tea, cookies, jelly as well as goat meat balls, sausage, ham, and nuggets.

The discussion was very promising. When asked about the possibility of conducting a study to look into the benefits of hibiscus on diabetic/hypertensive patients, Dr. Heymsfield responded that Pennington can design a study for the SU Ag Center. He also suggested using a post doctoral fellow at Pennington to focus on the study.
The Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) and Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (BOLD) project at the Southern University Ag Center have partnered to bring leadership and business development training to rural communities.

On April 28th, the CRSBD E-Learning Center Program Director, LaKeeshia Giddens spoke to the BOLD project participants about the services and capabilities of the E-Learning Center during their monthly meeting at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Baton Rouge.

After the presentation, CRSBD staff members Wilbert Harris, Eual Hall and Giddens provided the participants with an educational tour of the E-Learning Center.

Several of the participants who are residents of parishes located in the contract coverage area of the E-Learning Center expressed an interest in having it visit their towns.

The CRSBD has made a commitment to collaborate with each BOLD member’s parish located in the contract coverage area to provide business development and technical training in the coming months.

BOLD is a pilot project developed by SU Ag Center’s assistant specialist of community and economic development, Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith. It aims to improve the leadership and community development capacity of rural and underserved communities in Louisiana. The project participants meet once a month at the SU Ag Center.

The CRSBD provides technical assistance for business creation in economically challenged rural communities, to conduct educational programs that develop, improve upon the professional skills of rural entrepreneurs, provide outreach and promote USDA Rural Development programs.

The CRSBD’s E-Learning Center is equipped with ten internet-linked computer workstations and can travel to any community or location to perform onsite computer or educational training.

This allows many rural working families the opportunity to gain access to capital, loan packaging assistance, and other topics applicable to entrepreneurship.

Services provided through the E-Learning Center include: how to start and/or expand a business, how to market a business, proper accounting practices, how to develop a business plan, introduction to QuickBooks, how to gain access to capital, and how to manage cash flow, how to brand a business and other topics applicable to entrepreneurship.

Parishes covered by the E-Learning Center include: Acadia, Ouachita, Allen, Pointe Coupee, Assumption, Rapides, Avoyelles, Red River, Bienville, Richland, Caddo, St. Helena, Caldwell, St. Landry, Catahoula, St. Mary, Claiborne, Tangipahoa, Concordia, Tensas, De Soto, Vermilion, East Carroll, Washington, East Feliciana, Webster, Evange-

An article entitled “Handle with care” featured SU Ag Center Odis Hill, Extension Agent, Morehouse and Union Parishes, working with students to establish a garden at H.V. Adams Elementary School in Morehouse Parish. Thanks to Hill, 3-5th grade students now know how to grow a garden. The Bastrop Daily Enterprise covered the news in its May 8, 2012 issue.

The students attempted to start a spring garden in January without success. However, they did not give up. The school contacted Agent Odis Hill, who helped the students prepare the soil and plant pea, tomato, cucumber and watermelon seeds on April 30th. This time the garden is thriving.

“Odis Hill with the Southern University Ag Center brought us the seeds and he’s been calling and coming by checking on the garden,” said Sharivia Wyatt, fifth grade teacher. The students, coach and several teachers are working hard to maintain the H.V. Adams School garden to ensure that it is sustainable. Their hard work has paid off, and the gardeners will enjoy the taste of their produce at harvest time.

Some teachers are now confident enough about their gardening skills that they may try gardening at home. It has been a learning experience beyond gardening for the team.

To read the full story, please visit the Bastrop Daily Enterprise:

http://www.bastropenterprise.com/news/x43410
335/Handle-with-care
The 7th grade Life Science class at Southern University Laboratory High School participated in gardening curriculum classes on Wednesdays of each week, for one hour. Approximately 16 students are actively engaged in the classes. The Community Garden Curriculum, which is an SU Ag Center publication, addresses subject matter that coincides with the State of Louisiana’s teaching goals. Science Instructor Tara Hollins was very instrumental and supportive of the gardening program, and used every opportunity to capitalize on the “learning moments.” She created a direct link from garden to classroom, and as a result of working with the students, they established container gardens, which were located in the school near their classroom. They were also responsible for maintaining all of the plants. Students were very energetic and open-minded to learning and that really excited the SU Ag Center staff.

The students graduated from the program on May 16, 2012 and per their request, had salad from the garden (cucumbers, greens) along with homemade honey mustard dressing. They took a moment to share their garden experiences and how much they learned from their time in the ‘circle garden’. Each youth also took a plant in a 3-gallon container home to care for over the summer.

Good News from St. Landry Parish Garden Project

Mission is being accomplished with the first harvest of green beans and peppers from the St. Landry Parish prison garden. On May 22nd, the inmates stood side by side with the SU Ag Center horticultural team to harvest the first crop of green beans and jalapeno peppers from the garden project. The harvest served as a hands-on demonstration in the morning, followed by a training workshop on seedbed preparation, fertilizer and water management; growing, harvesting and marketing vegetable crops and herbs. The workshop was conducted in the St. Landry Airport conference room by Yemane Gheberiyessus, PhD, plant and soil sciences; Mila Berhane, senior research associate; and Stephanie Elwood, garden instructor.

Again, on May 29th, three buckets full of produce were harvested and taken to the dinner table of the parish prisoners. The tomatoes are bearing fruit and the sweet corn will be ready by the end of June.

The St. Landry Parish Government Work Transition Project is a win-win-win situation where Southern University Ag Center has the opportunity to teach and give hands-on experience on farming techniques to the prisoners who feel some sense of accomplishment and the St. Landry Parish Government saves money. The project is intended to teach farming job skills that could help inmates with employment opportunities post-release. The garden is designed to improve nutritional intake of inmates, reduce violence, and improve physical and mental health.

The major goal of the Ag Center is to equip the inmates with gardening skills for better employment opportunities after their release from prison. The mission of the Center is to improve the quality of life for citizens of Louisiana.
The Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the Hopkins Street Economic Development District concluded their free six-week business development training in New Iberia.

The training, which was held every Monday at the Anderson Middle School from April 16th to May 21st, attracted more than 20 participants.

During the third session of the training, which was held on April 30th, participants were provided with a tour of the CRSBD’s E-Learning Center and received information on the services provided through the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Katreece Albert, Professor Emeritus in the Southern University College of Business also conducted a training on the topic, ‘Marketing Your Business.’

During the May 7th session, CRSBD Director Gloria D. London conducted a training on the topic, “How to Develop a Business Plan.”

During the May 14th session, Dr. Kenyetta Smith, Assistant Specialist of Community and Economic Development at the SU Ag Center, provided the Business Development Training attendees with information on the Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (BOLD) Project, which seeks to improve the leadership and community development capacity of rural and underserved communities in Louisiana. Dr. Smith will be working with Joseph Lockwood, with the Hopkins Street Economic Development District, to set-up BOLD trainings in the New Iberia community.

Blake Cornier with Capital One Bank also conducted a training on the topic “Securing Finances for Businesses” during the May 14th session.

The final session of the six-week New Iberia Business Development Training was held on May 21st. Wilbert Harris and William Augustine, Technology Specialists for the Center for Rural and Small Business Development, conducted a training on the topic, “Accounting Practices: Introduction to QuickBooks.”

Each participant received a trial copy of the QuickBooks software to take home. Many of the participants mentioned how excited they were about learning how to use QuickBooks to assist them in their businesses and to receive a trial copy of the software.

They were also presented with a certificate of completion for taking part in the training.

The CRSBD will continue to work with Joseph Lockwood to schedule additional training classes for potential and current businesses owners in New Iberia area.

E-Learning Center participates in ‘Friends and Family Day’ at Disciple Baptist Church

The E-Learning Center in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, participated in ‘Friends and Family Day’ at Disciples Baptist Church in Ville Platte on Sunday, April 29th.

More than 310 people come out to fellowship with the church during the event. CRSBD staff members Wilbert Harris, Jr. and William Augustine manned the E-Learning Center and provided information on the services and capabilities available to the community through the Center.

The CRSBD has an ongoing partnership with the church which began with the establishment of a computer lab in 2008. The church recently completed construction on a new educational center next to the church. The computer lab is now housed inside the new center.

Mr. Herman Alfred, Educational Center Founder at the church, stated that because of the commitment of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development, they are now able to do more for the Ville Platte community.

A grand opening for the new educational center is set for June 2012.
The E-Learning Center in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center visited the Town of Maringouin on Saturday, May 19th to introduce the Center’s services and capabilities to the community.

During the visit, attendees received a summary on the importance of starting a business, the requirements for the licensing of child day care facilities, information on marketing a business, a copy of the USDA Rural Development Program Summary Guide with annual report and Rural Housing Loan and Grant Program, and a copy of the Small Business Administration’s Resource Magazine.

Participants also received one-on-one counseling about their potential businesses with Eual Hall, Business Development Outreach Specialist in the CRSBD.

John F. Overton Sr., Mayor of the Town of Maringouin, along with residents from the Maringouin area were very excited to have the E-Learning Center visit their community. The Center for Rural and Small Business Development is planning to conduct several business development and technology trainings there in the coming months to assist potential and current business owners.

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) staff members LaKeeshia Giddens, Wilbert Harris and Eual Hall spoke to the Village of Tangipahoa City Council about providing business development training and other needed services to the rural community during the Village’s May 9th Town Hall Meeting.

The Village’s Mayor Michael D. Jackson and city council members were very excited about what the CRSBD and the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center has to offer the community.

After the presentation, the council decided to form a focus group within the Village to see what services the village’s residents would like to receive.

The CRSBD will remain in contact with the mayor’s office to ensure that trainings and other assistance are provided to the community in the coming months.

The Southern University Ag Center’s Focus Show “Focus: Insight on the SU Ag Center” aired on Cable Channel 21, May 10th and 13th in Baton Rouge.

The show is an insightful 30-minute program with information about what is going on at the SU Ag Center, from research to community development. This edition of the Focus Show reports on the Small Farmer Leadership Conference held in Baton Rouge, the 2012 Livestock Show, and Bio Fuel featuring pro basketball great, Dr. Shaquille O’Neal. Watch the show to learn more about making fuel at home.

The SU Ag Center continues “Linking Citizens of Louisiana with Opportunities for Success.”


The afternoon of Monday, April 30, 2012 presented an opportunity for team Rural America to assimilate and advance a collective message of ordinary people making an indelible impact in rural America to preserve Mother Earth’s Natural Resources for future generations,” said Frank Taylor, Winston County Self Help Cooperative.

More than 35 farmers, landowners and service providers congregated underneath eighty-year-old pecan trees on the Phelps Family Farm in Hermanville, MS. Field day activities started with Pastor Johnnie Hughes soliciting grace and hope for rural America. The Phelps Family Farm dates back to 1918 and we owe gratitude to our grandparents and parents for leaving a fruitful legacy for future generations of the Phelps.

An effort to save rural communities, the Phelps Family’s Beef Cattle Field Day reconfirmed Team Save Rural America’s efforts to help underserved landowners, farmers and other constituents.

The team consisted of Winston County Self Help Cooperative, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Alcorn State University Extension Program and Black Family Land Trust.

Faculty and staff of the SU Ag Center participated in this event.

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Louisiana Youth Inspired by Cooperative Leadership Conference

Angela Myles, extension agent, St. Helena Parish coordinated youth from St. Helena Parish and Toni Melton, parish youth coordinator, accompanied 11 youth to participate in Youth Co-op Leadership Conference held April 27—29 at Grant Walker Educational Center, Pollock, LA. This event was sponsored by the Louisiana Council of Farmer Cooperatives and presented by LCFC, LSU AgCenter, FFA & FCCLA. These youth along with other teen leaders and professional businessmen and women joined in learning about the cooperative form of business. They learned how to enhance their teamwork, leadership and communication skills. Topics included What is the Co-op & Who Makes it Work? They also participated in cooperative team-building activities.

Louisiana youth from across the state attended the Cooperative Leadership Conference at Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, LA.

Attendees from St. Helena Parish were Melanie Carter, LaJarius Floyd, Nioka Gordon, Bre’Aynna Jacque, Infinity Myles, Justin Phillips, Derrion Robbins, Devin Robbins, Javier Smith, Trent Tanner, Genesis Whitley and Toni Melton, Youth Coordinator.

Ag Centers Collaborate on Regina Coeli Head Start Family Garden Project

A Family Garden was established at the Regina Coeli Head Start on April 24 with the first planting in the Spring. The garden was developed using containers donated from various organizations. The garden, collaboration between the LSU and SU Ag Centers will provide garden-based education and nutrition for Head Start children and their families. Junior Leaders from St. Helena High School and St. Helena Middle School helped make this experience possible.

In addition to the numerous businesses and volunteers that helped develop this garden, special thanks go to Wal-Mart Centers in Hammond and Bracy’s Nursery in Amite for their financial support. Angela Myles, St. Helena Parish Agent, coordinated the project.

HeadStart Gardening team from St. Helena Parish participated in a joint gardening project held in Amite, LA.

SU Ag Center adds Content to Teen Leadership Community of Practice

A content development team at the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives has added new content to the Teen Leadership Community of Practice available on the eXtension website at http://www.extension.org/. This community of practice consists of educators from Land Grant Institutions for improving teen leadership competencies and skills.

eXtension is an educational partnership of 74 universities in the United States, which provides objective and research-based information and learning opportunities that help people improve their lives. It is accessible directly at http://www.extension.org/ or via the Southern University Ag Center website at www.suagcenter.com

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The Community and Economic Development Program at the SU Ag Center organized training for Extension Agents across the state on May 10, 2012. The training was organized by Dr. Kenyetta Smith, economic development specialist, and attracted 15 agents. Smith invited Author Michael Jacoby Brown to conduct the training. Brown, author of the 2007 book entitled Building Powerful Community Organizations, has worked as a community organizer for more than 30 years. He has recruited and trained hundreds of volunteers and professional community organizers, conducted dozens of workshops, and worked as a staff organizer for several community organizations.

"The purpose of the training is to teach how to effectively recruit and develop leaders in organizations," said Brown.

Participant Carol Sensley, extension agent, Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis Parishes, said, "This training has changed my mindset; from today, I'm going to recruit differently."

During this hard economic time, we need to recruit more community volunteers to help sustain the rural economy in Louisiana.

Gardening from Baton Rouge to Mer Rouge, Louisiana

Odis Hill, Morehouse Parish, invited Stephanie Elwood and Tiffany Franklin to Mer Rouge, LA to assist with planning seed trays with youth at Delta Junior High School. Hill was offered an opportunity to utilize a new greenhouse on the school grounds. Under the supervision and guidance of the SU Ag Center team, students planted summer squash, watermelons, sunflowers, and tomatoes seeds. The youth learned about seeds and what is safe to eat directly from the garden. They now know to ask, "do you spray chemicals on your plants?" before eating right out of the garden.

When the seedlings are mature enough for transplanting, the plants will be donated to a local farmer at a Field Day event hosted by Odis Hill.

SU Ag Center Welcomes New Employee

The SU Ag Center is pleased to welcome Dana Diane Isaac, employed in the capacity of Grant Assistant for the Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (BOLD) Project. Her responsibilities include providing data analysis of project activities; ensuring that project goals are met as directives from PD; keeping records of all budget spending; keeping all program records inclusive of data collected throughout the project duration. The BOLD Project is under the Cooperative Extension Services with Dr. Kenyetta Smith serving as Project Director.

Ms. Isaac is native of New Roads, LA, previously employed by the Pointe Coupee Community Resource Center, in New Roads where she served in the capacity of summer camp youth leader. Her responsibilities included teaching healthy living and eating; assisting with math and financial literacy; and administrative assistant to the executive director.
SU Ag Faculty and Staff Accomplishments and Activities

Bridget Udoh, Udoh and Candace Semien, attended a follow-up meeting on May 11th, for the nine participants in St. Landry Parish at 6:00 pm. One additional participant joined to bring the parish total to 10. The majority of the participants reported that they did not benefit from the poultry package of information (print, DVD and CD) presented to them six months earlier because they are engaged in cattle farming. The rest of the group reported that they could not view the DVD information because it did not play on their home player and they had no access to computer.

The goal of the project is to meet the information needs of our clientele by collecting related data.

Also, Bridget Udoh, Candace Semien, Andra Johnson, Eual Hall, Allison, Johnson and Chris Robichaux attended a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, May 22, in Iberia Parish. The meeting turned into another recruitment of additional two project participants. The original two participants could not attend the follow-up meeting because of family matters. The new participants signed up, completed the survey and received their gas cards.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**July 9—13** Youth Cooking School, Session 1. The registration fee is $15.00 per student. For further detail, contact De'Shoin York Friendship at 225-771-2582 or via email deshoin_york@suagcenter.com

**July 18—22** Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute. Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

**July 23—7** Youth Cooking School, Session 2. The registration fee is $15.00 per student. For further detail, contact De'Shoin York Friendship at 225-771-2582 or via email deshoin_york@suagcenter.com

**July 24** Louisiana Small Farm Tour. Small farmers tour the state. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.