AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Public Comments

5. Special Recognition

6. Action Items—
   A. Minutes of the February 13, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
   B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
      1.) Academic Affairs Committee
      2.) Athletics Committee (Reports of the March 15 and March 30, 2012 meetings)
      3.) Facilities and Property Committee
      4.) Finance and Audit Committee
      5.) Legal Affairs Committee (Report of March 15, 2012 meeting)
      6.) Legislative Committee
      7.) Personnel Affairs Committee
   C. Resolutions

7. Informational Reports --
   A. System
   B. Campuses
      C. Update on the implementation of the partial centralization of Information Technology, SUS

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment
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. Joe R. Gant, 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. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
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
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, and Tony Moore
Chancellors James Llorens (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

BOARD COUNSEL
Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized former Board Member Randal L. Gaines (3rd Congressional District) for his services to the Board and University for the past four years.

Atty. Gaines expressed appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board and pledged his continuing support of the University.

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The Board recognized the presence of State Senator Ronnie Johns (District 27). Senator Johns was invited by Board Member Tolbert to attend the meeting.

The Senator expressed pleasure for the opportunity to speak to the Board and pledged his support for the University.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments by Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi related to the adverse impact of the current retrenchment plan on Faculty Members at SUBR.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Rev. Tolbert,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the January 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee’s report and 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 the SUBR Administration be and it is hereby given to offer the following existing academic programs through Distance Learning Technologies:
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- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Executive Masters of Public Administration

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the following Letters of Intent be and they are hereby approved.

- Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program, SUBR
- Licensed Practical Nursing Degree Program, SUSLA

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendations of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the SUSLA Administration be and it is hereby authorized to terminate the Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology Degree Program.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendations of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the New Orleans Higher Education Management Plan, required by ACT 419 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, be and it is hereby approved.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the Administration’s request to continue the employment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective January 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012, at an annual prorated salary of $113,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert and seconded by Mr. Sumner for the Board to reject the Committee’s action and approve the appointment of Ms. Paula L. Jackson as Director of Athletics at SUBR.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: Braxton, Dumas, Gant, Lawson, Smith, Sumner...
and Tolbert; 5 nays: M. Bell, P. Bell, Clayton, Forstall, and Magee; 2 abstentions: Mire and Kelly

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the SUNO Administration’s request to pay a $1,000 supplement to faculty and staffers for their services rendered in preparing for the University’s reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) be and it is hereby approved.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Atty. Forstall, that the Board continue its current Scholarship Award Policy.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 6 yea: M. Bell, P. Bell, Clayton, Forstall, Magee, and Smith; 7 nays: Mire, Braxton, Dumas, Kelly, Lawson, Sumner, and Tolbert; 1 abstention: Gant

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A motion was offered by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Atty. Dumas, that the Board approve the report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

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A substitute motion was made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Rev. Gant, that the Board defer action on the proposed Board Educational Assistance Scholarship Policy until the Board’s March meeting.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: M. Bell, P. Bell, Clayton, Forstall, Gant, Magee, and Smith; 7 nays: Mire, Braxton, Dumas, Kelly, Lawson, Sumner, and Tolbert.

Discussion continued.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Magee, action of the Board Educational Assistance Scholarship Policy (Item 5D) was deferred until the Board’s March meeting so that information can be obtained regarding the use of funds under the current policy; and the manner in which the scholarship funds from the Department of Public Safety are being allocated to each of the Campuses.

The motion carried. Mr. Sumner and Dr. Kelly voted nay.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Magee, 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 FY 2011-12 General Budget Projections, as of December 31, 2011, for Southern University System entities be and they are 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 tuition increase of $250 per semester and increase of $40 per semester in the Athletic fees at the Southern University Laboratory School, effective Fall 2012, be and they are 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 State Liability Travel Card Program Policies and Procedures for the Southern University System and Campuses, be and they are hereby approved.
C. SYSTEM REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

System President reported on his recent meeting with members of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus in which he sought their support during the upcoming Session of three pieces of legislation that would provide funding for the following projects:

- The Honore’ Center
- Demolition of dormitories on the SUBR campus
- SU Laboratory School

The Caucus Members were also asked to monitor any bills that might result from the report issued by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS).

Continuing, Dr. Mason reported on his meeting with the Louisiana Legislative Delegation in Washington, D.C. to advise and seek their support of the Five Fifths Agenda (FFAA) for America. The Honore’ Center at SUNO is one of the proposed FFAA demonstration projects.

President Mason reported that the System and Campus Administrations have met relative to the centralization of the Information Technology and Human Resources components at the System level. The purpose of which is to enhance the efficient and timely delivery of services in both areas.

The President advised that an agreement was reached with the Campuses for partial centralization of the Information Technology component at the System level. Under this agreement, the Campuses will be required to implement the recommendations made by the System. The President approved and recommended this action to the Board for approval.

The second recommendation submitted by the President was for Board approval of full centralization of Human Resources at the System level and the creation of the position of System Vice President of Human Resources.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Dr. Kelly,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendations of the System President to implement partial centralization of the Information Technology component at the System level be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the President’s recommendations to centralize the Human Resources component at the System level; and, to create the position of System Vice President for Human Resources be and they are hereby approved.
Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 10 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, Braxton, Clayton, Forstall, Kelly, Lawson, Magee, Smith, and Sumner; 3 abstentions: Dumas, Gant, Tolbert; Mr. P. Bell departed the meeting.

D. RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Dr. Kelly,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Southern University System is a unique asset for the Citizens of the State of Louisiana, especially its underserved and Africans Americans.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southern University System agrees with the Governance Commission and the Board of Regents that Louisiana should continue to have four higher education systems and that one, the Southern System, should continue to fulfill its special responsibility at the nation’s only Black College and University System.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that commendations from the Board be and they are hereby extended to Mr. James Simmons, an alumnus of Southern University – Baton Rouge and Lafayette Parish School System’s Director of Athletics, on his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

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

- The Delanily R. Sawyer Family
- The James Wilkerson, Sr. Family
- The Carville Knighten Family
- The John Anderson II Family
- The Thelma C. Cobb Family
- The Gerald Marchand Family
- The Henry Dejoie, Sr. Family

Motion carried unanimously.
AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CAMPUSES

Campus reports were presented by the Chancellors and are available for review on video or audio tape in the Board’s Office.

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On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Magee, the agenda was amended to add the following item.

Item 8A: Focused Search for Director of Athletics, SUBR

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

A. FOCUSED SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that Chancellor James Llorens be and he is hereby authorized to conduct a focused search to fill the position of Director of Athletics at Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Lawson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Academic Affairs Committee
1:00 p.m.
Monday, February 13, 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, Jr.

Present
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly, Chair
Mr. Ann A. Smith, Vice Chair
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, JR.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

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

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BOARD COUNSEL
Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment: Item 5E moved to Item 6B: Role, Scope and Mission Designations

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS
None
AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following actions –

○ Authorization to the Administration to offer the below listed existing academic programs at Southern University Baton Rouge through Distance Learning Technologies:
  • Bachelor of Science in Nursing
  • Executive Masters of Public Administration;

○ Approval of Letters of Intent to establish the following new academic programs:
  • Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program at SUBR
  • Licensed Practical Nursing at SUSLA;

○ Termination of the Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology Program at SUSLA; and


Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Monthly Recruitment Update, SUBR

Reports were received from SUBR, SUNO and SUSLA on new initiatives that will be implemented during the Spring 2012 Semester to increase enrollment.
B. Role, Scope and Mission Designations of SU Institutions, as requested by the Board of Regents

The Committee was given a copy of the Board of Regents' designation of the role, scope and mission of each Southern University System entity. These statements were not the official designation of these units and action by the Board was not required.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Ukpolo announced that the School of Social Work at SUNO has been notified of its reaccreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation for an additional eight years.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Braxton, the meeting was adjourned.

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Personnel Affairs Committee
Monday, February 13, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Warren A. Forstall.

Present
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Vice Chair
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

University Personnel Attending
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
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Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)

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BOARD COUNSEL
Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE
AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. MERITORIOUS PAYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES’ SERVICE FOR SACS REAFFIRMATION

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the SUNO Administration’s request to pay a $1,000 supplement to faculty and staffers for their services in preparing for the University’s reaffirmation of accreditation by SACS.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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Finance and Audit Committee
Monday, February 13, 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 Chair, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

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

Absent
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

University Personnel Attending
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), James Llorens (SUBR)
Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)
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BOARD COUNSEL
Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Add Item 6A: SACUBO Workshop, SU System

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT, SU SYSTEM ENTITIES

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee recommends to the Board acceptance of the 2011-2012 General Budget Projections, as of December 31, 2012, for Southern University System entities.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. S.U. LAB SCHOOL TUITION AND ATHLETIC FEE INCREASE

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Sumner, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of a tuition increase of $250 per semester and an increase of $40 per semester in Athletic fees at the S.U. Laboratory School, effective Fall 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. STATE LIABILITY TRAVEL CARD PROGRAM

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the State Liability Travel Card Program Policies and Procedures for the Southern University System and Campuses.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICY, SUS

Mr. Sumner introduced a new policy to govern the disbursement of scholarship funds derived through the sale of the Louisiana State Prestige License Plates. The policy proposes the transfer of student scholarship awards from the Board of Supervisors to the Campuses.

Continuing, Mr. Sumner advised that the SU Campuses, with the exception of SUBR, receive direct appropriations of funds from the sale of their Prestige license plates. The Campuses are also in charge of the awarding of scholarships on their campuses.

On the other hand, funds from the sale of SUBR Prestige license plates were disbursed to the Southern University System and were used to fund Board of Supervisors' Scholarships.
Chancellor Pitcher reported that funds from the sale of the Law Center license plates were also sent from the Department of Public to the SU System.

Speaking in support of the current policy were Board Members Clayton and M. Bell.

Speaking in support of the proposed policy were Board Members Sumner and Kelly.

On motion of Mr. Sumner, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Committee recommends Board approval of the policy governing the Board's Educational Assistance Scholarship Program.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Lawson, Dumas, Kelly, Sumner, and Mire
2 nays: Forstall and M. Bell

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

System Vice President Kevin Appleton reported on the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO) Drive-In Workshop that was held on the SU-Baton Rouge Campus on Friday, February 10.

The workshop entitled "ISSUES IN ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING" featured Dr. Mary Fischer, a nationally known expert in Higher Education Accounting and Reporting, and an excellent teacher and workshop speaker.

"ISSUES IN ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING" is a program targeted for accounting personnel with at least a basic understanding of college and university accounting.

Discussion centered on fund accounting and included issues and problems that commonly confront college and university accounting officers and provided acceptable accounting practices and standards for reporting.

Over 65 persons attended the workshop from the SU System and Campus, other Louisiana Systems, and from the states of Alabama, and Mississippi.

Vice President Appleton also reported on his attendance at a meeting with Governor Jindal during which the 2012-13 Executive Budget and funding for higher education were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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Facilities and Property Committee
Monday, February 13, 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 Chair, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

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

Absent
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, Vice Chair

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

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BOARD COUNSEL
Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. CAPITAL PRIORITY PROJECTS UPDATE, BY CAMPUS

Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning, presented a written update on the following projects on the Southern University – Baton Rouge campus. A full presentation will be made the next regular meeting on March 30.

- Parking lot for F.G. Clark Activity Center
- Dormitory Demolition
- Baseball Facility

B. FACILITIES UPDATE, SUNO

Dr. Ukpolo announced that the State has received funding from FEMA in the amount of $120 million to rebuild the SUNO Park Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

###
Athletics Committee  
Monday, February 13, 2012  
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  

Minutes

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Patrick D. Magee.

PRESENT
Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Chair
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent
None

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

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Add Item 6A: SUBR FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 2012
AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were offered by SUBR alum Rinauld Jacobs and SU National Alumni President Dennis Brown in regards to Item 5A.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

Chancellor Llorens reported that a university committee instituted a national search to fill the position of Director of Athletics at SUBR.

Following his review of the qualifications and interviews with three finalists submitted by the Search Committee, Chancellor Llorens recommended to Committee the appointment of Ms. Paula L. Jackson as the Director of Athletics at SUBR.

A motion was offered by Mr. Lawson, and seconded by Mr. Sumner for the Committee’s approval and recommendation to the Board of Ms. Paula L. Jackson as the Director of Athletics at SUBR.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 3 yeaas: Sumner, Lawson and Smith; 3 nays: Magee, M. Bell and P. Bell; 2 abstentions: Kelly and Mire

AGENDA ITEM 5B: CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board The continuation of employment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics at Southern University – Baton Rouge for the period of January 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012, at a pro-rated annual salary of $113,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2012 Football Schedule

In his report on the 2012 Football Schedule, Chancellor Llorens noted.

- The opening game with the University of New Mexico will be played in Alburquerque
- Four games will be played at home
The SU game against Mississippi Valley State University will be played on a Thursday night.

The Homecoming Game will be played against Texas Southern University on October 13.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.
Athletics Committee  
3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Patrick D. Magee. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

PRESENT
Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Chair  
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaux  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Dr. Eamon Kelly

University Personnel Attending
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
Chancellor James L. Llorens

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF TEN-DAY NOTICE OF MEETING REQUIREMENT

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee waived the ten-day notice requirement for the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.
AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Trivedi cautioned the Committee to give careful consideration to the number of complimentary tickets provided for in the proposed policy (Item 7A) in light of the University's current financial situation.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

With the concurrence of System Mason, Chancellor Llorens recommended the appointment of Dr. William Broussard as the new Director of Athletics for Southern University – Baton Rouge. He requested the Committee's favorable action on his recommendation.

To support his recommendation, Chancellor Llorens listed Dr. Broussard’s numerous academic and professional achievements which qualified him for this position.

In his presentation, Dr. Broussard expressed appreciation to the Chancellor for his recommendation. He then listed three areas that he would address forthrightly in the SUBR Athletics Program, if the Board approved his appointment:

-Compliance
-Academic Performance
-Fundraising

Mr. Lawson asked Dr. Broussard if he could work with the current budget for the SUBR Athletics Program. Dr. Broussard responded in the affirmative.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. William Broussard as the Director of Athletics for Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously. 8 yea: Magee, Sumner, M. Bell, Dinvaut, Forstall, Lawson, Smith, and Mire.
AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. COMPREHENSIVE SUBR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC TICKET AND RELATED ACTIVITIES POLICY

Committee Vice Chair Sumner listed several items that he would like to have addressed and/or incorporated into the proposed policy before it is submitted to the Board for action. Namely,

1.) The value of complimentary tickets given to a donor shall not exceed the value of the service donated.

2.) Access to the 3rd floor of A.W. Mumford Fieldhouse shall be limited to persons 18 years and older.

3.) The inclusion into the policy of complimentary tickets to family members of deceased Board Members; and, to Interim Presidents should be addressed.

4.) Recipients of more than four complimentary tickets shall be required to purchase at least four season books.

Following discussion of these items, the Committee deferred action on the proposed policy and the suggested revisions until the April 2012 Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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Legal Affairs Committee  
2:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  

Minutes  

The meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.  

Atty. Bridget Dinvaunt, newly-appointed Board member from Congressional District 3, was administered the oath of office by Atty. Tracie Woods.  

Atty. Dinvaunt expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board and pledged her best efforts in fulfilling the responsibilities of this position.  

PRESENT  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chair  
Atty. Bridget Dinvaunt  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio  

Mr. Myron K. Lawson was appointed to the Committee by Board Chairman Mire to effect a quorum.  

Absent  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Vice Chair  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  

University Personnel Attending  
System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF TEN-DAY NOTICE OF MEETINGS REQUIREMENT  

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee waived the ten-day notice required for the meeting.  

Motion carried unanimously.
AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT FOR LAWSUIT ENTITLED, ERMA WARE V. SU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ET. AL.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, settlement of the lawsuit entitled, Erma Ware v. SU Board of Supervisors, et. al. in the amount of $82,000, payable to the plaintiff. The Office of Risk Management (ORM) has agreed to pay $15,000 of this amount. The Shreveport campus will pay the balance in two equal installments: one in the current fiscal year and the second in fiscal year 2012-2013. The plaintiff will tender an official resignation of her position with the University.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee was also informed that ORM will pay the University’s attorney fees in this case.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Mire, the meeting was adjourned.
SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Southern University Celebrates Founders' Day

The theme for the 2012 Southern University Founders' Day celebration was “Renaissance Southern University: Strengthening the Gift of a Strong Foundation.” From March 4-9, 2012, the University celebrated its 132nd year as an institution of higher learning. The week-long celebration was filled with music, exhibits, stirring and inspirational speeches, prayers, the traditional pilgrimage to the Founders' gravesite, the traditional convocation, the luncheon honoring our 20, 30 and 40 year employees and the annual SU Alumni Federation Gala.

Throughout the week, members of the SU Family were encouraged to remember the past and challenged to address the present and plan for the future.
Revered Lester Love was the speaker for the Prayer Breakfast; Dr. Brandon Dumas was the principal speaker for the Graveside ceremony; and Attorney Cleo Fields was the speaker for Founders’ Day Convocation.

The common theme throughout the week-long celebration was that hope, faith, unity, planning, action, and courage would see the University through this most challenging period in its history.

**Chancellor’s Master Class Series Presents First Lecturer**

On Wednesday, February 29, 2012, the first guest lecturer for the Chancellor’s 2012 Master Class was presented. A. P. Tureaud, Jr., the first African American undergraduate student at LSU and co-author of the book, *A More Noble Cause*, was the series’ first lecturer. The event was planned to climax the University’s Black History month celebration.

Mr. Tureaud shared with the audience his experiences while at LSU as an undergraduate student in 1953. He was there only for several weeks before he was ordered by the courts to leave. He transferred to Xavier University to complete his degree. His experience was historic and, no doubt, had much to do with whom he ultimately became and with his continued involvement in the Civil Rights Movement.
School of Nursing is "Nursing School of the Year" Again

The SUBR School of Nursing does it again! The School has been recognized for the second time as "Nursing School of the Year" for 2012. The first time that the school was selected as School of the Year was in 2010.

The University is extremely proud of this outstanding program that continues to demonstrate excellence in every aspect of the program. The absolute best yardstick for measuring the true quality of a program is the quality of the students who graduate from the program and the degree of success that these graduates experience. According to Dr. Jacqueline Hill, Chairman of the SUBR undergraduate nursing program, the assessment of the nursing program was conducted by an independent team whose members were not from Louisiana. "Their findings say a lot about the excellence of our program," said Dr. Hill. Criteria applied during the assessment included (1) first-time passage rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing, (2) innovation in education and teaching, (3) program accreditation status, and (4) comments from graduates' employers.

High commendations are extended to the students, faculty and staff of the SUBR School of Nursing for continuing to distinguish the School of Nursing as one of the University's premier programs.

Statewide Conference on Bullying Sponsored by Southern University's Division of Continuing Education

On Saturday, February 18, 2012, SUBR's Division of Continuing Education sponsored the University's first Statewide Bullying: A Call for Action Conference. The conference took place at the Crown Plaza Conference Center. Approximately eighty individuals from throughout the state were in attendance. A panel of experts addressed the growing problem of bullying and its dire (sometimes fatal) consequences. Members of the panel offered advice to school counselors, parents, educators and law enforcement officers as they sought to develop and implement strategies to address this escalating problem. Bullying comes in different forms: cyber-bullying, physical bullying, verbal bullying and social bullying. Panel participants emphasized the need to communicate and try to get victims of bullying to open up and tell someone in authority. A positive self-concept is of crucial importance. Young people must believe in themselves and appreciate their own worth. Bullying is about power and control.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Claudio Cerullo, a national bullying expert who is founder of Teach Anti-Bullying, Inc. This conference was most timely, as tragedies resulting from bullying are increasing nationwide. Through SUBR's Continuing Education Program's sponsorship of this conference, the University
provided the campus, the community and the state with an opportunity to speak out and to act on this very critical problem.

**SUBR Continues to Demonstrate Its Role as an Integral Part of the Community**

The Baton Rouge Campus was the recent site for a meeting to discuss the current crisis that is being experienced by the Capital Area Transit System. The System's budget crisis continues. CATS has been confronted with budget problems for several years. The System currently faces a possible $2.1 million shortfall. If the budgetary concerns are not addressed, there is a very real possibility that the transit services could be discontinued or dramatically reduced.

Many Southern University students are regular passengers of CATS. For some, as is true with many local citizens, CATS is their only means of transportation. For some students, this is the only mode of transportation that they have to and from the campus. Discontinuing this service would have a devastating impact on their ability to continue their education at SUBR, especially off-campus students who depend upon this service.

The meeting on SUBR's campus attracted about 200 people, including Mayor Kip Holden. The proposed solution is to once again ask the citizens to vote **yes** for a tax proposal that would sufficiently fund CATS so that it could continue and even improve its service. SUBR hopes that for the sake of the Baton Rouge Community (which includes the students of SUBR) this crisis is solved. The purpose of the forum on SUBR's campus was to raise the level of awareness of students and to register students to vote when the tax proposal is presented.

**Physics Professor Continues Successful Work with LIGO Project**

Dr. Stephen McGuire, professor of Physics and Fellow of the American Physical Society, continues to successfully represent SUBR on a world-class research project through a partnership with LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory).

His most recent accomplishment is a positive outcome of proposal to provide himself and SUBR students with more time to engage in cutting edge research at the world-class LIGO research facility.

In addition, Professor McGuire very recently had the honor of making a presentation at the American Physical Science Society March meeting on the Southern University partnership in science education with LIGO. This meeting represented the largest
physics meeting in the world! Professor McGuire’s presentation focused on outreach partnerships and opportunities with LIGO for the African American Community. His presentation was a part of a larger session on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Outreach to Underrepresented Communities.

Commendations are extended to Professor Stephen McGuire for his continued demonstration of academic excellence and his commitment to providing invaluable learning experiences for our students.

**Division of Student Affairs Honors Reverend Dr. Clay Evans**

On Sunday, February 19, 2012, the Division of Student Affairs honored one of the nation’s deans among Baptist preachers. The Reverend Dr. Clay Evans’ long and distinguished service as an African American religious leader is nationally and internationally known. Reverend Dr. Clay Evans has been a member of the clergy for 62 years. He is the founding pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. He was an active pastor for 50 years until his retirement in 2000. He is the author of several inspirational books. His radio and television ministry reached more than twenty (20) states each week. His message has always been one of faith and hope. Dr. Evans was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Division of Student Affairs on behalf of Southern University.

**Black History Month Presentation Presented by AWS**

The Association of Women Students (AWS) continued the University’s celebration of Black History Month with a Provocative presentation: *In Our Own Skin: Color Complex.* The program was an open and frank discussion of prejudices within the African American community stemming from variations of skin color.

The special guest for this program was author, Ronald Maloney. The book is *Powerhouse Road.* It is a memoir on the experience of being an abandoned biracial child. Maloney was taken from his white family and sent to a “colored orphanage” in the deep south where he was told that he was “in denial of being a Negro.”

The event was free and open to the public. Copies of Mr. Maloney’s book were available for purchase at the event.
Southern Digest earns awards at HBCU Student News Media Conference

The Southern Digest staff received honors in eight categories in the 14th Annual National HBCU Student News Media Conference's "Excellence in Journalism" Contest.

The recognition for Southern University's student-run newspaper included four first-place awards, two second-place awards, one third-place award and an honorable mention. The Excellence in Journalism Contest comprised of work from student publications at Historically Black Colleges and Universities covering the 2011 calendar year.

First-place honors went to editor-in-chief Evan Taylor for best signed commentary or column writing; former sports writer Morris Dillard for best sports news or game story; and the Digest staff for best informational graphic or news illustration along with best online multimedia package.

The Digest staff garnered second-place honors for its overall sports coverage and general excellence in regular production — producing and publishing issues more than once weekly.

Evan Taylor earned a third-place award in spot news for coverage of Southern University System students suing the state Board of Regents and Gov. Bobby Jindal.

The Digest staff attained honorable mention in their coverage of the University's ongoing financial crisis.

The contest was facilitated by the Black College Communication Association, a nonprofit organization that works to identify resources to strengthen communications programs at HBCUs, provide technical assistance to HBCUs seeking accreditation and establish hardware systems which can be shared by member institutions to promote the understanding and advancement of communication as an academic and professional field.

In addition, Southern Digest adviser Fredrick Batiste was appointed as BCCA vice chairman during the conference, joining another Southern alumnus, Tuskegee University public affairs specialist Janene Tate, on the organization's board.

Conference sponsors included The Virginian-Pilot, Newspaper Association of American and National Newspaper Publishers Association.

A panel of professional journalists served as contest judges.
Departments of Theatre and Music Hosted Events During Month of February and March

The Department of Speech and Theatre presented a play, “Blues for an Alabama Sky” on February 29 and March 1-3 in Hayden Hall. This activity was open to the University community and the general public at a small cost.

SUBR graduate, Dr. Orrin Wilson presented a free program of trumpet music composed by African American composers on February 28, 2012 in the DeBose Recital Hall. The program was a part of “The Black Composer Speaks: The African American Classical Tradition” concert series. The concert featured works by Anthony Barfield, Adolphons Hailstork, Ulysses Kay and Charles Lloyd, Jr. Dr. Wilson is a former student of Professor Craig Heinzen.

SUBR Baseball Coach Gets 800th Victory

Coach Roger Cador is in his 28th season of coaching baseball at Southern University. On Sunday afternoon (February 26) at Brown-Stroud Field, his team defeated the Demons of Northwestern State 7-4 giving Coach Cador his 800th career victory.

In a recent Advocate article, Coach Cador was asked what did the win mean to him. His reply was, “It means I’ve been around a long time and I’ve had good players.” The coach thanked the players, the parents and the University for allowing him to be successful over the years. Coach Cador came into his 28th season needing four wins to reach number 800, and he was able to get those four wins. Congratulations to Coach Roger Cador.

Media Relations Update

These are some of the news stories and media events generated by the Office of Media Relations since our last report.

Feb. 5, all three Baton Rouge television stations and KLFY in Lafayette aired stories about Southern University's Dancing Dolls being the backup dancers for Madonna's performance during the Super Bowl Halftime Show.
On Feb. 6, *The Advocate* published a front-page story on the Dancing Dolls' participation in the halftime show. The print story was carried nationally by the Associated Press news service.

WAFB-TV Ch. 9 aired a follow-up story on the Dolls, interviewing Director of Bands Lawrence Jackson and Meaghan Callier of the Dolls.

April Rollins, a Dancing Doll from Opelousas, was featured in an interview KLFY-TV Ch. 10 Lafayette, anchor Darla Montgomery.

Stories about the Dancing Dolls continued throughout February across the state and country. Meaghan Callier was featured in Mobile *Press-Register* newspaper; *The Opelousas Daily World* featured Opelousas High grads Montrelle Sam, April Rollins and Naomi Chapman; and, national publication *Dance Spirit Magazine* also featured the Dolls in its Feb. 17 edition with an interview with Doll Captain Kayla Smith.

On Feb. 7, WVLA-TV Ch. 33, WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 covered the HIV/AIDS awareness event held on the campus.

On Feb. 18, *The Advocate* published a story on Chancellor Llorens' travel to Turkey to discuss the possibility of recruiting students to the Baton Rouge campus. The story also shed light on Southern's aggressive campaign to increase student recruiting.

On Feb. 21, both Baton Rouge station WVLA Ch. 33 and KALB in Alexandria aired stories about Chancellor Llorens speech to the Alexandria Rotary Club. His presentation was about the future of the University.

On Feb. 22, the Alexandria *Town Talk* newspaper published a story on the Chancellor's speech and on an interview with him about University issues.
On Feb. 28, *The Advocate*’s Magazine section published a story about SU’s Dramatic Arts preparing for the presentation of the play “*Wedding Band: A Love/Hate Story in Black and White.*”

On March 5, Director of Recruiting Michelle Hill was a guest on WAFB-TV Ch. 9’s Morning News show to promote College Night on the Bluff set for April 11 on the Baton Rouge campus.

Chancellor James Llorens spoke with WBRZ-TV’s 2une-In’s co-anchor Whitney Vann about the University’s budget status, international student recruitment efforts and Founders’ Day week festivities on the campus.

On March 6, Southern University students were interviewed by *The Advocate* concerning their push to save the CATS Bus Line and especially the CATS buses used on the Baton Rouge campus.

The Southern University Nursing School’s recognition as Nursing School of the Year for 2012 as featured in WVLA Ch. 33 evening newscast on March 5.

On March 8, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 featured the Southern University Nursing School on its website and its 2une-In Morning Show.
SPRING CONVOCATION 2012

Each year, The Office of Student Activities hosts its Spring Convocation. The goal of this event is to provide words of empowerment and encouragement to members of the SUSLA student body and the surrounding community. This year’s convocation speaker featured Judge Glenda A. Hatchett. Judge Hatchett was so excited about the upcoming release of her National Bestseller "Dare to Take Charge!". It was re-released in paperback on March 7th, 2012. Judge Hatchett’s book Dare to Take Charge is designed to help you turn a corner in your life. Her book will challenge you to change, will make you question how you handle your life and help you start doing just one thing every day to better your circumstances.

FBLA CONFERENCE

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has proven to be a valuable organization for middle and high school students. This organization helps students transition from high school and college into the business world. Southern University-Shreveport (SUSLA) was pleased to have been chosen, once again, as host of the FBLA Conference, held February 8, 2012. David Robinson, FBLA Coordinator, did a tremendous job in bringing over 600 students to SUSLA’s campus. Twenty-five schools, including Green Oaks, Airline, Ringgold, Summerfield, Castor and Pelican High Schools, traveled to compete in leadership events, and learn new ideas about shaping their future in
FBLA Conference cont........................

The students arrived early and were eager to begin their full day of competition. The various events included Mock Job Interviews, Public Speaking, a Dress for Success Workshop, and Current Events. Ms. Rhandanita Jackson, Director of Admissions, did an outstanding job of coordinating a mini-college fair during the conference to make students aware of our program offerings and to ultimately increase registrations for our upcoming summer and fall semesters.

Ms. Beverly Parker, Director of Workforce Development, served as chairperson on behalf of SUSLA. Other committee members included Sophia Lee, Elaine Casey, Urra Holt, William Strother, Cynthia Hester, Dennis Holmes, Katherine Stringer, Tracey Nelson, Vernon Francis, and Rebecca Gilliam, who each did a great job in ensuring that the conference was well coordinated and successful.

SUSLA’s core values are Excellence, Integrity, Accountability, and Service. The FBLA Committee strived to demonstrate to the students and to the public that we take our core values seriously. It is hoped that students will take the qualities of great leaders and implement them into their everyday lives now and when transitioning into the business world.

February is Black History Month

SUSLA’s Student Government Association conducted a march and candlelight vigil to recognize and honor Black History Month. The activity symbolized the past tragedies, historical struggles and accomplishments of the Black race. A variety of speakers addressed the crowd. The march started at the gymnasium and proceeded to the corner of MLK Drive and Hilary Huckaby at the statue of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

SUSLA Awards $27,000 in Small Business Assistance

Southern University at Shreveport announces that it is awarding $27,000 in small business assistance grants. Twelve businesses will receive up to $2500 each to assist in purchasing needed equipment in order to build their capacity as a viable business. Over 20 small business owners applied to receive these funds that were made available from a grant through the United States Housing and Urban Development Department’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities grant program. Applicants were required to have been in business for at least a year, provide documentation that substantiated their existence, and provide a 10% match. SUSLA’s small business development program also offers a business incubation program, the Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD) program, the Intense Technical Assistance Program, entrepreneurship training, and technical assistance programs. The list of award businesses and owners are: Creole Soul-Mr. Craig Lee, Cawthorne Financial Services-Mr. Lynn D. Cawthorn, Studio NJay-Ms. Sherril Watkins, J&EB Guest Care Service-Ms. Edna Smith, Mid-South Cleaning Service-Ms. Lakeisa Curry, Headquarters Barber Center-Mr. Craig Pollard, Janice Tax Service-Ms Janice Antwine, Finest Beauty Salon & Training Center-Ms. Phyllis Williams, London Inc-Ms. Katrina Seamster, Chronicles of Numbers-Ms. Rachel Magee-Johnson, Stormy’s Carwash-Ms. Stormy Cog- Watts, Lee’s Lawn Service-Mr. Lee Knuckles.
FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION
1967-2012

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) hosted its Annual Founders’ Day Celebration. The theme for the Southern University System observance is Renaissance Southern University: “Strengthening Our Gift of a Strong Foundation”.

The keynote speaker for the occasion was the Honorable Shonda D. Stone, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court Judge. Judge Stone earned her Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center in 1988, and a Bachelor of Science (Accounting) from Southern University in 1984.

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana celebrates Founders’ Day each year to honor and pay homage to its forefathers and to those individuals who have played a significant and prominent role in the overall triumph and historical legacy of the institution.

During the Annual Founders’ Day program, the following faculty/staff members were recognized for their years of service to SUSLA: Melvin James and Murner D. Jenkins with 40 years of service; Barbara Bobo and Brenda Patterson with 30 years of service; Tommy Lewis, Shelia S. Swift and Dr. Regina Robinson with 20 years of service; and Deborah Adams, Linda Bedford, Latonya Brittentine, Joyce Cottonham, Dr. Iris Champion, Terri M. Johnson, Annie Morris, Jacqueline Roberson Reed, Judy Rushing, and Lucinda Thornton with 10 years of service to the University. Special guests included alumni, retirees, former chancellors, former faculty/staff, former SGA Presidents and Miss SUSLAS, community supporters, state and local officials. ****See Pictures on page 4

SUSLA host 73rd Annual CLCU Conference

The statewide Conference of Louisiana College and Universities (CLCU) held its 73rd Annual Meeting at the Lod Cook Alumni Center, 3838 West Lakeshore Drive in Baton Rouge, LA on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

The conference attracted higher education leaders and government officials from across the state to exchange ideas on how to better educate the state’s college students. The current president of CLCU is Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor for Southern University at Shreveport, and the immediate past president is Dr. Michael Martin, President of Louisiana State University and A&M College.

The event featured a Round Table Discussion on “LA Higher Education: A Period of Challenges, Reform and Transformation”. Panelists include Representative Thomas Carmody, State House of Representatives, Representative Stephen Carter, House Education Chair and Greg Davis, Chair of the Governance Commission and Barry Erwin, CABL and Governance Commission Member, facilitated the panel discussion.

The lunch guest speaker was Mr. Stan Jones, President of Complete College America. Following three decades of successfully reforming higher education in Indiana as Commissioner of Higher Education, state legislator, and senior advisors to the governor, Stan Jones founded Complete College America in order to build a network of states committed to substantially increasing the number of Americans with a postsecondary credential.

The afternoon session was led by Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner of Higher Education, who will offer insights on upcoming challenges, opportunities and emerging issues facing postsecondary education in Louisiana.

Ms. Carolyn Webb, Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor and Ms. Linzola Winzer, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chancellor assisted in facilitating the successful conference.
Employee Recognition
10 - 40 Years of Service

40 Years of Service
- Melvin James
- Murner Jenkins
- Barbara Bobo
- Brenda Patterson

30 Years of Service

20 Years of Service
- Tommy Lewis
- Dr. Regina Robinson
- Sheila Swift

10 Years of Service
- Deborah Adams
- Linda Bedford
- Latanya F. Brittentine
- Dr. Iris Champion
- Joyce Cottonham
- Judy Rushing McIntosh
- Terri Johnson
- Lucinda Thornton
- Annie Morris
- Jackie R. Reed
Miss Southern University at Shreveport 2011-12 hosted a Royal Tea in recognition of Women's History Month that highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

**Women's Basketball & Other Student Activities**

**Pink Zone**

Women's Basketball Game

SUSLA vs LSU-Eunice

Breast Cancer Awareness Game

When: February 13, 2012
Where: SUSLA GYM
Time: 7:00PM

**Mad Monday At The Metro Center**

This activity was held on Monday, February 13, 2012 the purpose is to bring student life to the Metro Center of Southern University at Shreveport. Mad Monday will be held at least once a month in the lobby area of the Metro Center.

**Valentine's Day Treats**

Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to Create-A-Stuffed Animal. The event allowed them to stuff and adopt their own custom Jaguar, Teddy Bear, Horse, Frog, Alligator, Monkey, and a variety of other unstuffed plush animals. The Valentine's Day Treats included a "waterfall" chocolate fountain, featuring five tiers of eye-catching chocolate. Students were captivated with the unique sight and aroma of warm chocolate and had the opportunity to dip fresh fruit, marshmallows, cookies, pretzels and other goodies.

**Mardi Gras Parade and Black History Parade**

Student Government Association (SGA) participated in Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church Annual Mardi Gras Parade on February 23, 2012.

They also participated in Annual Black History Parade sponsored by State Rep Barbara Norton, District #3, in downtown Shreveport.

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Ms. Rebecca Gilliam, Director, Student Activities
Jaguar Tech Bites

The SkyMail+Plus is our new Cloud-based email and applications computing platform hosted at Microsoft. SkyMail+ provides users with 10GB email account, Microsoft Office 365 Applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and OneNote), 25GB online storage solution, collaboration, blogging, photo sharing, event planning, instant messaging tools, and much more. Beginning this semester, all students’ email accounts have been migrated to SUSLA SkyMail. In addition, we’ve created alternate SkyMail accounts for employees to complement their primary Exchange Email on campus. Together, both systems will ensure constant communications and business continuity in the event of prolonged outages.

Dr. Gabriel Fegbeyiro, Chief Information Officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

****SUSLA to host March Southern University System Board of Supervisor’s meeting. Friday March 30, 2012 at the Southern University Metro Center, 610 Texas St. Shreveport, La 71101

**** SUSLA participates in Shreveport Times’ first Higher Education Roundup, March 24th.

The Port City Jags came out on top with a 83-77 victory in the first round of the Region 23 Tournament against Northwest Mississippi. It was a tight battle all night long between the two teams but the Jags were just too much for Northwest Mississippi. Corey Blake led the Jags in scoring with 23 points and 7 rebounds. Tydrick King had 18 points and 9 rebounds, Marcus Sheppard had 21 points with 6 rebounds and Joseph “J.J.” James followed with 10 points. Tonight at 8:00PM, the Jags face Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for the semifinal game in the A.E. Wood Coliseum.

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Governor Bobby Jindal and other dignitaries attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Thursday, February 23, 2012, 12 noon on the University’s Lake Campus. Ground was broken on the $3.3 million project on March 24, 2010. The building encompasses 10,000 square feet.

“This marks yet another milestone for our institution. The College of Business Building helps us to continue demonstrating our commitment to serving students for many years to come,” said SUNO’s Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D. “Promoting entrepreneurship represents a cornerstone of what our faculty attempts to convey to students. Small businesses are the number-one creators of jobs, and SUNO plans to maintain its stature by equipping students with the necessary knowledge and skills in order to be successful. This new facility enhances the work of our faculty.”
Academic Affairs

COLLEGE OF ARTS &
SCiences
The College of Arts and Sci-
ences held its second faculty
meeting to consider part-
nership with EOServe Cor-
poration in the delivery of online
courses. After serious discus-
sions and voting, the result to
not partner with EOServe Cor-
poration was unanimous. The
reasons included but were not
limited to conflict with
SUNO’s mission, rules and
regulations, SACS/COC Affir-
mation/Accreditation, intellec-
tual property rights, course
development and management
e tc. The faculty agreed that
since 2006 when SUNO began
offering online classes, faculty
recruited students, developed
courses, organized faculty
training sessions, advised and
mentored students successful-
ly. As such, they expressed
the desire to continue.

THE DEPARTMENT OF
ARTS AND HUMANITIES:
Dr. Xiongya Gao, Professor of
English, translated, Du Shini-
ang in Beijing Opera, a critical
edition with introduction and
annotation to be published this
year.

Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason, Asso-
ciate Professor of Communi-
cation Studies, was nominated
Research Fellow of Texas
Social Media Research Insti-
tute, and hosted Blackboard
National Webinar about
“Connect Yard,” guided learn-
ers and addressed questions
and experiences of the pro-
cesses.

Mr. Michael Pierce, Assistant
Professor of Music, coordinat-
ed and participated in Sullivan
Dabney’s “MUSIK JAZZ
BAND” at SUNO’s Gymnasi-

um on Friday, February 17,
2012.

M.A. MUSEUM PROGRAM:
Dr. Riep continued to work on
EmBARK database to hold
SUNO’s records of African
Art. Sixteen students of the
Master’s degree program are
working on their master’s pro-
jects and Theses for gradu-
ation in May 2012.

Research and Publication:
Dr. Sara Hollis published an
article in the Tribune “Ties
That Bind: The Art of Ulrick
Jean-Pierre,” while Dr. Jiang
published “Informative and
Entertaining: Chinese Ritual
Bronzes in Museums,” in
Southeast Review of Asian
Studies, February 2012.

Dr. Riep and Jiang attended a
workshop on Emergency and
Mitigation Emergency Plan-
ning and Strategies for Histor-
ic sites in New Iberia, LA,
whereas Dr. Hollis attended
the One Hundredth Annivers-
ary of African American Artist,
Romare Bearden, and the
Glass Painting Exhibit of Afri-
can American Artist, J. Renee
at the J.W. Marriott Hotel.

The National Institute of Sci-
ence awarded a certificate to
Dr. Ilyya Tietzel for his online
mentoring of HBCU students.
His mentees, Ciara Green,
Monica Jekpem Boic and
Gawain Kiffin presented pa-
pers at the Emerging Re-
searchers National (ERN)
Conference in Atlanta, GA
from February 23 to 25, 2012.

Dr. Quincié Quick developed
lab manuals for Biology 204
and 324.

Dr. Yolanda Youngblood or-
ganized a mentoring session
for biology/chemistry faculty
and students as part of the
BOR grant “Enhanced Work-
force Development, Student
Success and College Access
for Chemistry, Biochemistry
and Biotechnology.”

Research and Publication:
Dr. Bashir Attriaetal, Assistant
Professor of Biology pub-
lished an article titled,
“Angiostatin II Infusion
Induces marked Diaphragmat-
ic Skeletal Muscle “Atrophy
in PLOS ONE 7 (1):e30276.
Doi: 1371 journal pone.
0030276.

Dr. Tchavador Marinov, As-
Assistant Professor of Mathemat-
ics submitted article, “An In-
verse Problem for, Estimation
of Bending Stiffness in
Kirchhoff-love Platts” to Else-
vier Journal of Computers and
Mathematics with Applications.
Also, Dr. Delin Tan,
Assistant Professor of Mathem-
atics published “Quasi Lin-
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its Application to Image
Zooming,” In Journal of
Mathematics Science and
Mathematics Education, Vol.7
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES:
Dr. John Penny, Chair of the department was invited by WDSU-TV to comment on the problems of “Home Invasion, and how to combat it.” He also met with the FBI Multicultural Task Force to organize the citizenry to fight crime in New Orleans. To this end, Dr. Penny was accepted into the FBI Citizens Academy to learn the inner workings of the FBI in fighting crime.

On February 23-25, Dr. George Amedee, Professor of Political Science, presented a paper at the Dr. Michael T. Fagin Pan-African Student Leadership Conference on February 23-25 at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minnesota. The occasion was in recognition and celebration of contemporary Pan-Africanism in the global context. He also coordinated three Black History Month programs, and participated in two meetings as a member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission on February 14th and 28th.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:
Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean
Report on Major College of Business Activities:
February, 2012

Accreditation Progress Report: The CBA Dean, Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, and the CBA Coordinator of Accreditation Services, Dr. Frank Martin, have been compiling the Self Evaluation Report (SER) based on information and input from the four faculty-led AACSBS accreditation subcommittees – MFFA (Missions, Facilities, Finance & Administration Committee); SARPD (Student Admission, Retention & Professional Development Committee); ITTM (Instructional Time & Talent Management Committee); and LGCA (Learning Goals, Curriculum, & Assessment Committee). The SER is due in April 2012, and a campus visit is expected by October 2012.

Drs. Udeh and Martin were on campus throughout the 2012 Mardi Gras holiday to classify, analyze and report data provided by the CBA faculty concerning their achievements in research, teaching, and service over a five-year period.

The MFFA steering committee has completed and distributed to faculty and staff the initial draft of the 2012-2017 Strategic Action Plan. Faculty and staff reviews are expected, and a final document presented by April 2012.

The ITTM and the MFFA subcommittees continue to collaborate in collecting and reviewing faculty vita prepared according to a specified template to ensure consistency of information and ease of use by reviewers.

The SARPDP subcommittee continues to refine the initial demographic data on CBA undergraduate and graduate students that were used in preparing the SER reports.

The LGCA subcommittee has completed a comprehensive draft of Assurance of Learning report based on data provided by faculty. The four learning goals adopted by the college are communication, analysis, technology, and ethics. Additionally, each degree program (ENTR, MGIS-U, MGIS-G) has developed rubrics that were used for assessing individual degree program learning goals for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.

CBA Building:
The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the New College of Business & Public Administration Building was done on Thursday, February 23, 2012. The Honorable Governor Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, was the guest speaker, during the ceremony.

Electrical and data wiring for the Stock Market Trading Lab as well as electrical and data wiring for the Tutorial Lab and Student Mentoring Center are ongoing.

Journal Article Publication:


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AND ECONOMICS PERSPECTIVES (UBEP) (forthcoming).

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:
Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean & Professor of Business, served as National Judge for the 2012 MillerCoors Urban Entrepreneurs Series (MUES) Business Plan Competition in Chicago, Illinois, February 3-5, 2012. The top prize is $50,000 grant, and $25,000 each for four runner-ups.

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean and Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, SBDMI Director, attended the meeting of the Louisiana Workforce and Economic Development Council, hosted by the Louisiana Board of Regents, Baton Rouge, LA, on Friday, February 24, 2012.

Dr. Simeon Okpechi with the assistance of several CBA students has been providing free income tax preparation to low income clients in the community under the sponsorship of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, from February 2012.

Dr. Adrine J. Harrell-Carter has joined the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council Board of Directors. NOCDC is a non-profit organization that arranges professional appointments and cultural activities for over 350 international leaders sent to New Orleans each year from the U.S. State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Program, and other government and private agencies. NOCDC is part of a nationwide network of 93 councils that cooperates with the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV).

DBE Panel: Dr. Frank Martin, Chair of the Business Entrepreneurship Department, participated in the State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Panel which certifies small businesses as disadvantaged for the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, the Aviation Board, and Caesar’s (formerly Harrah’s) Casino on February 28, 2012.

Drs. Louis Mancuso, Marjorie Fox, Henry Fulk, and Yanju Yu accompanied SUNO MIS and ENTR students on a field trip to the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Robert, LA on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012, to study the first class supply chain management system of the corporation.

Louisiana Workforce Commission: Incumbent Workers Training Program Social Service Contract
Training activities for the Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWPT), which commenced on May 25, 2011, have been suspended for this quarter. Numerous phone calls and e-mails to the employer (RSI) and the trainer (QSSI) were made during this quarter to establish a new start-up date. The IWTP has been mandated by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. SUNO-SBDMI applied and received funding for $150,727. This funding is a foundational opportunity for SUNO to be involved in this Workforce Commission Initiative. The IWTP contract is designed to benefit business and industry by assisting existing employees’ skill development and increasing employee productivity and company growth. Completion of this year long contract to do AS9100 Certification training for the employer will result in the creation of new jobs, retention of jobs that may otherwise may have been eliminated as well as increase in wages for the company’s trained workers.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES (OSS) February 2012 Report
Ms. Timotea Bailey, Director of the Office of Student Services reported the following activities:
OSS pre-advised 6 of 7 2006 CBA Cohort eligible for Spring 2012 graduation as of January 23, 2012. Additional effort is being made to locate the one remaining cohort and get them pre-advised. OSS is actively supporting CBA’s AACSB accreditation initiatives by compiling and providing various data on student as needed for AACSB’s SER reporting.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & FAMILY STUDIES:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Interim Dean February 2012

Accreditation:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Interim Dean) met with the Chairs of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Child Development and Family Studies to discuss upcoming accreditation needs.

Dr. Diane Bordenave was hired as a new faculty member of the Child Development and Family Studies department.

Ms. Carson attended the College of Education and Human
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Development (CoE &HD)
Town Hall Meetings - presented CDFS program standard quality, student’s responsibilities, accreditation preparation relevance.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus served on the CDFS Accreditation Committee and attending meetings.

Dr. Sherry Bachus prepared a Progress Report on AAFCS Accreditation Standard IV: “Faculty” for CDFS departmental meetings.

Grant Submissions:
Ms. Celina Carson submitted the Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies Learning Institute grant proposal to the New Orleans Recreation Department Committee.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus supported the VITA Center funding for SUNO-CoB ($14,000) to support the promotion of financial freedom among college students and the greater New Orleans community. She encouraged the submission of the application and talked with IRS contacts in Washington, DC and the IRS Regional Office of HBCU Partnerships to foster relations for SUNO.

Dr. Mayo-Theus also secured $1,500 to support the Parent Power Forum co-sponsored by the SUNO – College of Education and Human Development (CoE &HD) and Modern Parent’s Magazine and will be held at the Superdome on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones spearheaded the Memorandum of Understanding with Orleans Parish School Board and Southern University at New Orleans supportive of the Louisiana’s Striving Readers Grant (February 1, 2012).

Workshops, Conferences and Scholarly Activities:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Interim Dean) attended the NADEC meeting held in Chicago, IL.

Ms. Celina Carson completed another series of the PLATO training.

Ms. Carson attended the Research Association of Minority Professionals (RAMP) 2012 Annual Conference where she delivered an oral and PowerPoint presentation in breakout session on CDFS’s best practices.

Ms. Carson attended the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) One-Day Conference on Lupus sponsored by University of Louisiana at Lafayette Student Chapter and the Department of Communication where she delivered an oral and PowerPoint presentation: “A Natural Approach to Living with Lupus.”

Ms. Carson attended the Louisiana Association of Family Consumer Sciences (LAFCS) 2012 Annual Conference. She collaborated with LAFCS board members in preparation for Annual meeting and nomination of university faculty as south-eastern regional committee officers.

Ms. Carson performed duties as LAFCS Secretary during the conference.

Ms. Carson was named LAFCS President-Elect for the 2013 – 2015 terms.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus presented her dissertation research – Military Families - “Supporting Military Families through Research by Addressing the New Normal. “for the Research Assn. of Minority Professors (RAMP) Conference in Houston, TX on Feb. 2-4, 2012. She also attended the RAMP Conference and fostered dialogue and decision for this national organization to select New Orleans, LA as their site for the 2014 for the National Convention.

Dr. Mayo-Theus presented “Living with An Auto Immune Disease: Up Close and Personal” sponsored by the National Assn. of Black Journalists at The University of Louisiana – Lafayette on February 23, 2012.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended The Louisiana Assn. of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference in Lafayette, LA on Feb. 23-25, 2012 and served as a Faculty Mentor for the following student presentation: The Impact of Violence and Abuse in the Family” with students: Sonya Sylve and Mercedes Marineaux.


Dr. Diane Bordenave registered for membership in American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

On February 17, 2012, Dr. Bordenave submitted “Children assessed for behavioral problems: What they say we can do to help” 2012 Conference Proposal to 42nd Annual Na-
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On Saturday, February 25, 2012 Dr. Bordenave attended the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Connecting Professionals Leadership in Action Annual Conference in Lafayette, La

Dr. Shawan Bellow is currently revising the Internship Handbook for the CoE & HD Certification-Only Certification Program.

Dr. Pamela Wang attended the Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Conference held at the Renaissance Houston Greenway Plaza Hotel in Houston, Texas.


Dr. Wang was a panel presenter at the National Association of Black Journalists Lupus Conference held at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. Her presentation addressed the stages of grief of the terminally ill and how they can find strength to live beyond the doctors' prognosis by drawing from their inner self.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones continues to work with Project M.A. C.K. The project aids in the recruitment, retention, and overall success of African-American Male students in the Early Childhood Program at Southern University at New Orleans and in the field of Early Childhood Education (Ongoing).

Dr. Allen-Jones participated in the webinar: How the Common Core Will Impact College Readiness and Teacher Education (February 22, 2012).

Dr. Sherry Bachus attended the Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Conference held at the Renaissance Houston Greenway Plaza Hotel in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Bachus attended the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (LAFCS) Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette/ Cajundome in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Dr. Bachus served as a Panel Presenter at the National Association of Black Journalists Lupus Conference held at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. The presentation was title, "Mental Health Concerns and Counseling Children and Families Who Live with Chronic Illness."

Professional Outreach to Students and Community: Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Interim Dean) participated in three (3) planning meetings for the recent Parent Forum (March 3, 2012).

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus to discuss SUNO Saves initiative.

Ms. Celina Carson coordinated and conducted weekly community health awareness education sessions.

Ms. Carson collaborated with faculty and community partners on the Healthy Minds – Health Bodies proposal.

Ms. Carson served as a member of the Parent Forum committee; attended meetings and participated in community partnership recruitment.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus discussed the ideas of training our CDFS students in owning their own businesses through the VITA Centers Initiative at the SUBR Campus with Dr. Simon Okpeachi. Encourage CDFS Students to attend the IRS Training and take Acct. 410 as an elective in the Summer and Fall, 2012 with Dr. Okpeachi.

Dr. Mayo-Theus discussed with Mark Ingram (New Orleans Saints) about attending and supporting the CoE & HD and Parent Power Forum on March 3, 2012 at the Superdome.

Dr. Mayo-Theus coordinated and worked with CDFS students in CDSF 453 and CDFS 430 to participate in commemorating America Saves Week for the Louisiana Saves during the SUNO Women’s Basketball Game on Monday, February 27, 2012 in the Knight’s Castle.
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Gym. Students had a table promoting savings and enrolled savers during the game and at Halftime, cash saving donations were given to 4 students in the audience to promote savings. Saving tips were distributed to all in attendance.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Parent Power Forum on March 3, 2012 at the Superdome. She assisted with the recruitment of CDFS students from her classes, served on the committee (volunteered) and secured the funding for the parking/lunch for the event in the amount of $1,500.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the New Orleans faith-based initiative on Crime in the City of New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Community Outreach Group of Military Families in Shreveport, LA.

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked with Families Affected by Incarceration about outreach efforts to discuss plans for 2012-2013.

Dr. Mayo-Theus met with Rev. Parker of Volunteers of America.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the IRS Webinar on Tax Preparation and Minority Outreach efforts involved with it.

Dr. Mayo-Theus coordinated the Louisiana Saves Initiatives during America Saves Week, 2012.

Dr. Mayo-Theus volunteered with the LA Crime Coalition.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the LA Domestic Violence Coalition Meeting.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the LA Take Black Male Teens To Church Day, February 26, 2012.


Dr. Diane Bordenave coordinated the Algiers Point Association Krewe of ALLA parade breakfast for New Orleans police and firefighters on February 12, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Algiers, LA.

Dr. Bordenave was nominated for and accepted the Secretarial position in the District C Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dr. Bordenave enrolled in the AARP Soul Steppers Walking Club on Monday, February 27, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave enrolled in Southern University at New Orleans SAVES: Start Small, Think Big & Hope for the Future.

Dr. Diane Bordenave attended the Parent Forum planning meeting.

On February 28, 2012, Dr. Shawan Bellow served as a Judge (to represent SUNO) of Graduating Seniors selected as Students of the Year from different parishes in Louisiana. As a judge, she had an opportunity to interview the students and evaluate their portfolios based on their leadership skills, their GPAs, writing samples, and interviews. Once all of the scores were compiled, the committee identified the top three students for Students of the Year for 2012.

Dr. Pamela Wanga was nominated for and accepted the position as President of the Southeastern District of the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (LAFCS).

Dr. Wanga signed up for the AARP Soul Steppers Walking Club.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones continues to serve on the 2012 Parent Power Forum Advisory Board collaboration with U. S. Department of Education and Modern Parents Magazine (Member).

Dr. Allen-Jones continues to serve on the Total Community Action Inc., Head Start Policy Council (Advisor).

Dr. Allen-Jones also continues to serve on the Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children (Board).

Dr. Allen-Jones advised over 30 students via e-mail, telephone and in-person.

Dr. Allen-Jones secured donations from Louisiana BlueCross and BlueShield for the 2012 parent forum.

As a networking opportunity, Dr. Sherry Bachus attended the ZULU Breakfast held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Sherry Bachus attended the Operation Hope: 12 Week Entrepreneurial Workshop throughout the month.

Dr. Bachus participated in the Southern University at New Orleans Saves$: Start Small,
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Think Big & Hope for the Future Program: Louisiana Saves/SUNO Saves.

Dr. Bachus attended the follow-up meeting with CDFS Faculty for the upcoming Parent Forum Workshop.

Dr. Bachus' CDFS470.01, Special Topics in CDFS: Mental Health class participated in the Louisiana/SUNO Saves event held in the Knights' Castle Gym.

Dr. Sherry Bachus nominated and accepted the position as President-Elect of the Southeastern District of the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (LAFCS).

Other University-related activities:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Interim Dean) conducted two (2) college meetings during the month.

Ms. Celina Carson attended the Faculty Senate Meeting as the CoE &HD representative.

Ms. Carson attended both the CDFS Departmental Meeting held on February 10, 2012.

Ms. Carson attended the EOS meeting.

Ms. Carson mentored three freshman cohorts.

Ms. Carson performed duties as Field Experience Coordinator.

Ms. Carson instructed four (4) courses throughout the month.

Ms. Carson represented CoE&HD/CDFS in the Amite-Independence recruitment activity.

Dr. Diane Bordenave attended the CoE&HD Faculty Meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CoE&HD Town Hall Meeting where she presented information on preregistration. The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 07, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CoE&HD Town Hall Meeting held on Wednesday, February 08, 2012 and also presented information on preregistration to those in attendance.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CDFS Departmental Meeting held on February 09, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CDFS Departmental Meeting held on February 17, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended the Parent Forum planning meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2012.

Dr. Diane Bordenave was introduced to the CDFS 470 class by Dr. Sherry Bachus on February 6, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended PLATO Training on February 7, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave co-taught CDFS 470 class with Dr. Bachus to continue transition.

Dr. Shawan Bellow continues to serve on the Teacher Education Council, PK-16, Curriculum Committee. She was also selected to serve on the Grievance Committee.

Dr. Bellow continues to advise undergraduate and alternative certification students.

Dr. Bellow conducted Student Teacher observations in Jefferson Parish, St. James Parish, and New Orleans Parish Schools.

Dr. Bellow is also working on establishing a partnership with Hope Community Resource Center.

Dr. Pamela Wang attended the CoE & HD faculty meeting held on February 6, 2012.

Dr. Wang attended the CoE & HD faculty PLATO training session held on February 7, 2012.

Dr. Wang attended the CoE & HD Town Hall Meeting held on February 7, 2012. She introduced faculty and presented an overview of the evening's agenda on behalf of Dr. Kaltenbaugh, Interim Dean.

Dr. Wang attended the PLATO Training for CoE & HD faculty.

Dr. Wang attended the Deans Council meeting in Room 306 of the Administration Building, February 9, 2012.

Dr. Wang attended the emergency CoE & HD faculty meeting with Dr. Adegbuye to announce Dean's position opening.

Dr. Wang attended CDFS 312 throughout the month of February.
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On February 10 & 17, 2012, Dr. Wanga held a CDFS Departmental meeting.

Dr. Wanga attended the Emergency Trailer Re-Location meeting held in Room 100 of the New College of Business Building.

Dr. Wanga met with Kingsley House supervisory staff for Practicum Orientation of Ms. Sybil Johnson on February 01, 2012.

On February 27, 2012, Dr. Wanga held a practicum seminar meeting with Sybil Johnson and Mercedes Marioneaux.

Dr. Wanga held a practicum orientation meeting with Mercedes Marioneaux (student) and Operation HOPE, Inc. staff.

Dr. Wanga held a telephone conversation with Rev. Walter Parker, Recruiter for Volunteers of America Mentoring Children of Promise Program (MCP), regarding a potential partnership. He met Monday, March 5 for a follow-up discussion.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones attended the CoE & HD Faculty Meeting (February 6, 2012).

On February 10 & 17, 2012, Dr. Wanga attended the CDFS Departmental meeting.

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the CoE & HD Town Hall Meeting and made remarks (February 8, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones participated in the SUNO Recruitment Day in Amite (February 3, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones completed the catalogue revisions for Early Childhood (February 29, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones completed the draft of the summer term (February 29, 2012).

Dr. Sherry Bachus attended the CoE & HD faculty meeting, Monday, February 6, 2012.

Dr. Bachus taught four (4) courses during the month.

Dr. Bachus attended the CoE & HD faculty PLATO training session.

Dr. Bachus attended the CoE & HD Town Hall Meeting.

Dr. Bachus presented a CDFS overview at the CoE & HD Town Hall Meeting held on February 8, 2012.

Dr. Bachus attended the emergency CoE & HD faculty meeting with Dr. Adegbeye to announce Dean’s position opening.

Dr. Bachus attended the CDFS Departmental meetings held on February 10 & 17, 2012.

Dr. Bachus signed up for the AARP Soul Steppers Walking Club.

Dr. Ronald Mancoske’s activities are in 3 areas: professional development, community services and university participation. His professional development includes being a reviewer of the Journal of Social Work Education; participating at City Council hearings on crisis in Mental Health I New Orleans, completing a webinar on trauma informed systems. His community services include chairing the United Way committee, being a member of Orleans Parish Juvenile Alliance Advisory, and co-chairing the community forum on Mental Health and Education. His university activities include serving as chair of University RTP Appeals committee, member of University IRB and Curriculum committees, chair of School of Social Work curriculum and Health/Mental Health committee.

Dr. Lynn Douville’s article entitled “The Effectiveness of Mutual Aid Learning Communities in on-line MSW Practice courses” was accepted for publication by the Journal of Teaching in Social Work.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK:

Report on Major School of Social Work Activities
Dr. Beverly Favre, Dean
February, 2012

Under the direction of Dean Beverly C. Favre, the reaffirmation of the accreditation of the School of Social Work’s BSW and the MSW Programs for 8 years was approved by the CSWE Commission on Accreditation at its February 10, 2012 meeting.
THE CHANCELLOR’S REPORT TO THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 2012
The Chancellor's Report to the
Southern University Board of Supervisors

NAME OF CHANCELLOR:  FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS:  SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE:  MARCH 2012

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On Being A Black Lawyer (OBABL) Names Chancellor Pitcher One of the Most Influential Black Attorneys in the U.S.

On Being a Black Lawyer (OBABL) recently selected the 100 most influential black attorneys in the United States and Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., has been named to this exceptional group.

OBABL published “The Power 100 Special Edition” on February 15 in honor of Black History Month. The publication is available online and features profiles of the nation’s most influential black attorneys working in government, academics, and the public and private sectors. Chancellor Pitcher is listed in the Deans category. Read the Power 100 Special Edition at http://www.obabl.com/special-editions/.

Honorees were toasted at a cocktail reception at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C., on February 29. Michelle Miller, CBS News correspondent served as mistress of ceremony.

OBABL’s editorial team, together with a group of advisors, spent months researching prospective candidates. The selection committee read trade publications, blogs, and critical reviews. A portion of the candidates had appeared on past lists of influential lawyers. For this group, the committee considered whether the candidate’s influence and relevance had increased since the time he or she was last honored. In addition to naming the 100 most influential black attorneys, the committee also included profiles of ten up and coming black attorneys.

According to the American Bar Association, less than 5 percent of U.S. attorneys are African American. “OBABL seeks to help advance diversity in the legal profession,” Yolanda Young, its publisher said.
Recognized by the American Bar Association, National Black Law Students Association, and National Association of Black Journalists, OBABL was founded in 2008 as a news and resource center.

**Corporate Diversity Symposium Joins Line-up for 2012 Alumni Round-up**

A "premiere" corporate diversity dialogue is in the line-up of activities of the 2012 SULC Alumni Roundup set for April 12-14 in Baton Rouge.

The inaugural Corporate Diversity Symposium, *InCorporate Diversity: Building Relationships and Creating Pathways for Alumni Success,* will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Old State Capitol in downtown Baton Rouge. The Symposium will feature an exclusive group of SULC corporate alumni discussing their company's diversity initiatives and the manner in which those initiatives are re-shaping the relationship between corporate and outside counsel.

The registration fee is $125. For inclusion on the seminar registration list, please register by March 30, 2012. For more information, contact symposium chair Todd Manuel, '98, toddmanuel@taylorporter.com; symposium vice-chair, SULC Vice Chancellor Russell Jones, '82, Rjones@sulc.edu, or Cynthia N. Reed, '90, SULC director of CLE and alumni affairs.

**Where Your SULC Law Degree Can Take You...**

**Damien C. Jackson, '06, appears in photographs like this one taken of President Obama (at left of Obama) during his 2012 State of the Union address on Tuesday, January 24, published in a number of newspapers including Baton Rouge's The Advocate. Jackson is assistant chief clerk of debates for the Office of Official Reporters, U. S. House of Representatives. The official reporters of debates prepare and edit for publication in the Congressional Record and serve as liaison for all House personnel on matters relating to the content of the Record. Jackson has held this position for the past five years.**
Judge Zorraine "Zoey" Waguespack, '88, of the 21st Judicial District Court, featured speaker for the 2012 Hooding Ceremony, congratulated the graduates on their career choice. "You have chosen wisely!" Judge Waguespack said. No other profession is so well defined and deeply rooted in all of the great things of life, "freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, and hope." (Winston Churchill)

Participants in the 2012 Hooding Ceremony are from left, front row: David Wilson, IV, Winter Haven, Florida; Nathan J. Folse, Jr., Baton Rouge; Jeremy R. Gathe, Baton Rouge; Lori M. Crawford, Atlanta, Georgia; Lana M. Woods, Covington, Louisiana; Adrienne Rachel, Baton Rouge; Lekeisha J. McKarry, Geismar, Louisiana; James A. Caruso, Jr., Lafayette, Louisiana; Matthew Billiadeaux, Opelousas, Louisiana; Dorian Bailey, Baton Rouge; and Amanda Liotto, Prairieville, Louisiana; and from left, second row: Omar Taylor, Altaadena, California; Wendy Ramarine, Baton Rouge; Christopher Lear, Lacombe, Louisiana; Clinton B. Schexnayder, Houma, Louisiana; Ejennornb Okorn, New Orleans, Louisiana; Lisha C. Landry, Baton Rouge; Terry McGlothen, Opelousas; Natoria D. Hubbard, Baton Rouge; Brady Skinner, III, New Orleans, Louisiana; Terrence J. Senegal, Rayne, Louisiana; and Benny Council, Slidell, Louisiana.
Alumnus Dennis Blunt Addressed 2012 Spring Convocation

2012 Spring Convocation speaker, Dennis Blunt, '91, partner with Phelps Dunbar LLP, discussed "Legal Paths Less Traveled." Photographed (left to right): Chancellor Pitcher, SBA President Yesha Pittman, Dennis Blunt, and Vice Chancellor John Pierre.

Annual JRGP Symposium Features Expert Panelists on Juvenile Topic

Panelists for the opening session of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty's third annual symposium, "Registration of Juvenile Sex Offenders: A Civil Regulation or Criminal Punishment," February 23-24, are pictured with Journal members, from left: Jennipher Williams, symposium editor; Markita Hawkins, executive editor; Emma DeVillier, assistant attorney general, Louisiana Office of the Attorney General; Judge Kathleen S. Richey, Juvenile Court, Division A; and Prof. Jacqueline Nash, Juvenile Clinic.
Texas Legislative Internship Program Provides Interns with Firsthand Experience in Public Service Legal Work

Three SULC students have experienced public service work firsthand in the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP).

The program allows students to intern at a variety of local, state, and national governmental agencies and public policy organizations. The three students among the programs class of 2012 include:

Xavier Alexander, (2L), interns with the Harris County Public Defender’s Office. Tina Brown, (2L), who currently interns with the Innocence Project at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Cortney Heard, (2L), will intern at the Texas Supreme Court in the chambers of Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson for the duration of the program.

Last year, seven students participated in the program and were honored by the Senate of the 18th Legislature of Texas for their outstanding work.

Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis sponsored the TLIP, which began in 1990. The program is administered by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University.

Students receive a minimum of six and maximum of fifteen academic credit hours for participating in the TLIP. The credit hours are earned by a combination of academic study, research, and supervised practical training.

A TLIP internship lasts for one academic semester, from January to May.
Professor Nash Featured Speaker at the Baton Rouge Bar Association, Baton Rouge Association of Women Attorneys & Martinet Society Joint Luncheon

Louis A. Martinet Legal Society President Michael Tyler, BRBA President Gail S. Stephenson, BRAWA President Jan Reeves and Jacqueline Nash (guest speaker) were photographed after the BRBA March Bar Luncheon, which took place Thursday, March 1, 2012, at De La Ronde Hall. This was a combined luncheon of the BRBA, BRAWA and Martinet memberships, and all were invited to wear hats to mark the occasion.

Scholarship

Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell accepted an offer from the Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly to publish her article, “Perception Profiling & Prolonged Solitary Confinement Viewed Through The Lens of The Angola 3 Case When Prison Officials Become Judges, Judges Become Legally Blind.” The article will be published in the spring 2012 edition.

Professor Gail Stephenson’s article, “Tridialectalism,” has been published in The Second Draft, the official magazine of the Legal Writing Institute. The fall 2011 edition of the magazine focuses on diversity. The article can be accessed online at http://www.lwionline.org/up-loads/FileUpload/SecondDraftFall2011.pdf.
SULC Participates in BRBA Youth Education/Junior Partners Academy Program

SULC volunteers were among participants in the Baton Rouge Bar Association’s (BRBA) Junior Partners Academy held January 20 at Dalton Elementary School in Baton Rouge.

Professor Wendy Shea, Chair of the BRBA Youth Education/Junior Partners Academy Committee; Ruth Wesley, Executive, Assistant to the Chancellor; and SULC students, Brittainy Bass, Merrick Cosley, Ebony Morris, and Courtney Richardson, volunteered with the program.

The January program held at Dalton Elementary School focused on how to use non-violence to solve problems. The third and fourth grade students were assigned the roles of junior mediators, arbitrator, and negotiators and asked to help resolve a number of everyday conflicts.

Participants in 19th Pre-Law Day Enjoy Overview of Legal Education at SULC

Judges for a student debate, “A Journey through the Mind,” are from left: Kurnina Dargin (2L); Janien Arvie (2L); Brittany Bell (3L), and Cherish Kenner (2L).

Prospective students were able to ask questions and engage in role-playing during the Pre-Law Day program.
Appointments

Professor Michelle A. Butts has been appointed to the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research’s Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee’s goal is to attract section members and publicize the section’s programs at AALS meetings and beyond.

Professor Jacqueline Nash was recently appointed to the Louisiana Public Defender Board.
Academic Support Programs and Academic Counseling

Academic Component: Academic Assistance Sessions

Teaching assistants continued to provide tutorial assistance hours to first-year students. Sessions included Course Outlining, Study Techniques, and Time Management and Exam Taking Strategies. Forty-nine students with academic deficiencies and fifteen non-probation students participated in the weekly Academic Skills Exam Writing Skills Workshops.

The counseling component counseled and advised 229 first, second and third year law students regarding study skills, course selection, and time and stress management.

The testing Accommodations component continued to review applications and qualify disability accommodation applicants. It also proctored quizzes, midterm exams, and fall makeup Final Exams in January, February and March.

Associate Vice Chancellor Berryl Gordon-Thompson accepted the invitation to serve as a panelist on the ABA Advisory Team. This group of lawyers informs the ABA's priorities and decisions by providing opinions about the direction of the ABA and issues facing the profession.

Associate Vice Chancellor Thompson was invited by the ABA Commission on Disability Rights and the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession to attend the fourth annual "Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award for Excellence in Pipeline Diversity" Reception on February 3, 2012 in New Orleans, LA.

Recruitment Services

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

- Scheduled Tours – 5
- Pre-Law Day – February 3, 2012

20 Colleges/Universities in Attendance

Alcorn State University, Grambling State University, Howard University, Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, Louisiana Tech University, Northwestern State University, Prairieview University A & M, South Carolina State, Southeastern State University, Southern University A & M, Southern University New Orleans, Tougaloo College, Tulane University, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, University of Louisiana-Monroe, University of New Orleans, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Texas, William Cater University, and Xavier University.

RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE, MARCH 2012

- Grambling State University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Southern University, Louisiana College, University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Texas College

Office of Career Counseling

OCI/OFF CAMPUS REFERRALS

The spring 2012 On Campus Recruitment/Resume Collect program is well underway. To date, the following employers have registered for the program:

27th JDC – Judge Ellis Daigle (Opelousas, LA); Bolen, Parker & Brenner, Ltd., APLC (Alexandria, LA); Breaseale, Sachse & Wilson (Baton Rouge, LA); Entergy Services, Inc. (New Orleans, LA); Judge Alonzo Harris (27th JDC – Opelousas, LA); Judge Fredericka Homberg Wicker (Gretna, LA); Judge Paul DeMahy (16th JDC); Kean Miller LLP (Baton Rouge, LA); Long Law Firm (Baton Rouge, LA); Lowe, Stein,
Hoffman, Allweiss & Hauver (New Orleans, LA); Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan (Detroit, MI); Preis & Roy (Lafayette, LA); Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP (Baton Rouge, LA); Terry J. Butcher and Associates (Baton, Rouge, LA); Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute (New York, NY); U.S. Air Force, Judge Advocate General’s Department (Keesler AFB, MS) and Wise Carter Child & Caraway, PA (Jackson, MS).

**MOCK INTERVIEWS**

During the weeks of February 6 through February 17, 2012, third year students and volunteers conducted mock interviews so that the first year students would be better equipped for on campus interviews. Eighteen (18) first year students received mock interviews.

**PROGRAMMING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

U.S. Attorney: Don Cazayoux, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, presented a session on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. on his office’s summer and post graduate opportunities. Twenty-seven (27) students attended the session.

![Image](image.jpg)

Peer Pointers Panel: On February 14, 2012, a panel of SULC second year students presented to first year students on how to be successful in the interview / recruitment process. Thirty-nine (39) students attended the session.
Student Debt Panel: On February 27, 2012, in an event co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services, BLS, and BLSA, a representative from Government Loan Advisor spoke to third year students about options for dealing with student debt. Twenty-three (23) students attended the session.

Office of Communications and Development Support

Rachel Emanuel, PhD was a moderator for the February 10 screening of the HBO documentary, “The Loving Story,” about a landmark Civil Rights case involving an interracial marriage during the 60s in Virginia. The screening was held in the Manship Theatre of the Shaw Center for the Arts, in celebration of Black History Month.

Dr. Emanuel is Director of Communications and Development Support for the Law Center.
Red Berry

Prof. Mary Frances Berry Recognized by Local Sorors—Pictured with members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sisters are from left: Andrea Love, director of recruitment; SULC student Erin T. Campbell; Elaine Simmons, associate vice chancellor of records and enrollment; Ruth Bailey Wesley, executive assistant to the Chancellor; Jennipher Williams; Mary Frances Berry; Prof. Tracie Woods; and SULC/SU students, Madrah Starks, Ashley Cox, Brittany Bass, Felicia Hamilton, Ebony Morris, and Taryn Branson.

Alumni News

Kharmen Davis, ’09, has been appointed to the 2012 Executive Board of the Shreveport Bar Association. Davis will serve as the chairperson for the Media and Speakers Bureau Committee.

Elroy James, ’00, served as the 2012 King of the Zulu Ball for Mardi Gras in New Orleans. James has served as an adjunct professor and currently works for the Department of Revenue.

Alfreda Bester, ’00, was presented the Joy Clemons Award by the NAACP Louisiana State conference, January 28.

Maurice Gipson, ’10, has been named director of development of Huston-Tillotson University in Austin-Texas.

Ernest Johnson, ’76, president of the Louisiana State Conference of NAACP, was recently appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the NAACP National Board of Directors, representing Region VI.
Deidre Deculus Robert, '00, has recently been appointed deputy director of the Louisiana Attorney General's Office of Public Protection Division. Robert previously worked for the Office of the Parish Attorney for the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, as the personnel section chief.

Angelique Roche, '06, has joined Organizing for America as a regional field director North Carolina beginning February 2012. Previously Roche served as an attorney and public policy professional for United States Senator Mary Landrieu and the facilitator for the Washington Middle School for Girls Civic Engagement and Externship pilot program.

Jeffrey Craig Mitchem, '94, died January 17 in Olympia Fields, Illinois. Mitchem was a human resources consultant and principal at The Mitchem Group, LLC. He is survived by a wife, Christa; two daughters, Zoe, and Zion; his parents, four brothers, and four sisters.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None
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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Presented to:
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Southern University and A & M College System

"Linking Citizens of Louisiana with Opportunities for Success"

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The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center concluded its 69th Annual Livestock Show with more than 400 participants from across the state on March 3. During the three-day event, youth from across the state had the opportunity to display winning animals contending for top prizes. Winners of state champions in various breeds of beef and dairy cattle, hogs, sheep, lamb, and goats received rosettes, banners and ribbons. The pre-school children from local schools enjoyed the all-time favorite petting zoo, featuring a variety of small farm animals. Tour stops included discussions about different animals, their food sources; face-painting; the effect of agriculture on everyone’s life, tobacco-free living, and healthy eating habits.

“It teaches them responsibility, and involves the whole family,” said a father of two contestants.

Top prize for the champion market lamb, $4,240 went to Mackenzie Castro of Assumption Parish; Hunter Millican of East Baton Rouge Parish claimed champion market steer at $3,600, and Kendyl Balentine of Bossier Parish, took home $3,500 for champion market goat.

In preparation for the 69th Annual Livestock Show, This Week in Louisiana Agriculture interviewed, Christie Monroe, Southern University Ag Center Livestock Show Director about the upcoming 2012 Show. Watch Farm Bureau interview video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azgnNG6SEr8
Communities of Color Network Advocates Healthy Lifestyles in Alexandria

All roads led to the Sai Convention Center in Alexandria, January 27-29 for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. District Conference. More than 150 members gathered for business meetings, professional development sessions, competitions and "brotherhood" activities. Shawntell Lewis-Harrell, the SU Ag Center Region 6 coordinator for Communities of Color (CoC) Network, welcomed participants with educational visuals accompanied with tobacco-free messages. Harrell discussed the mission of this initiative and the detrimental effects that tobacco spreads within the African-American communities, across the state. During her visit, she spoke with key political figures in support of the efforts of CoC Network, including Alexandria Mayor, Jacques Roy, and City Council members Roosevelt Johnson, Mitzi Gibson and Ed Larvadain, III. In addition to the conference, Harrell has collaborated with the Alexandria chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. on several occasions to promote healthier, tobacco-free communities.

MISS-LOU Garden Project Continues Efforts in Orleans Parish

As the Mississippi-Louisiana project continues its gardening efforts in Orleans Parish, Stephanie Elwood, extension associate for community gardens at SU Ag Center teaches gardening classes in New Orleans. Elwood collaborates with Mrs. Nicholas' 4th grade 4-H club at Croaker Elementary including 17 youth participants. The team is working to continue their existing garden by planting large planter boxes at the main entrance of the school. They are learning about the different parts of the plant and how to plant seeds, transplant seedlings, and different types of soil. In conjunction with Orleans Parish, Casey Versailles, with LSU Ag 4-H youth development, teaches the basics of 4-H. Elwood, additionally teaches gardening classes at Belle Chasse Military Base, working with children of military families. This project is an extension of the MISS-LOU project. She also teaches afterschool curriculum along with the staff at the Naval Air Station Before and After School Program. There are 15 youth participants ranging from ages 6-9 years old. The youth have already had one successful season in the garden, and are working on making the spring another rewarding experience.

SU Ag Center—CHANCELLOR'S REPORT 2 March 2012
Instructors from the SU Ag Center who specialize in teaching incarcerated populations offer a hands-on gardening trade course twice a week to Jetson’s “Fast Track” youth. The “Fast Track” program targets youth who are incarcerated for 90 days or less.

Instructional materials include the “Community Garden Curriculum” that was recently published by the Ag Center, which consists of 14 lessons. Due to the continuous cycle of the Fast Track youth, and to ensure that youth have tangible evidence of enrolling in the gardening trade course, each participant receives a certificate of completion for every three lessons they complete. These certificates are used as court evidence of progress and for job search after release.

The Jetson correctional facility, which serves as an alternative school, has a very supportive staff as well as excellent guards.

The program recently held its first “Certificate Ceremony” in which the Jetson administrators along with Dr. Gina Eubanks, Vice Chancellor of Extension, were on hand to congratulate these young men on their accomplishments.

The gardening classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday. Jetson provides a greenhouse for this course, which has been filled with late fall and early spring plants by the students who are always eager to get into the field. Presently, there is a container garden of three-gallon pots for the youth to watch their plants grow. They have also constructed an herb spiral and have tilled a 30 x 30’ area in preparation for planting.

The SU Ag Center team is currently soliciting funding to make raised beds. Members of the team are, Christie Monroe, Project Coordinator and livestock specialist, Stephanie Elwood, Extension Associate-Community Gardens, and Tiffany Franklin, project coordinator.

Black History Quiz Bowl Resounding Success

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosted its 18th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl, February 23 at A. O. Williams Hall. Timbuktu Academy team won the championship of the 2012 Black History Quiz Bowl. Last year, Capitol High School took home the prize.

SU Ag Center and the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences jointly organize the event involving stiff competition among high school and college students under the leadership of Dr. Owusu Bandele, professor emeritus, horticulture.

“It was a great competition; it is all in the preparation,” said an elated Bandele at the end of several rounds of contests.
Dr. Renita W. Marshall, Assistant Professor of Animal Science, wrote a commentary in the *Journal of Extension*, entitled "The Impact of the Extension Service on Minority-Owned Small Farm Operations."

Her comments focused on the need for Extension professionals to facilitate interactions between limited resource minority farmers and USDA agencies.

"Reaching and serving minority populations will require greater consideration in the future. However, this mission can only be accomplished when Extension makes a commitment to provide better coordination and administration of internal and external outreach programs. There is a necessity for Extension professionals to facilitate interactions between limited resource minority farmers and USDA agencies. This will in turn promote opportunities for these farmers to participate in various programs sponsored by eligible USDA and other participating agencies. The creation of minority outreach programs by Extension clearly demonstrates a commitment to this mission. Yet there is so much more to be done."

The full article is available online at [http://www.joe.org/joe/2012february/comm1.php](http://www.joe.org/joe/2012february/comm1.php)
Tennessee State University, Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research, Nashville; USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Lakewood, CO; Fort Valley State University, Small Ruminant Research and Extension Center, Fort Valley, GA; and Alabama A&M University, Cooperative Extension System, Huntsville, AL.

The study involved the harvest of 275 young male goats of Boer, Kiko, and Spanish meat goats at 7 months of age (4 months after weaning) to evaluate genetic effects on carcass yield.

The study found that the breed of the sire (father) did not affect live, carcass, and primal weights. However, breed of the dam (mother) was a consistently significant source of variation for carcass weight traits. Kiko dams produced kids with heavier live, carcass, and primal weights than Boer dams.

Weights from Spanish dams were intermediate of Boer and Kiko with the significance of differences varying by trait.

The results emphasized the importance of comparative breed evaluations to provide industry with reliable information on carcass yield among goat genotypes.

This evaluation was based on a 2008 publication that Mr. Chisley co-authored. The manual developed to guide evaluation in the meat goat industry is entitled “Meat Goat Selection, Carcass Evaluation & Fabrication Guide.”

For the full article, please visit http://jas.fass.org/content/90/3/709
Sarah Sims, extension agent, Madison Parish, conducted a cabbage harvest workshop at Tallulah Elementary School (TES) in February. Approximately 150 students from Pre-K, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes attended workshop to learn how to plant and transplant cabbage. Participants had an opportunity to see the winter vegetables grown in the school garden, and were amazed at the different vegetables ready for harvest. The garden is currently filled with cabbage, collards, Brussels sprouts, kale mustards, turnips, broccoli, and cauliflower.

Once the harvest is complete, the spring garden will begin. Plans are underway for the spring school garden that will engage excited 3rd through 6th graders. Currently, 95 students have received cabbage plants from Bonnie Farms for the 3rd grade cabbage program.

Sims also taught at the Delta Head Start parenting nutrition classes focusing on dental hygiene with 65 participants. The theme for the event was: Dental Health—Snack Smart for Healthy Teeth!” She provided training for 225 Childcare providers at Delta Community Association on the new USDA “Choose MyPlate.”

Participants learned how to use MyPlate to create a healthy diet; they learned the relationship between healthy eating and daily exercise. They also learned that it is necessary to eat healthy food from all five food groups daily in order to grow healthy and strong.

Sims taught the same lesson to approximately 300 students participating in the Ag Alley 2012 Lesson and Demonstration event.

More than 25 residents of the new housing community, Tallulah Estate participated in the monthly Family Resource Management and Nutrition training on budgeting. Sims taught the new USDA “Choose MyPlate” during this event.

The youth from Madison Parish were well prepared and represented at the SU Ag Center Annual Livestock Show. Participants worked hard, and were excited about the event.

Ashley Jackson showed her Reserve Champion LA Breed Market Steer, which weighed in at 1130 lbs. and attracted $3,000.
SU Ag Center Celebrates Founders’ Day
Congratulations to our Founders’ Day Honorees from the Southern University Ag Center, who were recognized for their dedicated years of service and hard work at Southern University and A&M College System on March 8.

Celebrating these distinct milestones were Terrance Marshall, Extension Agent, East Baton Rouge Parish, 30 Years of Service; and Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, Professor, Urban Forestry;

Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for extension, Zanetta Augustine, research associate and Emily King, outreach specialist, represented the SU Ag Center at the sixth annual Farm Day Forum held in Youngsville, LA, February 23. The purpose of the event was to review fiscal policies that will support local farmers. Representative Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, Vice Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, served as the keynote speaker, providing valuable perspective and insight on this year’s Farm Bill. Also discussed was the implementation of the new trade agreements, and the challenges that the agriculture industry faces in getting its products to foreign markets.

Representatives from the SU Ag Center had a brainstorming meeting with the newly elected State Representative Katrina Jackson, District 16 at District headquarters in Monroe for agriculture-related discussion.

Photo shows, l-r: Dr. Dawn Mellion -Patin, Agriculture Specialist; Odis Hill, Extension Agent, East Morehouse and Union Parishes; Katrina Jackson, State Representative; Dr. Leodrey Williams, Chancellor, SU Ag Center; Dr. Adell Brown, Vice Chancellor for Research; Sarah Sims, Extension Agent, Madison Parish; Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension; and Glenn Dixon, Extension Agent, East & West Carroll Parishes.
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28–31: Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-2242.

April 10: Annual Procurement Conference. For more information, contact Gloria London at 225-771-2242

April 14: Rabbit show, SU Ag Center Arena, Baker, Louisiana. For more information, contact Christie Monroe at 225-771-2242

April 18 – 20: Small Farmer Farm to School Tour, Florida A&M University, Marianna, FL. Contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532 for more detail

May 3-4: Louisiana Fisherman/Oysterman Gulf Visit and Tour, Gulf of Mexico. Contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532 for more detail
RECOMMENDATIONS AND IT PLANS OF ACTION

The System maintains several IT facilities, equipment and staff across the various campuses. This provides an opportunity for consolidation and standardization of reporting relationships and responsibilities.

### Alignment of Governance

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