# Southern University



# Board of Supervisors' Meeting

9:00 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2011

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room 2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building Southern University and A&M College Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, LA

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Invocation
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Installation of Board Officers for 2011
- 4. Special Recognition
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda
- 6. Public Comments
- 7. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the December 10, 2010 regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors
  - B. Proposed Amendments to Board Bylaws
    - 1.) Article VII, Chancellors: Sections 6I and 6J
  - C. Mineral Lease Sale, SUSLA
  - D. Resolutions
- 8. Informational Items
  - A. Project Positive Direction System President's Report
  - B. Chancellors' Reports
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Adjournment

### **Southern University Board of Supervisors**

Friday, December 10, 2010 Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Clayton. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick D. Magee.

### **Present**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chair Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. Mr. Patrick W. Bell Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Jr. Atty. Walter C. Dumas Atty. Warren A. Forstall Atty. Randal Gaines

Mr. Walter Guidry

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Mr. Randale Scott

#### Absent

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery Mr. Achilles Williams

### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr. Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams Vice Chancellor John Pierre represented Chancellor Freddie Pitcher

### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

#### AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, President of the SUBR Student Government Association, introduced members of the Music Department who expressed concerns about the adverse circumstances suffered by several former and current members of the Departmental Faculty.

The students were encouraged to registered their concerns with the Chancellor and to advise the faculty involved to use the University Grievance process to seek resolution of their problems.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, recognized Chairman Clayton for his leadership over the past two years.

Mr. Marlon Young, SUBR student, and Ms. Toni Jackson, President of the SUBR Staff Senate, spoke in regards to Items 5C and 5D: SUBR Chancellor Search Procedure and Chancellor Search Committee.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

### A. Minutes of the November 26, 2010 Regular Meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the November 26, 2010 regular Board Meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **B.** Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors that the resolutions below be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### 1.) Athletics Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, the Committee's report be and it is here by received.

The Committee's report contained an update on SUBR's effort to gain NCAA Certification for 2011.

### 2.) Facilities and Property Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, the that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral Board be and is hereby authorized to lease certain mineral interests owned the Board of Supervisors of Southern University on behalf of Southern University at Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report also contained an update on facilities projects on the three campuses.

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#### C. SUBR Chancellor Search Procedure

### D. SUBR Chancellor Search Committee

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University that the procedures for the SUBR Chancellor Search, including timelines, shall be developed and submitted to the Board for approval at the January 7, 2011 meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUBR Chancellor Search Committee shall be composed of the following individuals:

### **Co-Chairs**

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, SU Board Member

Mr. John Spain, Member, Board of Directors, Baton Rouge Area Foundation

#### **Vice Chair**

Mr. Dennis S. Brown, President, Southern University Alumni Federation

#### **Members**

Dr. Donald Andrews, Dean of the College of Business, SUBR

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., SU Board Member

Dr. Sandra Brown, Faculty Member, SUBR School of Nursing

Atty. Scott Chenevert, Jones and Walker Law Firm

Member, Board of Directors, Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Jason Hughes, Legislative Liaison, New Orleans Mayor's Office

Ms. Toni Jackson, SUBR College of Business

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, SU Board Member

Dr. Chanika Jones, Faculty Member, SUBR Department of Criminal Justice

Atty. Wade Shows, Shows, Cali, Berthelot and Walsh Law Firm

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, President, SUBR Student Government Association

Mr. Ralph Sterling, Director of SUBR Custodial Services

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President, SUBR Faculty Senate

Mr. Mark Young, Office of Admissions, SUBR

Mr. Darren Mire, Ex-Officio

#### E. RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the Family of Atty. Carl S. Jollivette of New Iberia. Atty. Jollivette, a 2003 SU Law Center alum, passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Project Positive Direction – System President's Report
Dr. Mason introduced Mr. Tony Moore, newly appointed System Vice President for
Information and Technology Management. Vice President Moore thanked the Board
members for their support and pledged to competently and efficiently fulfill the
responsibilities of his new position.

### B. Chancellors' Reports

The Chancellors provided written monthly updates of activities on their respective campuses. The reports were informational. In addition to their written reports, the following announcements were made:

- SUBR has received word of the reaffirmation of its accreditation by SACS
- SUSLA was reported in a national publication as one of the top fastest growing institutions of higher education of its size
- Southwest Rural Initiatives Center in Opelousas is being renovated to provide office space.
- The American Association of Law Centers has officially notified the SU Law Center of its acceptance for full membership.

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### C. Update on Banner Implementation

A status report on the progress of Banner implementation throughout the SU System was given by Vice President Moore.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Walter Guidry reemphasized the need for the University's Financial Aid personnel to respond timely when reports are requested by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid (LOSFA) to ensure that Southern University students receive funds for which they are eligible.

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The presence of Mr. Larry Charles, the first student member of the SU Board of Supervisors was recognized.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

### **Athletics Committee**

1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10, 2010
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. The invocation was given by Mr. Patrick W. Bell

#### Present

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. – Chairman

Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Randale Scott

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

#### Absent

Mr. Achilles Williams, Vice Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Jr.

Mr. Darren G. Mire

### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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Chancellors Ray Belton, Kofi Lomotey, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams
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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 Mr. Clayton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM** 

A. Update on NCAA Certification for 2011, SUBR

An oral report was presented by Mr. Greg LaFleur, Director of Athletics at SUBR and Dr. Jacqueline Howard-Matthews, Associate Provost and Athletics Certification Liaison for SUBR.

The Committee was advised of a number of impediments to SUBR certification by the NCAA in the three major areas being reviewed: governance, academic integrity and gender equity.

A total of 40 concerns were submitted by the NCAA to SUBR. Many of these concerns related to gender equity and academic support for student-athletes.

According to the presenters, the Athletics Department lacks a full-time compliance officer whose responsibility would be to obtain and maintain a student data record for reporting purposes. The absence of this official resulted in the University's inability to furnish the data requested by the NCAA in its certification review.

The NCAA concerns regarding gender equity and student welfare emanated from the University's delay in providing getting a baseball facility for its female student athletes.

The Committee was given assurance that actions will be taken by the Administration to address these concerns including employing a full-time compliance officer and the construction of a women's baseball facility.

The University's report is due to the NCAA by December 17.

In closing, Dr. Howard-Matthews reported that the University is now developing a "Beyond 40" Strategy to ensure future compliance with NCAA standards.

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The President assured the Committee that efforts would be initiated by the Administration to foster better communications between the University and the NCAA. The President was asked to keep the Board updated on the progress of the SUBR's certification by the NCAA.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS** 

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT** 

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

### **Facilities and Property Committee**

Friday, December 10, 2010
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### **MINUTES**

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

#### **Present**

Mr. Walter Guidry, - Chairman

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. - Vice Chairman

Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

#### **Absent**

None

### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
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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 Mr. Nash, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM** 

A. Update on Major Projects, by Campus

The status of major projects on the Southern University Campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport was given by Mr. Endas Vincent.

In response to an inquiry from Atty. Clayton, Chancellor Ukpolo explained that a portion of the \$44 Million federal loan to SUNO was used to construct the Student Housing Complex. The remaining funds will be used to construct three new buildings and to demolish some existing buildings.

The University will request the U.S. Congress's forgiveness of the \$44 Million loan.

Concerns were raised by several Committee Members regarding the amount of time that has been taken to renovate University Place. The Administration was asked to become more proactive in getting the necessary State agency approvals in order to expedite work on the project.

Vice President Appleton and Mr. Vincent are scheduled to meet with Facilities, Planning and Control regarding all pending University projects.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM** 

A. Mineral Lease Sale, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board, that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral Board, be requested to lease certain mineral interests owned the Board of Supervisors of Southern University on behalf of Southern University at Shreveport.

Atty. Dumas recommended that the Administration ascertain if there are restrictions of the University's use of royalties that will be derived from the lease.

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AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS	
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AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT	
On motion of Mr. Bell, secon	ded by Mr. Nash, the meeting was adjourned.
	Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

#### Article VIII—Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of Principal Administrative Officers of the University System

#### Section 6-- Chancellors- Proposed Bylaw Change

- A. There shall be a Chancellor of each campus, who shall be appointed by the Board, taking into consideration the recommendations of the President of the System and the expression of opinion of the faculty concerned. The Chancellor shall serve at the pleasure of the Board at a salary fixed by the Board. The Chancellor shall exercise complete executive authority over the campus he administers, subject to the direction of the President, where required by law or Board policy, and the approval of the Board. (8-17-96)
- B. The Chancellor shall be responsible to the Board through the President for the effective execution of all resolutions, policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Board for the administration and operation of the System and the governance of his campus, and all policies, rules, regulations, directives, and memoranda issued by the President. The Chancellor shall be governed by all laws pertaining to the Southern University System. The Chancellor shall have direct access to the President, and he shall be the official medium of communication between the President and all personnel on his campus.
- C. The Chancellor shall attend the meetings of the Board and its committees and he may invite members of his administrative or academic staff to assist in his presentations to the Board.
- D. The Chancellor shall have the responsibility of fixing the salaries and duties of the members of the faculty, administrative and professional staff for the campus he heads, subject to the recommendation of the President and approval of the Board. He shall make all other appointments, promotions, transfers, suspensions, and dismissals of all academic, administrative, and professional employees, subject to the recommendations of the President and approval of the Board. In coordination with the University System's appointing authority, the Chancellor or an officer designated by him is authorized to make and approve personnel actions relating to classified personnel and unclassified personnel in positions exempt from the classified service by special action of the State of Louisiana, Department of Civil Service. In all personnel recommendations, the Chancellor shall give due consideration to the opinion and views of the appropriate academic and administrative staff.
- E. The Chancellor shall be a member of the faculty of the campus he heads. He or his designee shall be the presiding officer at meetings of the faculty of his campus.
- F. The Chancellor shall have the responsibility for developing and implementing educational, administrative and fiscal policies, procedures and programs for the campus, consistent with the policies of the Southern University System.
- G. The Chancellor shall be responsible to the President for the management of the financial affairs of his campus. His responsibilities shall include the preparation of a consolidated campus budget (after review of the budgets of the various divisions of his campus and the recommendations of the heads of these divisions) and the management of the budget, as approved by the President and the Board.
- H. The Chancellor of each campus shall prepare and present to the Board, through the President, a comprehensive annual report. (4-23-99)

### **Proposed Bylaws Changes**

#### Add

- I. The Chancellor shall have responsibility and oversight over all fundraising activities. (01-07-11)
- J. The Chancellor shall have responsibility and authority to exercise administrative and fiscal control over the intercollegiate athletics program. (01-07-11)

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

### January 7, 2011

### **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to a public notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where the following resolution, upon motion duly seconded and passed, was adopted, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College has determined that it is the owner of mineral interests in and under immovable property in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, which constitutes the Shreveport campus of Southern University described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College has determined that it desires to take advantage of LSA R.S. 30:152 (A), et seq, to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to nominate the property described in Exhibit "A" for state agency mineral lease;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College, in legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases pertaining to the immovable property listed on the attached Exhibit "A", and additional conditions, minimum bonuses and rental on attached Exhibit "B";

I certify this is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College at it's duly constitutional meeting on January 7, 2011.

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Darren Mire, Chairman	Date

### Exhibit A

### Property Description of Property to be Leased

### A. That certain tract of land, located and described as follows:

From the Southeast corner Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said corner being the centerline intersection of the Cooper Rd. and Juvenile Rd.; run North 89° 55' West, along the centerline of the Cooper Rd. a distance of 800 feet; run thence North 0° 08' East, a distance of 50 Feet to a point on the North right-of-way line of the Cooper Rd., said point being the point of beginning of the tract herein described; run thence North 89° 55' West, along said North right-of-way line, a distance of 1,674.27 Feet; run thence North 61° 41' West, a distance of 135.15 Feet to a point on the East right-of-way line of United Gas Pipeline Company's 60 Foot rightof-way; run thence North 0° 14' East, along said East right-of-way line a distance of 1.217.79 Feet: run thence South 89° 53' East, a distance of 2,591.58 Feet to a point on the East line of said Section 18; run thence South 0° 08' West, along said East line of Section 18, a distance of 600 Feet, run thence North 89° 55' West, a distance of 800.10 Feet; run thence south 0° 08' West a distance of 680.56 Feet to the point of beginning containing 63.67 acres, more or less, all as more fully shown by Map of Survey made by Demopulos & Ferguson, consulting engineers.

### B. That certain tract of land, located and described as follows:

Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) less the west fifty (50') feet thereof of Section Eighteen (18) Township Eighteen (18) North. Range Fourteen (14) West, situated in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and Lot 90, Lot 91, Lot 96 and Lot 97, all in Cooper Heights Subdivision Unit No. 4, lying next to and adjoining on the east said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, situated in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT those portions of Lots 84 and 85 of Cooper Heights Subdivision Unit No. 4 lying within the said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 38.48 acres, more or less.

### Exhibit B

### The lease shall contain the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The primary term of the lease shall not exceed three (3) years;
- 2. The lease shall contain a provision for a minimum bonus of not less than \$5,000.00 per acre;
- 3. Royalty payments shall not be less than 1/4 or 25%;
- 4. There shall be no drilling or surface rights without the written permission of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College;
- 5. The lease shall contain a Horizontal Pugh Clause;
- 6. The university shall be reimbursed for all damaged marketable timber at current market value.

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### The Chancellor's Report

to the Southern University Board of Supervisors

Kofi Lomotey, Chancellor

January 2011



### SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

### <u>SUBR Establishes Dates and Sites for Phase II of Avoyelles Parish</u> Recruitment Round-Up

On January 8, 15, and 22, 2011, SUBR employees and some SUBR students who are from Avoyelles Parish will travel to Bunkie, Simmesport and Marksville, Louisiana to engage in a recruitment round-up activity. Area churches and prospective high school juniors and seniors have already received letters from the Chancellor announcing the event and encouraging them to attend.

During the meetings, university representatives will provide information related to program offerings, extra-curricular activities, strong support and tutorial programs, our premier Honors College, internship and study abroad opportunities and much more. Basic information regarding admission requirements, financial aid, housing and scholarships will also be provided. Featured during these meetings will be our students, especially from the Avoyelles Parish area. These students will share their unique Southern University experiences and answer any questions that prospective students and their parents/guardians might have. This Avoyelles Parish Recruitment Round-Up will serve as a model for other similar parish recruitment round-ups.

### School of Nursing Holds Annual Pinning Ceremony

On Thursday, December 9, 2010, the SUBR School of Nursing held its annual SUSON Recognition and Awards Ceremony. The School of Nursing Auditorium was filled to capacity with standing room only as approximately 72 students were officially pinned during the pinning ceremony. Proud family, friends, administrators, faculty and staff were present to share this very special occasion with these students who received their degrees on the next day!

The speaker for the occasion was Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Mwalimu Shujaa. He commended and congratulated the students on their outstanding achievement.

The SU School of Nursing Faculty Award was presented to Jacques Coleman, a native of Missouri City, Texas. Jacques had already received an undergraduate degree from SUBR in biology and had returned to the University to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

### SUBR Holds NSF ACE External Advisory Committee Meeting Via Webinar

SUBR has been awarded a National Science Foundation Award to develop and implement an interdisciplinary international degree program that integrates research, academics and experimental learning. This degree program will address sustainability challenges faced by the state of Louisiana, the nation and the global community. Students will be exposed to sustainable materials, energy and technologies through an interdisciplinary dual-degree curriculum that will be implemented cooperatively with international universities.

SUBR has invited several colleagues and individuals from other universities and agencies to serve on its NSF ACE External Advisory Committee. The first meeting of the committee was held on December 2, 2010 via webinar. Members from Purdue University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Fort Valley State University and representatives from some local state agencies participated in the meeting. For SUBR, the participants were: Margaret Ambrose-Chancellor's Office, Michael Stubblefield-Research and Strategic Initiatives, Patrick Mensah-Mechanical Engineering, Karen Crosby-Mechanical Engineering, Zhu Ning-Urban Forestry, and Michelle Claville-Chemistry.

The purposes of this first meeting were to give advisory committee members the opportunity to meet one another and to provide information on the overall scope of the Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) project as well as information related to implementation plans for year one of the five-year project. The amount of the NSF award is \$3 million.

### SUBR Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Provides Valuable Experiences for Students

BEEP has long been one of the University's most effective programs for students who want to begin early to develop skills that will help them in preparing for successful careers. On November 17-19, 2010, the College of Business, through its Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) held a Career Awareness and Planning Seminar. The seminar was action packed with sessions that provided students with guidance, career tips, training sessions in communication, résumé preparation, mock interviews, professional dressing, et cetera. Starting Wednesday and ending Friday afternoon, students were subjected to intense participatory sessions that were candid, and very informative. There were even "women only" and "men only" sessions where honest and open conversations and

comments could be made. A copy of the agenda for this very timely program is attached.

### Office of Media Relations Update

Louisiana Public Broadcasting aired the documentary, Southern: The Human Jukebox on Dec. 2. The documentary looked at the history of the Southern University Marching Band and is an update of the documentary Jammin' with the Jags: The Southern University Band, which premiered in 2002. The documentary was produced by LPB's Dorothy Kendrick, an alumna of Southern.





On Dec. 3, Southern University's 16-year-old Jr. chemistry/physics major Polite Stewart, Jr. was profiled on Louisiana Public Broadcasting's "Louisiana The State We're In" TV news magazine on Cable Ch. 12 in Baton Rouge and various stations across the state. Polite discussed his academic and personal development since arriving at SU as a 14year-old freshman.



On Dec. 5, **The Town Talk** newspaper in Alexandria ran an announcement about several Southern University students from Alexandria being honored during the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honor's College Pinning Ceremony.

On Dec. 9, <u>The Advocate</u> published a front page story on the Baton Rouge campus being reaccredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for 10 years.

Also, all three local TV stations, WAFB-TV Ch. 9, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 and WVLA-TV Ch. 33, aired stories about the reaccreditation.

WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and WBRZ-TV Ch. 9 aired stories on the Baton Rouge campus' Fall Commencement on Dec. 10.

WAFB-TV Ch. 9 also profiled two of our graduates, both 60-plus year- old nursing school students. The women discussed their hardships they overcame to become graduates.



<u>The Advocate</u> Newspaper also published a story on SU's graduation ceremony on December 11.

### Attention To Detail with **Big Picture Orientation**

SUBR Career Awareness and Planning Seminar (CAPS) Agenda November 17-19, 2010

	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010
6:30 pm -8:00 pm	BEEP Meet & Greet Southern University Museum of Arts (SUMA) located on the Mississippi Bluff
	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010
8:00 am to 9:15 am	Breakfast with BEEPers Location: Arnett W. "Ace" Mumford Fieldhouse-3 <sup>rd</sup> floor Sponsored By: Chevron
9:30 am to 10:50 am	Meet the BEEPERS! (Opening Session-Panel Discussion) Global Communications Facility T. T. Allain Hall- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor (Rm. 313) Keynote Address: Ms. Lois Jennings of the CIA
11:00 am to 13:20 pm	Communications Seminar Location: T. T. Allain Hall - Room 222 Sponsored By: The CLA Presenters: Shawn Coates, Carlos Davis, Lois Jennings and John Woodland  Career Exploration Event Location: T. T. Allain Hall - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby
12:30 am to 1:50 pm	Lunch-n-Learn Location: Club Suite of the Arnett W. "Ace" Mumford Field House (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor) Sponsored By: Entergy of New Orleans
2:00 pm to 3:20 pm	Speak Up! Stand Out! A Real Talk Session FOR WOMEN ONLY Arnett W. "Ace" Mumford Fieldhouse- 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
	Speak Up! Stand Out! A Real Talk Session FOR MEN ONLY Arnett W. "Ace" Mumford Fieldhouse- 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Break & Wrap Up Session Location: Club Suite of the Arnett W. "Ace" Mumford Field House (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
7:00 pm	Dinner @ Don's Seafood 6823 Airline Hwy Baton Rouge, LA 70826 Phone: (225) 357-0601 Off-Campus Social/Dinner Outing (Business Casual) FREE TO ATTEND ******Dinner at your own expense*****
	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010
8:00 am -8:50 am	Continental Breakfast-(Room 201 T. T. Allain Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
8:00 am- 2:00 pm	Executive BEEPer Lounge-(Room 201 T. T. Allain Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)

9:00 am to 11:50 am	Campus-wide Classroom Visits
	One on One Sessions: 3M Communications Center.  Resume Critiques, Mock Interviews (Panel), Mock Interviews (Single)  *Room 225- T. T. Allain Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
12:15 pm to 3:00 pm	Lunch-n-Learn & Closing Reception  Magnolia Room of the Mayberry Dining Hall  Sponsored By: Aramark & The SUBR League of BEEP Associates
	End of SUBR Career Awareness Planning Seminar!
	Don't forget to complete your evaluation form! Your feedback is critical to the success of our program!
	-SUBR League of BEEP Associates-

### Fall 2010 BEEP Officers/Chairs/Committees

· President: Justin Evans

Vice-President: Tabitha Cowan

Treasurer: Courtney Alexander

Media & Public Relations Chair: De'Antonie Dangerfield

Fundraising Chair: Clifford Greene

Professional Development Chair: Jean-Michel Moise

Membership Chair: Cedric Ware

For Men Only Chair: William Ragins

For Women Only Chair: Crystal Bobb

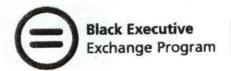
Social Committee: Anita Sims, Courtney Alexander, Jessica Campbell

Advisor: Toni Jackson

### Fall 2010 CAPS Sponsors

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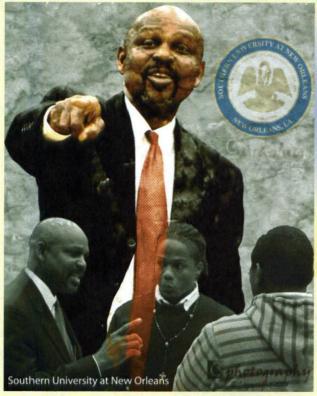




### **Chancellor's Monthly Report**

### **December 2010**

SUNO looks toward active
Spring 2011
with
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Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is looking forward to a very active Spring 2011 semester, as the administration prepares for registration and reaffirmation of its accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Southern University will hold its registration from January 11<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup> in the University Gymnasium at 6400 Press Drive.

"This particular spring registration is big for us," says Dr. Victor Ukpolo, the chancellor of SUNO. "We exceeded expectations and Fall 2010 enrollment projections when we welcomed 3,166 students to SUNO, so we're looking forward to Spring 2011."

Now under the Louisiana Board of Regents minimum standard for admission, SUNO exceeded enrollment projections by more than 200 students. It was projected that the University's enrollment would decrease to approximately 2,900 students. The increase comes as campus facilities are growing. SUNO opened its Student & Faculty Housing complex almost a year ago, and the University opened the Information Technology Center only weeks ago. SUNO's College of Business & Public Administration building2254058298 is currently under construction on the Lake Campus.

"Additionally, we are creating a plan to increase our focus on student online learning," says Ukpolo. "We are developing a Quality Enhancement Plan called 'E-Focused'. Through this plan we want to produce greater results in student learning outcomes and how our faculty members teach online courses."

SUNO will go for reaffirmation of its accreditation with the SACS-Commission on Colleges visit from March  $2^{nd}$  to March  $4^{th}$ .



### **Chancellor's Monthly Report**

## December 2010

### registration and accreditation on the horizon, cont'd

Southern University at New Orleans is a four-year public institution founded in 1956. Located in the Gentilly area, the University is an accredited liberal arts teaching institution which serves more than 3,100 students. SUNO, known for its highly engaged faculty and personal academic support, offers undergraduate degrees in seventeen academic programs and graduate degrees in four academic programs. The University accepts students under the Louisiana Board of Regents regional admission criteria, and is a member of the Southern University System. As a part of reaffirmation of its accreditation, SUNO's **Quality Enhancement Plan** focuses on strengthening student online learning by getting "*E-Focused!*" More information about Southern University at New Orleans and its Quality Enhancement Plan is available at SUNO.edu.

**Overview:** Southern University at New Orleans will be holding its Spring 2011 registration from January 11<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup>. The University will also go through reaffirmation of its accreditation from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>. Despite challenges that SUNO has experienced since Katrina, the University's enrollment has grown every year, and the administration looks to improve student learning by improving its online resources.

Minimum admission standards: Prospective students under 25 years of age should go to <a href="www.suno.edu">www.suno.edu</a> or call (504) 286-5314 to make sure they qualify under the new admission standards.

#### 2010 Achievements

- 1. Fall 2010 enrollment grew to 3,166, the highest since Katrina.
- 2. Dr. Victor Ukpolo was honored as a 2010 Role Model by Minority Access, Inc. along with two students, Dorcas Falodun and Brandi Adams.
- 3. Faculty member Dr. George Amedee, elected chairman of the City Planning Commission.
- 4. The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Priestley School of Architecture & Construction to enhance the basic academic skills and raise the ACT scores of their students.
- 5. Student team from the College of Business & Public Administration won the Morehouse Business Plan Competition on their first visit to the competition.
- 6. Faculty member, Dr. Joe Omojola is preparing to hold his annual free Gateway to Excellence in Mathematics and Science (GEMS) Camp for elementary school students. Dr. Omojola is a recipient of a 2006 grant from the National Science Foundation.
- 7. Student team from the College of Business & Public Administration won Rookie of the Year honors at the Students in Free Enterprise competition.
- 8. SUNO was named to the 2009 Presidents Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.
- 9. SUNO alum, Arlanda Williams, made history when she became the first woman to serve as chair of the Terrebonne Parish Council.
- 10. U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu designated \$1 million for SUNO to strengthen its academic resources.

Faculty member, Ms. Cynthia Ramirez, appointed to the National Endowment of the Arts' Arts Education Grant Panel for 2011-2012.

#### Accreditation

- Reaffirmation visit will take place March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>
- SACS now requires institutions to implement a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)
- SUNO's QEP topic is "E-Focused! Enhancing Student Learning in Online Courses by Improving Institutional Readiness" (also known as E-Focused).

This means the University is making a commitment to enhance students' online learning experience by making sure they are more prepared to take online courses. SUNO is also committed to training faculty to effectively teach online classes.

College of Arts and Sciences: Dean, Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Report on Major College of Arts & Sciences Activities: The College of Arts and Sciences organized the SUNO Students Research Day on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. This is the beginning of an annual program during which students of the college mentored by faculty in the disciplines would chose topics for research and presentation to the university gathering of the administration, faculty and staff. The purpose of this exercise is to create a scholastic environment on the campus premises to stimulate, train and encourage students through practice and participation in intellectual life in readiness for an active aftercollege engagement as a way of life and means of sustenance. Dr. Jean Belkhir and Dr. Sandra Weissinger of the Department of Social Sciences were organizers of the pro-

The College of Arts and Sciences has nine cohorts of the 2006 class. They were sought after, and four of them are registered this semester. The remaining five are being contacted and encouraged to register in Spring 2011. Advisors, mentors, chairpersons and faculty teaching the courses the cohorts require to graduate in 2012 are committed to work assiduously with the students throughout the period till May 2012 when they are due to graduate.

gram.

Meetings were held with the Chairs of Departments and Directors of Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences to discuss issues of the proposed new building complexes.

Department of Arts and Humanities – Chair Dr. Sudipta Das, Drs.

Felix James, Professor of History, Dr. Sudipta Das, Professor of History, Dr. Xiongya Gao, Associate Professor of English, and Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason, Assistant Professor of Communication studies mentored their majors to present at the SUNO Research Day Colloquium on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. Student presenters and topics were:

James Bouyer:
"Sharecropping or Slavery:
Freed Blacks in Post-1865
Reconstructed South." (Dr.
Sudipta Das, Mentor)

Anastasia Robinson-McGee: "How does it feel to be a problem? Jim Crow and Its Effects on the Black Consciousness and Success." (Dr. Felix James, Mentor)

Terri Coleman: "Phillis Wheatley: A Member, Not a Founder." (Dr. Xiongya Gao, Mentor)

Sa'Id Jordan: Heroism through Communication: The New Orleans Saints (Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason, Mentor) – Paper was not presented.

Dr. Sudipta Das, Professor of History, reviewed a scholarly article for Leiden University, Netherlands, titled, "India and the Shaping of French Colonial Policy, 1759-1789," Itinerario Journal, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Dr. Lenus Jack, Associate

Professor of History, was asked, by Chief Elwin "Warhorse" Gillum of the Tchefunta Nation, to serve as a representative of the academic community at the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (BP Fund) meeting at Bonfuca, Slidell, between Kenneth R. Feinberg, Administrator of Claims and community leaders, business people and others affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday, November 7, 2010. Mr. Feinberg suggested that Native Americans submit subsistence claims to the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

### Museum Studies Director, Dr. Sara J.

Hollis, The Master of Arts in

Museum Studies Program saw some changes in the month of November. The program relocated



from Trailer 29A to Room 307 in the Administration Building. The move was assigned by Chancellor Dr. Victor Ukpolo. Two graduating students held their exhibitions in local galleries. Ms. Claudette Smith-Brown curated an exhibition of her own photographs taken on three recent trips to Haiti. The exhibition was held at the Jazz and Heritage Foundation Gallery on Rampart Street and was attended by a large number of Museum Studies Program students, Dr. Jiang, and Director Hollis, and many members of the local Haitian community in New Orleans.

Mr. Jamaal London curated his exhibition on the theme of homelessness and how it is ignored. It was held at Dillard University Gallery in Cook Hall. It featured two installations and a number of his own original paintings. It is expected that there will be at least ten students graduating in May 2011 from Museum Studies.

Dr. Hollis attended a number of exhibitions and openings in local museums and galleries in the month of November. On Monday, November 1st she attended the opening reception for Ms. Smith-Brown's exhibition. Every Wednesday evening she attends the reception for the featured artist at the J.W. Marriott and talks to the artist and gathered viewers about M.A. Museum Studies at SUNO. On Saturday evening, November 6th, she attended an exhibition of the works of Gustave Blache, III, about whom she had written a cover story for the New Orleans Tribune. The guest speaker at the event was African American art historian and appraiser Dr. Michael Chisholm. The event was held at the new museum, La Musee, on Esplanade Avenue.

Dr. Hollis and her Exhibition Design class met at Xavier University with Dr. Mora Beauchamp-Byrd for a guided tour of Xavier's art collections and a behind the scenes look at how exhibition design works at Xavier. Museum Studies student Ms. Leticia Hopkins is Dr. Beauchamp-Bryd's intern this semester. She explained her work as an intern to the students in Exhibition Design. Dr. Richard Long lectured to the SUNO campus and Museum Studies students on Thursday

night November 18th. His topic was "Museums in Paris Dedicated to Single Artists." Dr. Hollis hosted a post-lecture dinner for Dr. Long and Museum Studies students and graduates at East of Italy. During November she attended an opening at M. Francis Gallery on Julia Street displaying the works of Ms. Myesha Francis (MUSE graduate 2009). She also attended the latest Muslim Artist Exhibition curated by Mr. Haitham Eid (MUSE graduate 2008) at Zeitgeist Theater and Multidisciplinary Center on Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard. Dr. Hollis has for the last year

shown her work at Le Boulevard, recently relocated to Veterans Boulevard. Dr. Hollis continues to serve on many university committees. In November she attended meetings of the Faculty Development Committee, Chaired by Frank Martin; Department Head/Director Meetings with Dean Mokosso; Deans/Department Chairs/ Directors meetings chaired by Vice-Chancellor Adegboye; the Strategic Planning Committee; the QEP Task Force; and the Chancellor's Assembly; the Faculty Senate; and all College of Arts and Sciences Meetings presided over by Dean Mokosso, including the one where Dr. Adegboye spoke and asked the faculty to do everything in their power to assure the success of our students both in class and through extra tutoring and outreach. Dr. Hollis also attended the Thanksgiving potluck luncheon held in 306 Adm. on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Dr. Hollis attended the special meeting in the Museum Studies Office in

307 Adm. with Dr. Mosby-Wilson, Director of SUNO's University Library on the subject of Strategic Planning for M.A. Museum Studies. It was a very thorough meeting identifying what Museum Studies lost in the flood following Hurricane Katrina and also what new technologies and spaces will be needed in the future.

Yu Jiang's November 2010 Activities On Monday November 8, Dr. Jiang attended the College of Arts and Sciences Meeting in Gymnasium 203 at 11AM. On Wednesday November 10, Dr. Jiang was present the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting. Subsequently, on Tuesday November 16, Dr. Jiang attended the Faculty Senate Meeting. At the meeting, issues of SUNO campus rebuilding, academic programs reinstatement, health and safety, and State of Louisiana Senate Resolution #123 were discussed to a great extent. As secretary of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Jiang recorded minutes for both meetings. On Monday, November 22. Dr. Jiang enjoyed the Master's exhibition by Mr. Jamaal London of the Museum Studies Program, at Dillard University Art Gallery. Dr. Jiang attended the College Meeting called by Dr. Mokosso which featured a presentation by Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. David Adegboye. Dr. Jiang continued to meet students in his History of World Art class at the New Orleans Museum of Art to lecture from original examples of art.

Dr. Nina Muller-Schwarze's October-November Activities From October 1 to October 3, students and Dr. Muller-Schwarze attended the Words

in Food symposium at the Southern Food and Beverage Museum. Students presented research papers on a panel at the symposium/conference and hobnobbed with many interesting people throughout the conference. Dr. Muller-Schwarze had taught the students how to write a research paper by teaching them smaller tasks such as using academic journal databases through the SUNO online library; writing an outline; selecting and narrowing down a topic; defining either a research question or a theme: APA formatting; and defining methods. Students learned all of this in order to write the research papers, and then were also coached on presentation skills by Dr. Muller-Schwarze. Now the students have a real presentation at a museum that they can list on each of their curriculum vitae. Dr. Muller-Schwarze attended the October 12 Faculty Senate meeting. On Saturday October 16, Dr Muller-Schwarze attended the Black Indian Summit at SUNO.

On October 20, students in Dr. Muller-Schwarze's Writing and Research class were given a tour of the Amistad Research Center. Students learned about archives, both in terms of the material contained therein and in terms of the technical aspects of managing archival materials. On November 8, Dr. Muller-Schwarze guest lectured in a class at University of New Orleans about her research in Panama. On Saturday, November 13, the Museums and Communities class met at Cannes Brulee Native American Museum for a festival. Students saw dances and arti-

san presentations about Native lifeways. From November 17 to November 21, Dr. Muller-Schwarze represented SUNO Museum Studies at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting. The museum exhibit at the Southern Food and Beverage Museum was listed in the program for the conference, and many notable people stopped by. A reception at the museum on November 20 was also attended by MUSE students from SUNO, where they met people working on an archaeological collection at the Brooklyn Museum and others. Dr. Muller-Schwarze also attended the Multispecies 3: SWARM events associated with the AAA, which took place in three local art galler-

### General Studies – Director, Dr. Mary R.

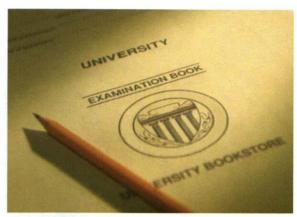
Vaughn There were several staff meetings held during the month of November to discuss accreditation activities, preregistration and program representation for the high school recruitment dates scheduled by the Retention staff of the University. The General Studies Program staff participated in the following high school retention activities:

November 18, 2010, SUNO

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November 12, 2010, MOU signing event between SUNO and the Priestly School of Architecture and Construction. November 10, 2010, SUNO Day at Edna Karr High School, 8:30 am 3:00 pm. November 9, 2010, SUNO Day at Algiers Technology Academy.

October 26, 2010, SUNO Day



at O. Perry Walker, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. October 28, 2010, SUNO Day at Higgins High School 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Program Development:
The staff was requested to provide additional input for the new Arts and Sciences building that will house the General Studies Program. The Director presented the staff's revised building plan recommendations at the College meeting.

Dr. M. Diack, Professor at Southern University at Baton Rouge, was confirmed for training for the faculty course developers for January. Proposed dates for the training are January 15 or 22nd. The dates are to be confirmed with the Faculty Course Developers in the Title III Service Learning Program.

Mr. Vincent Ilustre, Executive Director for the Center for Public Service at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA was confirmed as the Service Learning consultant for the Service Learning Training. A proposed training scheduled was forwarded to Mr. Ilustre; however no training date has been confirmed for the training session to date.



All 2006 cohorts and other GSP majors were assigned program advisors. A list was generated and forwarded to the College Dean's office and to the Office of Academic Affairs. The Director of General Studies met with the Director of the HIMS Program to discuss for future collaborations for certificate programming in information systems and possibly other certificate areas of health administration. We also discussed fast-track programs.

The annual Title III Program External Evaluation for the 2009-2010 grant year was held November 9-11, 2010. The evaluations were conducted by the Dawson Group of Virginia, Inc. All program coordinators were requested to make a presentation of their Title III program at the breakfast meeting held at the Sassafras Restaurant (Best Western Avalon) on I-10 Service Road on November 9, 2010.

Pre-Registration Activities- Ms. Alfreda Harris sent an email to all of her advisees, including on line students, to encourage them to pre-register during the Pre-registration for Spring 2011, November 1 -November 24, 2010.

Ms. Dumas-Haynes and Dr. Vaughn contacted the 2006 cohorts and completed the required reports for the General

Studies Program.

The General Studies Program staff completed the Blackboard Training Faculty Workshop on November 4. The November 18 training was cancelled due to

the Distance Learning Office relocation.

The General Studies Program SACS cycle assessment report for 2010-2011 is currently being developed.

The SACS SLO Curriculum Mapping Spreadsheet was completed and copies were given to the advisors for follow-up.

All SLO courses have been identified that have GSP student enrolled. The advisors are to meet with the appropriate teaching faculty before the end of the Fall 2010 semester to obtain SLO data.

The SACS Cycle Report for 2007-8; 2008-9 and 2009-10 has been revised and submitted to the SUNO accreditation team.

Staff Activities:
Dr. Mary R. Vaughn
QEP Task Force Meetings
QEP Publicity & Marketing
Sub-Committee Meetings
QEP Writing Committee:
QEP Institutional Capacity
(Budget)
QEP Goals & Objectives
Reviewed and Edited SUNO
On-Line Faculty Handbook
Reviewed TEGRITY Company Presentation for QEP

Ms. Marina Dumas-Haynes, Academic Counselor (Faculty) Member of the Homecoming Committee Chair, Coronation Committee & Queen's Reception Faculty Senate Meeting Attended SUNO Social Science Honors Pinning Ceremony, November 12, 2010

Ms. Alfred Harris, Academic Counselor Special Projects for Homecoming Committee General Studies Program "Miss Sweetheart" Coordinator Search Committee for Administrative Assistant for Social Sciences

### Health Information Management System Director, Ms. Andrea

Mignott Mrs. Mignott was accepted to be a Program Accreditation Reviewer for CA-HIIM to review accreditation for Associate, Bachelors and Masters Programs Showcased the HIMS Program at the first Health Expo to the Freshman Assembly Class on October 18th at 11am. Held the HIMS first Advisory Board Committee Meeting on October 20th 2010 in Boardroom 306. HIMS professional from the Louisiana area attended. Attended SUNO Day at O'Perry Walker on 10/26/2010 from 8:30-3pm Attended SUNO Day at L.W.

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8:30-3pm
Attended the LSU Administrative Board meeting in July and
August.
Working on HIMS Program
Self Study
Created a HIMS Student Or-

ganization on campus and held

the first meeting on October

22nd.

Met with Dr. Belisle on October 18th about Grant possibilities for HIMS Program
Working on retention strategies for HIMS Program such:
Extending office hours.
Offering tutoring services to HIMS students by HIMS students in the top 5% of HIMS courses.

Academic counseling of HIMS students by HIMS faculties Providing a progress report to each student after midterms and offering mediation on study tips etc.

Laura Douresseaux: Worked with the HIMS students to recognize national Health Information and Technology Week, November 8-9 2010.

Attended New Faculty Committee Meeting and working on Scope of Work

Laura Douresseaux attended the GNOHIMA quarterly meeting on October 1st 2010

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Andrea Mignott:

Mrs. Mignott passed the ICD10
-CM and PCS (Training the
Trainer Consulting Test) to
provide consulting in the area
of ICD-10 coding and reimbursement. She was also selected to be a Program Accreditation Reviewer for CAHIIM
(Commission on Accreditation
for Health Informatics Manage-

ment Education) to review accreditation for Associate, Bachelors and Masters Programs. HIM is transitioning from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM and PCS.

Revised and completed syllabi using SUNO template.

Attended Black Board training with E-Learning on November 4th.

Attended SUNO Day at Algiers Technology Academy on November 9th from 8:30-3pm. Attended SUNO Day at Edna Karr High School on November 10th from 8:30-3pm Attended LSU Administrative Board meeting November 18th.

Held meeting for HIMS Student Organization on November 11th.

Met with Dr. Vaughn to discuss HIM minor in Health Informatics and Medical Reimbursements with General Studies.

Met with Ms. Mosby-Wilson to discuss additional resources for HIMS Program on November 30th.

Continues to advise new and continuing students for spring 2011 semester.

Participated in HIM National Health Tech Week November 8th & 9th

Working on retention strategies for HIMS Program such: Additional HIM student learning resources.

Provide study sessions for final exams to HIM students. Academic counseling of HIMS students by HIMS faculties

Laura Douresseaux:

Ms. Douresseaux continues to advise new and continuing students for Spring 2011 semester.

Attended SUNO Day at Walter L. Cohen on November 30.

Researched Grant opportunities for HIMS Program. Met with Ms. Mosby-Wilson to discuss additional resources for HIM Department. Attended the Louisiana HIPPA Conference and will use educational information from the conference for several HIM courses. Provided counseling and tutoring for HIM students. She has also held study sessions for final exams from November 28-December 3. Participated HIM National Health Tech Week November 8th & 9th

### College of Business: Dean, Dr. Igwe Udeh, Report on Major College of Business Activi-

ties: Accreditation: CBA's LGCA Committee. which is leading the effort in AACSB's Assurance of Learning standards, has met frequently to fine-tune the assessment instruments based on input from CBA faculty. students, and staff. Effort is now on the way to encourage each faculty to identify which learning goals they will assess in their classes, as well as the specific assignment that will serve as the catalyst for such assessments. This information will be reviewed, revised, and compiled into the Fall 2010 assessment plan.

Structural work is ongoing for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building as of November 30, 2010 at SUNO's Lake Campus. The contract for the Building was awarded to Stallings Construction Co (Mike Stallings, President) on February 4, 2010, at a cost of \$3,365,400. Ground was bro-

ken on March 24, 2010. The building is to be completed by summer 2011.

Paper Presentation
Dr. Adnan Omar, Professor &
Chair, Management Information Systems Department, and
Dr. Muhammed Miah, Assistant
Professor of Information Systems, attended a day-long GIS
conference on "Increase Productivity with ArcGIS 10" on
October 05, 2010 in Baton
Rouge, Louisiana.

Dr. James E. Pittman attended the Academy of Business Discipline Annual Conference in Fort Myers Beach, Florida on November 11-13, 2010 and presented a Paper for Publication "The Pursuit of Education: Why First Year Students at HBCU's Dropped Out of College Their Second Semester"

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:
Dr. David Alijani and Dr. Louis Mancuso have completed the second phase of their research on the BP Oil Spill and its effects on South Louisiana Small Businesses – 200 sample size study in October-November 2010 in Grand Isle, Galliano, and Venice, Louisiana.

Dr. Frank Martin and Dr. Simeon Okpechi met for a second time with New Orleans Council members Honorable Jon D. Johnson and Honorable Cynthia Hedge-Morrell to discuss the City's Budget in November, 2010. The City is conducting budget hearings from October 24-November 19. Dr. Martin, an economist with a specialization in public finance and Dr. Simeon, an accountant, will be advising the council members on budget and economic development issues

throughout the budget hearing process.

Dr. Frank Martin, Professor of Economics, Review Panelist, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) for the City of New Orleans, New Orleans Aviation Board, and the Sewerage and Water Board– November, 2010.

Dr. Louis Mancuso took five business students to Los Angeles to visit Prada, US Bank, California Merchandise Mart, The May Company, NBC Executive, The Tonight Show (November 3-7, 2010), and students will appear on "Let's Make a Deal" on February 24, 2011.

Dr. Steve Welsh and Dr. Louis Mancuso took several business students to Fun Services South, Harahan, Louisiana, to observe their distribution techniques and their supply chain management concepts (December 1, 2010).

Office of Student Services (OSS) November 2010 Report Continuous monitoring of 2006-2009 cohorts, as well as all other CBA students Continuous monitoring of progress of graduating class Registered and ensured that all eligible 2006 cohort students are on track for graduation Participated in "SUNO DAY" recruit activity at several local high school Participated in pre-advisement days for freshman students Began process of auditing student folders to ensure that they are AACSB ready Continue to strive to provide excellence in customer service to CBA students and College where - "perfection is our goal, excellence is tolerated."

LSBDC Greater New Orleans Regional Collaborative Partnership November 2010 Report Trainings and Seminars presented, participated and/or attended: **Business Plan Writing** Counseling Sessions Relationships with our community partners at the River Region Parish are being developed and maintained via seminars and one on one counseling sessions. These services are currently being provided every other Friday in the month. One on one counseling provided to the following types of new businesses:

Comedy Club Skating Rink

Youth Events Embroidery Retail

Paint and Supply Store

Commercial Leasing Facility Medical Transportation Service

**DVD Kiosk Rental** 

One on one counseling provided to the following types of existing businesses:
Daycare Facility
Fast Food Establishment

Special Event [s]
LSBDC Fall Conference
Gulf Coast Bank & Trust International Trade Financing Training
Asian, Black and Hispanic
Chamber Networking Event
City of New Orleans, Economic
Opportunities Summit
Grants/Loans
Assisted clients with loan packaging via SBA and various
other lending institutions
Reports/Assignments
Preparation of Center IC reports
(client data and professional

participation)
Researched client specific information.

Meetings Attended SUNO monthly meeting LSBDC monthly meeting



College of Education: Interim Dean, Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Report on Major College of Education Activities: The following faculty served on various College level and University Level

Committees:

Dr. Pamela Wanga
Continued role as Chair of the
QEP Task Force
Attended the QEP Leadership
Team Meeting with Chancellor Ukpolo
Attended a briefing session of
the QEP Leadership Team
with Chancellor Ukpolo on
status of the QEP Report
Submitted Draft QEP Report
to Dr. Green, QEP Consultant

Dr. Shawan Bellow is continuing work on the SLO Focus Report

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Faculty Development Committee

#### School of Social Work:

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

Dr. Ronald, Mancoske: November, 2010 Scholarly Activities/Staff Development Webinar from Office of Minority Health: Diversity resources on-line Meeting with Excel Trainer Community Services Impact Coordinating Council, United Way (meetings) UW Site Visit—NO/AIDS Medication Program Office of Behavioral Healthchildren's services University Service SSW Committees Meetings -Assessment Committee: Health Mental Health Committee: Grievance: Curriculum: Research: University Committees Meetings - Curriculum; IT Committee; RP & T Appeals Chair; Field supervision—1 MSW Intern GAP (Recruitment-Algiers

Dr. Jill Murray: Conducted a workshop on teaching methods to social work professors at the national annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education Presented a paper at the national meeting of the National Women's Studies Association Volunteered to chair a panel at the national annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education Participated in numerous continuing education workshops and presentations at the na-

Academy)

tional annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education Participated in numerous continuing education workshops and presentations at the national meeting of the National Women's Studies Association Attended CSWE APM

Presented hour-long workshop

on teaching fund-development

Chaired panel on disasters

### Southern University at Shreveport

# Chancellor's Report

January 2011

### Dennis R. Everett, Sr., Delivers Fall 2010 Commencement Address



On Saturday, December 11, 2010, Dennis R. Everett, Sr., will deliver keynote address to Southern University at Shreveport's Fall 2010 graduating class.

Pastor Everett is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana. He was educated in the public school of Caddo Parish, graduating from Linear High School in 1967. His higher education began at Southern University, Shreveport. He completed his undergraduate work in Religion from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. His graduate work continued at Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity School, in Fort Worth, Texas. Additional graduate work was pursued at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in the field of Gerontology. Currently, he is pursuing his Doctorate degree from the University of Virginia, Lynchburg, VA.

His pastorates include Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; Love Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (which he organized); Marling Missionary Baptist Church, Marlin, Texas; Good Shepherd Baptist

Church, Petersburg, Virginia; and Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he currently pastors. He is married to Esther Lynette Cooper Everett, MSW; He has four children Yolanda, Denise, Dennis, Jr. and Denette, and four grandchildren, Destiny, Whitney, Kourtni, and Harmoni.

### Congratulations Fall 2010 Graduates

### SCHOOL OF NURSING ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - NURSING

Robert Andrew Britni Ansley **Alexis Anthony** Tanesha Bell Karen Branch **James Carpenter** Theresa Charlton Bryan Colvin Micheal Cook Bryan Cox Richard Dawson Amber Duke **Brittany Edwards** Kristy Fields Kellie Fontenot Brynn Forbrich La'Tonyia Franklin Tonisha Franklin Andrea Garris Earnest Goldsmith Jackie Hall Christina Hawthorne **Rhonda Hinton** Adam Hollenshead Kimblery Johnson

Mikkiah Jones Jeremy Keener Candes Kelley Pattie Kelly Shannon Kershaw Christopher Key Thomas Law Raymond Leary Shantrail Lockett Jaime Martin Angelique McCall Maggie McLemore Dyani Moore Shaherazada Naujokas Crystal Rogers **Brandie Scott** Sheri Simpson Thea Spencer Matthew Stripling Lawanda Thomas Taronda Tisdom Sandra Tomb William Warke

Jamie White

Nicolette Wilson

Kristin Winland

### <u>DIVISION OF HUMANITIES</u> <u>ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES</u>

Dance

Shakeithdra Mills

### ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES Sociology

Ti'Kandis Edwards Dawn Lair Justin Patton Rocquel Smith

Patrice Williams

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Accounting

Gayta Brooks
Tracy Carter
Michael Grimes
Brittany Kilgore
Khristy Peoples
Tiffany Shepard
Jessica Sledge
Tia Sterling
Alona Towler
Tacarra Williams
Melaine Wright

### **Business Management**

Gayta Brooks Sharissa Persley Tiffany Shepard Tacarra Williams Tacarra Wright Tia Sterling

### Food and Beverage Management Carolyn Needham

# DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE Funeral Service Administration

Backes Lisa Christine Sullivan Betrina Thomas Lara Yeatts

#### Health Information Technology

Lacey Akes Sandra Anderson LaWhitney Carter Bridget Daniels Annika Davis LaQuida Davis

### Congratulations Fall 2010 Graduates

### Health Information Technology (continued)

Brenda Fuller Taneca Green Crystal Gladney Daronza Harris Twyla Latin-Mosley Kiara Lewis

Latasha Mitchell - Webb

Felicia Moore Anita Spencer Shelly Stewart Valeria Thomas

### Radiologic Technology

Madison Adams
Brittiney Beales
Precious Bell
Camisa Brown
Tara Cook
Ernestanie Evans-Pratt
Dale Fontenot
Keidra Glover-Johnson
Kasundra Hilliard
Reshod Myles
Lataaron Richardson
Matthew Rodrigues
Antonio Rutledge
Shelia Stewart
Kadetrious Taylor

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE Surgical Technology

Yolanda Jackson

### DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM Phlebotomy

Martinez Johnson

# DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF TECHNICAL STUDIES Child Development

Joanne Johnson Day Care Administration Theresa Clay Edna Hammond

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE Criminal Justice Administration

Lindreus Brazile Cortez Collins Stanley Hall Nicholas Jett Anthony Moreno Latrice Walker Tyekia Willis

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE Early Childhood Education

Lekeshia Grant Mandy Neal

### **HUMAN SERVICES**

Anitra Barkins Barbara Caldwell Carolyn Grayson Sir Marquis Hall Tangela Hall Betty Hampton Gladys Mayfield Jeanne White

### ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES Psychology

Janice Boston Shamara Johnson Loresha Wilson

### **Health and Physical Education**

Zacharias Lewis

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE Electronics Technology

Jimmy Hall Christopher Pest

### ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Biology

Dionza Bell Kimberly Lewis

### CERTIFICATE PROGRAM Computer Network Technology

Patrick Brown Lloyd Hewitt Kamal Minocha

### Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony



Candice Tucker

Latarria Williams

Phi Theta Kappa increased its ranks by inducting 11 new members in a scholarly and solemn ceremony on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 12:00 noon in the Johnny Vance Student Center. Southern University Board Member and Student Government Association President, Randale Scott welcomed and congratulated the new student inductee into SUSLA's Beta Beta Nu Chapter.

Students inducted included: Jordann Brandly, Pamela Davis, Remedro Dunnigan, Elonda Gerard, Geraldlyn Green, Sir'Marquis Hall, Daronza Harris, Jamie McKeever, Jamie Smith, Anita Spencer, and Darryl Waker, Jr.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international Honor Society for two-year colleges which promotes scholarship, service and leadership.

Faculty members and advisors conducting the ceremony were - Prof. June Phillips, Prof. Laurita Cottonham, Dr. Wanda Waller and Instructor, Carneta Cooper.

### School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Southern University at Shreveport-School of Nursing honored 51 nursing students successfully completing requirements for the Associate of Science in Nursing degree, with a pinning ceremony to be held on December 7, 2010. The ceremony will be held at Riverview Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, at 6:30pm. The guest speaker will be Gwendolyn P. Barnes, RN, BBA. She is the CEO and founder of Complete Approach Home Health Agency.

The pinning ceremony represents a formal transition from student to professional nurse. The pin is worn as part of a nurse's professional attire. It is held in high regard by nursing program faculty and Southern University at Shreveport.

### Congratulations 2010 School of Nursing Graduates



#### Congratualtions! Radiologic Technology Program Receives 100% Passing Rate

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), the nationally recognized certification agency for Rad Techs state licensing has confirmed that Southern University at Shreveport class of 2010 students achieved a 100 percent pass-rate on the National registry exam on their first attempt. Additionally, the average score for SUSLA students was an 85; a score of 75 is needed for passing. The graduates from the 2010 are: Madison Adams, Brittney Beales, Precious Bell, Camisa Brown, Tara Cook, Ernestine Evans-Pratt, Dale Fontenot, Keidra Johnson, Kasundra Hilliard, Reshod Myles, Lataaron Richardson, Matthew Rodriquez, Antonio Rutledge, Shelia Stewart, Kadetrious Taylor, Candice Tucker, and Latarria Williams,

"I am very proud of the graduates. Their hard work and dedication has been proven by their many



accomplishments. This class won the 2009 Louisiana State Society Radiologic Technology Student Quiz Bowl. In addition, Dale Fontenot was the 1st place winner of the senior division of the LSRT 2010 Student Bee competition which was held in March. The hard work and dedication of our students are evidence of the hard work of our faculty members, stated Sheila Swift, Radiologic Technology Program Director.

SUSLA offers a two-year, nationally-accredited radiologic technologist program that has been granting associates of applied science degrees to its graduates since 1985. Students who complete the program at SUSLA have an option to sit for the national certification exam; graduates of Rad Tech program have a 96 percent pass rate over the past five years on their first attempt at the national exam.

#### Student Support Services Hosts Reception for Miss Elite 2010-2011

Ms. Briana Mack is the reigning Miss Elite, 2010-11. She clearly portrays elegance and beauty. The sophomore is an only child who is majoring in Nursing. Her immediate plan is to obtain a A.S. in Nursing and then transfer to a four-year institution for the Bachelor of Science degree. In that she loves to help people and to do community service, she plans to work as a Pediatric Registered Nurse. She is also very active as a cheerleader, works with the Student Government Association and with the Elite Club.

Ms. Mack represented the Elite Club during Southern University's Coronation and the Parade during Homecoming week, November 8-12, 2010. Also, a special reception was held to "Meet & Greet Miss Elite", on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. The theme was, "Visions of Elegance and Beauty."

The focus of the Elite Club for the Fall, 2010 semester was social etiquette and "How to conduct a business meeting".

The purpose of the Elite Club is to expose students to events and activities beyond the classroom to help them to further develop existing skills necessary to be "totally" successful in today's society. In essence, they become Fashion Conscious, Graceful, Elegant, Refined and Confident.

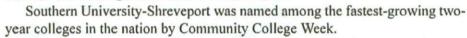
The founders of the Elite Club are Mrs. Valley C. Payne, Director of SSS and Ms. Patricia W. Flanagan, member of SSS Advocacy Board.



Chancellor's Report January 2011

#### SUSLA Recognized Among Nation's Fastest-Growing Colleges

The Times - FERNANDEZ@GANNETT.COM • DECEMBER 10, 2010



The results were published in the publication's annual edition: "Special Report: Fastest Growing Community Colleges."

Colleges were ranked by enrollment categories, including campuses with fewer than 2,500 students and those with more than 10,000 students. The results were based on information collected between fall 2008 and fall 2009. SUSLA was ranked 22nd in campuses with enrollments between 2,500 to 4,999 students. "SUSLA is obviously pleased to be recognized as an institution that continues to

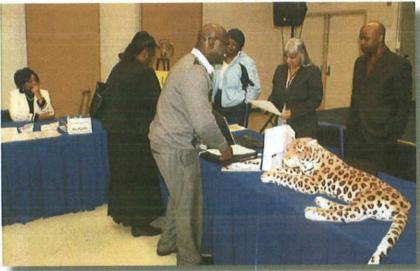
evolve," Chancellor Ray Belton said. "In keeping with our role and responsibility to the constituents, the university is mindful of its need to position itself to serve this community, and we do that by offering stellar programs that have the promise of enriching one's quality of life."

SUSLA listed among other Louisiana colleges included: Delgado Community College, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Northshore Technical College, Northwest Louisiana Technical College, South Central Louisiana Technical College and BPCC.

#### Division of Business Studies Hosts Job

Southern University-Shreveport hosted a job fair on Friday, December 3, 2010 for adjunct and part-time faculty positions. Cynthia Hester, Division Chair for Business Studies coordinated the job fair. Over forty academic professionals attended the job fair. Mrs. Hester stated "Our Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs felt we needed a pool of qualified applicants to meet the demand of our increasing enrollment, so she suggested a job fair."





"We anticipate a steady increase in enrollment and we want to be ready to hire the most qualified academic professionals," Hester said.

SUSLA has increased enrollment consistently for the past five years. Although enrollment fell slightly to 2,834 from the record breaking 3,014 student enrollment from this time last year, the college's retention rate is 58.3 percent. That means more than half of the students who start in the fall return to the college the coming year.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ON THE GROW

Student Support Services (SSS) continues to blossom and enhance its services for its students. Kudos are extended to SSS for receiving a 100% score on its new five-year grant for 2010-15.

The National Certified Tutorial Services Program has expanded its services to three lab locations for student access and convenience. The Science Building now has a tutorial lab for all science subjects, the Administration Building houses the English/Study Skill Lab and the NCR Building is the home for the Math and Business areas. Also, Supplemental Instruction (SI) has been upgraded to four classes in English and Math. SI is an academic assistance program that utilizes peer-assisted study sessions. The one (1) hour sessions are facilitated by "SI leaders", students who have previously done well in the selected course. The SI leader attends all scheduled classes, takes notes, and acts a model student in the classroom.



Valley C. Payne, Director Student Support Services

In addition, SSS has added a new service this year, Financial Literacy, where students are made aware of their financial status and to assist them in making informed decisions about future investments in their educational pursuits.

# 29th ANNUAL 40-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church 5823 Ledhetter Street Shreveport, Louisiana 74108 Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Pastor

Southern University Alumni-Shreveport Chapter
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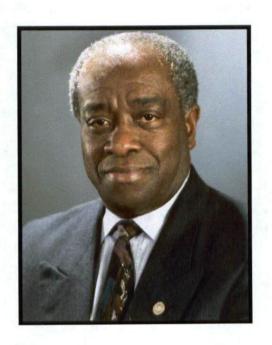
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With Every Good Wish

For The New Year!

Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor





# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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# SU Ag Center Visits African Farmers

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The Southern University Center for International Development Program was a recipient of the 2009 Borlaug Fellows Women in Science Fellowship in collaboration with the SU Ag Center. This provided program training to agribusiness entrepreneurs from the African countries of Kenya and Malawi. The four Women in Science Borlaug Fellows received six weeks of training at the SU Ag Center in the summer of 2009, the ladies were: Maness Nkhata-Ngoma, Patience Mgol-Stella limwale. Kachoka, and Eunice Mwongera.

In November, 2010, Drs. Fatemeh Malekian, associate professor, SU Ag Center, Rufus Nwogu and Walter Wiles, LSU International program, traveled to Kenya and Malawi as a follow up to evaluate the Borlaug Fellows Program.

In Kenya, the SU Ag Center team met with a USDA representative and members of the African Women in Agriculture at Eunice Mwongera's office. Mrs. Mwongera gave a PowerPoint presentation of her work, business, and how she has applied what she learned during her Borlaug Fellow training at the SU Ag Center.

Mwongera owns Hillside Farm which exports fruits and vegetables to European countries. One of the stops for the SU Ag Center team was Kephis, a government laboratory that conducts pesticide tests on fruits and vegetables for export. where future collaboration between Southern University Ag Center and the lab was discussed. The team also visited a number of private fish farms and the USAID Office and met with a representative who provided positive feedback to inquiries.



Health Ministry, Kenya

In Malawi, the team visited Mannes' green-house where she raises plants for sale and distribution to other vendors. She has used what she learned in

Baton Rouge to expand her horticulture business. Mannes also runs a processing facility where she extracts oil from maize (corn) and soy, and makes maize flour for human consumption.



School children, Malawi

Next stop in Malawi Stella's village was where the team observed how she has structured her village into different committees and how wonderfully they were working together and accomplishing their set goals. They met at the church and had a question and answer session with the participants. Then they interacted with students at a school. discussing healthy living and lifestyles.

Their last stop was the USAID Office where the representatives declared their commitment to providing them with resources to enhance their projects.

# Small Farmer Agriculture Leadership Institute Held in Tuskegee

The 68th Professional Agricultural Workers' Conference (PAWC) took place at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama, December, 5-7, 2010. The theme was Empowering Underserved Farmers and Rural Communities by Changing Legislation, USDA Eligibility Requirements, and Program Delivery.

Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin conducted the 7th session of the third class for Small Farmer Agriculture Leadership Institute as part of the Professional Agricultural Workers' Conference (PAWC) preconference workshops, December 4-5. Class participants numbering more than 30 arrived from various states to attend the conference, two of whom asked questions during the Q&A session with USDA Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Tom Vilsack, and keynote speaker at the PAWC.

Dr. Owusu Bandele, Professor Emeritus, horticulture and organic agriculture, Southern University Ag Center gave the George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Awards Banquet Lecture and Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension, presided over the event.



Small Farmer Agriculture Leadership Institute class with director Mellion, far left, and SU Ag Center vice chancellor for Extension, Eubanks, far right



Eubanks, left, watches as Tuskegee President, Gilbert Rochon hands Professor Emeritus Bandele, right, a plaque

The 2012 Farm Bill was the focus of this conference. Activities included: networking, workshops, paper presentations, poster session, exhibits and displays. The workshops covered topics such as Strengthening Partnerships with USDA, moderated by SU Ag Center's Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin. Paper presentations included success stories, production issues, empowering small farmers and rural communities, and planning successful programs.

Conference participants representing Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center included: Dr. Gina Eubanks. Vice Chancellor for Extension. Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, Specialist, Agriculture and Director of the Small Farmer Agriculture Leadership Institute, Dr. Bridget Udoh, Communications Specialist, Mrs. Zanetta Augustine, Extension Associate, Mr. Eugene Runles, Farm Superintendent, Ms. Lisa Gray, Research Associate and Mr. Terry Washington, Extension Agent (Rapides Parish).

### SU Ag Center Receives Grant Awards from USDA

In the fall of 2010, the Southern University Ag Center received notification that the proposals submitted to USDA were funded as follows:

Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin: the Office of Advocacy and Outreach awarded the sum of \$300,000 for the Outreach and Assistance of Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in Louisiana. This one-year project will provide technical assistance to Louisiana small farmers. One of the key outcomes of this project will be the highly anticipated Southern University Ag Center's "Louisiana Small and Minority Farmers' Conference" which will be held March 17—19, 2011.

Dr. Mellion-Patin also received a Capacity Building Grant award in the amount of \$199,684. The Academy for the Academic Enhancement of High School Students in the Food and Agricultural Sciences project will offer academic enhancement and leadership development to high school students across the state. The ultimate goal of this project is to enhance the test-taking skills of minority youth while enhancing their leadership development and exposing them to careers in the food and agricultural sciences.

Other recipients of the USDA Capacity Building grant included: Drs. Yadong Qi, Ultraviolet-B Radiation

Protection Strategies in Selected Southern Trees, \$299,510; Zhu Ning, Quantifying the Responses of Urban Tree Species to Elevated CO2 and Flooding, \$299,947; Bridget Udoh, Strategies to Improve Farm and Business Efficiency Through Integrated Communications, \$185,323; Kasundra Cyrus, Preparing Families for Future Health and Wealth Challenges; \$264,733; and Glenda S. Johnson, Southern University Childhood Obesity Prevention Study, \$281,533.

# Southern University Holds Plant Biosecurity Symposium

Southern University, Baton Rouge, and Ag Center scientists hosted the third annual "Frontline Biosecurity Symposium" to discuss potential threats to our nation's natural resources and agriculture in November 2010.

The event was kicked off at the Southern University's Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, the second day, it moved to the Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The symposium featured presentations and demonstrations from scientists and professionals working on the front lines of research. They have been monitoring high consequence pathogens, insect pests, and invasive weeds that are dangerous to our nation's agriculture and renewable natural resources.

Presentations and hands-on demonstrations were made by Alabama A&M University, Ohio State University, LSU, Florida A&M University, Southern University, USDA ARS, USDA APHIS, US Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry. Approximately 120 professionals, students, scientists and community members interested in the health and safety of plants attended the symposium.

Urban Forestry Professor Daniel Collins organized this event to discuss natural and manmade threats to the US agricultural system.



Dr. Herman Warren, VA Tech, presents



Students listen attentively to presenter

### SU Ag Center Vice Chancellor Installed as Association Chairperson

At the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities meeting in November, 2010, Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension, Southern University Ag Center was installed as the Chairperson for Association of Extension Administrators.

The mission of 1890 Cooperative Extension System is to assist diverse audiences, with emphasis on those who have limited social and economic resources, to improve their access to positive opportunities through outreach education.



Dr. Gina E. Eubanks

Memberships include the administrators and/or associate administrators for Cooperative Extension at 1890 land-grant institutions and Tuskegee University.

# Regional conference seeks ways to enhance economic growth

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development and Communities of Color Network represented the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at the annual Southern Regional - Asset-Building Coalition Conference.

The purpose of the conference was to engage a diverse group of community and faith-based organization leadership, financial and academic institutions, federal and state governments, private sector, policy advocates, researchers, and other key stakeholders in a discussion on existing challenges against economic growth in the Gulf Coast states. Much emphasis was placed on defining policies and programs that support low-income families and communities. They also looked at practical opportunities that coalitions can employ to help families become economically stable.

# SU Ag Center Reaches out to Capital Area Technical College

On November 8, the Center for Rural and Small Business Development collaborated with Louisiana Department of Family & Children Services to conduct a workshop for students at Capital Area Technical College, Baton Rouge. The students were interested in starting Daycare businesses.

They were eager to get assistance in planning their business ventures, but amazed at the new childcare regulations, rules, and guidelines in the daycare businesses. Several of them were already considering changing to other business ventures.

Business Development Specialist Eual Hall reminded them of important considerations of entering any business venture regardless of the type of business.

# Great American Smokeout Day Celebrated at SU Ag Center

November 18, 2010 was the day the nation celebrated the Great American Smokeout (GASO). This annual event is held on the third Thursday in November throughout the nation, encouraging Americans to stop tobacco smoking.

At Southern University, the day was filled with activities sponsored and participated in by the SU Ag Center-Communities of Color (CoC) Network and Fresh Campus. The theme for the day was "Stop the Habit TODAY for a Healthier Tomorrow." The day began early with an informational tabletop display at the Southern University Student Union where students engaged in conversation about the dangers of tobacco use.

Regional Coordinator, Urina F. Holt celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Great American Smoke Out at Southern University, Shreveport (SUSLA) Health & Physical Education Complex in Shreveport, on November 18.

Ms. Holt announced the event on local monitors throughout SUSLA main campus and the metro center; she also displayed flyers, posters, and e-blast inviting faculty, staff and students along with individuals in the local community to participate in the GASO event.

Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor of SUSLA signed a proclamation recognizing the event to encourage smokers and tobacco users to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking on that day.

Mayor Cedric B. Glover also signed a proclamation declaring that the City of Shreveport observes the day by choosing not to smoke or use tobacco products. Ms. Holt spoke on the importance of living a tobacco-free life by not using tobacco. She also shared some of the harmful and deadly ingredients that are found in tobacco and explained where to go for help.

The audience listened to the many causes and effects that tobacco has caused in the African American communities. Some of the participants testified they were willing to stop smoking for that day and/or willing to consider giving up smoking completely. Giving up smoking or using tobacco for one day may lead someone to not return to such an addictive and health risk habit.

# Great American Smokeout Day contd.

Frankie Poland, regional coordinator with the CoC Network, was guest speaker at the GASO event held at Clinton Middle School.



Poland addresses audience

Later, the Fresh Campus and the CoC Network had an evening of celebration. The Greek organizations on campus provided valuable information about tobacco use in the form of skits as well as other slide presentations.

Paula Jordan, Communities of Color Network Regional Coordinator, partnered with two agencies to plan Great American Smokeout activities in Regions 4 and 5. In partnership with Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, Paula was able to show 6th-12th grade students in Iberia Parish a DVD entitled Truth or Dare. In an effort to encourage students to refrain from or quit using tobacco, the DVD highlighted the negative impacts and health risks associated with tobacco use. Additionally, students in 6th grade were provided with information on tobacco laws in Louisiana to share with their parents.

In Region 5, Ms. Jordan worked with the pastor and music minister at Open Arms Baptist Church in Lake Charles, LA to host a noon prayer service. The purpose of the prayer service was to pray for the release of individuals who are held by the bonds of tobacco. Pastor Carlos Ross opened the service with a prayer and Minister Eric Johnson played soft music for the meditation.

Shawntell Lewis-Harrell, Regional coordinator, conducted an educational booth display at the Louisiana State Building in Alexandria during the Great American Smokeout event. Several employees and constituents visited the booth for tobacco educational awareness information and to sign pledges vowing to live tobacco-free. As a token of appreciation for their participation. Harrell issued several giveaways such as t-shirts, stress kits, pens, notepads, and cigarette crushies with tobaccofree messages. In addition to this all-day activity, Harrell aired a public service announcement on KKST KISS 98.7 FM, encouraging Central Louisiana tobacco users to refrain from using all tobacco products on GASO, hopefully, to quit for life. On-air personality Jay Stevens interviewed Harrell to discuss the mission of Communities of Color Network, why the organization's work is vital in the African-American community, and the importance of GASO.

Communities of Color Network Regional Coordinator, Shirley B. Simon manned a tobacco education/awareness booth display for the annual Great American Smokeout Day

event at the Zulu Social and Pleasure Club in New Orleans. The GASO Event was held to encourage smokers to guit for at least one day in the hope that they may decide to permanently kick the habit. Smokers who took part in the event and quit smoking for 24 hours were asked to put at least five cigarettes into the CoC's Putting Your Heart Into Your Health Brown Bag. Each Zulu member that participated was given a CoC T-shirt and other smoke-free prizes as a token of appreciation. "Even if they don't quit permanently, they learned that they can kick the habit for a day and that they have plenty of support," said Simon. She shared the CoC's mission, the impact tobacco use has on the African-American community, dangerous chemicals used in tobacco products, the effects of second-hand smoke exposure, and the Quit line number.



Simon hands bag of information to event participant, left

### St. Helena Community Garden Club Gets Help from SU Ag Center

The St. Helena community garden is located on 123 Park Loop Road in Greensburg on approximately two acres of land. This club consists of youth and adults.

For the fall garden, students planted vegetables such as collard, mustard, turnip, cabbage greens and green onions.

The youth actually learned where vegetables come from, how they grow and what they look like.



Adults and youth work together

Additionally, they learned how to prepare vegetables for eating from harvest to serving. Given that these days, most youth seem to have difficulty recognizing basic vegetables, and knowing what to do with them, growing vegetables is providing them with a valuable life skill and education while they have fun.

Benefits of the garden include: improved quality of life for participants; enhanced catalyst for neighborhood and community development; stimulation of social interaction; encouraged self-reliance; neighborhood beautification; production of nutritious food; and reduced family food budget.

Angela Myles, area agent, coordinates this effort.

#### Workshop helps parents help their children

St. Helena Parish School System hosted a workshop entitled, "Helping Parents Help Their Children," late 2010. Ms. Delores Johnson, Parent Educator, SU Ag Center, facilitated the workshop. Johnson provided the group with great tips on how parents can assist their children such as designating a specific area and time for homework.

She also explained that children can learn how to use math and organizational skills by assisting with meal preparations. "Ms. Johnson was very engaging, informative and a pleasure to work with," said a participant.

The parents in attendance were very receptive of these tips and participated in group discussions regarding improving students' study habits, assisting the school and encouraging other parents to participate.

Johnson was very engaging, informative and a pleasure to work with. "My hope is that we will be able to work together in the future on another project," said Johnson.



Parenting workshop

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# Faculty and staff accomplishments and activities

#### SU Ag Center Employee Appointed to Board

**De'Shoin York-Friendship**, Assistant Specialist – Nutrition, has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank's Board of Directors. De'Shoin will also serve as Secretary for the Board. The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank serves 11 parishes and has over 120 member agencies.

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development sponsored a follow-up home buyer's workshop at Refuge Temple in Amite, with more than 15 participants in attendance. Several of the participants were at previous workshops because of the need to get a good understanding of the process for completing the USDA, Rural single family home applications. A total of 15 applications were collected and edited for submission.

Additionally, the Center responded to a request from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Southern University to present information on starting a business to students in Consumer Economics class. The topics covered included: How to Distinguish a Non-Profit from a For-Profit Business; Various Funding Sources; Developing a Business Plan; Why or Why not Business Loans;

Starting the Business Application Process; and Starting a Childcare Business.

Mel Coco, Southern University Ag Center Nutrition Educator participates in benefit Lunch. Family and Consumer Science Regional Coordinator, Quincy Cheek, coordinated Dean Lee Employee the Health Expo and Team Lou benefit lunch for the Susan G. Komen Foundation late 2010. The event was held at the Dewitt Livestock Facility in Alexandria, Louisiana. A blood drive conducted by the LifeShare Blood Center was also held at this event.



Mel Coco informs Benny Swor, left, Dean Lee employee about the health risks associated with overweight/ obesity

# **Upcoming Events**

- January 4, 11, 18, and 25: Parenting Class on Family Stress, La JET, Baton Rouge
- January 8: Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute: Lake Charles
- January 20 21: Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute Class III:, University of Arkansas –Pine Bluff
- February 1, 8, 15, and 22: Parenting Class on Family Stress, La JET, Baton Rouge
- February 5: Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute, Lafayette
- March 3-5: 68th Annual State Livestock Show, M.A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena, Baton Rouge
- Mar 5: Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute, Graduation Ceremony, Washington, DC
- March 17-19: Louisiana Small and Minority Farmers' Conference, Baton Rouge
- March 29: Connecting Businesses with Contracts: Southern University Ag Center hosts free procurement opportunities conference, Baton Rouge

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE: JANUARY, 2011

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. Travels to Monrovia, Liberia

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. traveled to Monrovia, Liberia in December and joined Southern University College of Business and other University officials in exploring collaborative opportunities with the University of Liberia.

Chancellor Pitcher and David A. Jallah, Dean of the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law at the University, discussed the faculty, enrollment, curricula, and mission of the schools and circumstances to assist the Grimes Law School.

As a result of the Chancellor's Liberia visit, Dean Jallah also visited the SULC in December, met with faculty members and toured our facility. Dean Jallah requested assistance in faculty development, improving his school's legal writing unit and establishing a clinical education program. Ultimately, he said he foresees SULC faculty visits to Liberia to directly participate in development with his faculty, as well as faculty visits to SULC. The Dean also discussed establishing a formal program between the schools.

Chancellor Pitcher said, "There are many ways for the Southern University Law Center and Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law to work with each other for the mutual benefit of both institutions."

Dean Jallah said the trip was very beneficial and he looks forward to working with the Law Center.

#### SULC Alumnus Elected Vice Chair of SU Board of Supervisors

The Southern University System Board of Supervisors recently elected Darren G. Mire of New Orleans as its new chair and SULC alumnus Murphy F. Bell, Jr., of Baton Rouge as its new vice chair for 2011. Congratulations to both!

#### US Attorney Alum, Speaker at Hooding Ceremony

U.S. Attorney Stephanie Finley, '91, the first female to hold this position in Louisiana, will address the Summer and Fall 2010 graduates who will participate in the Second Annual SULC Hooding Ceremony on January 14.

The program will be held at 6:00 p.m. in 130 A.A Lenoir Hall

#### The graduates are:

Carlton J. Allen, Zachary
Keith G. Anderson, Baton Rouge
Kimberly D. Avery, Baton Rouge
Joi M. Boone, Baton Rouge
Natasha D. Fossett, Baton Rouge
Peggy I. Garris, New Iberia,
Stephen K. Griffin, Baton Rouge
Pierre R. Hardnett, Baton Rouge
LaShaunte S. Henry, Baton Rouge

Da'Lacie S. Jolivette, Carencro Robin Kay, Baton Rouge Duncan S. Kemp IV, Baton Rouge Lyle D. Morgan, Jr. Gonzales, Kristen P. Sanders, Pride, Joseph W. Scogin III, Baton Rouge Lequisha Johnson-Stephenson, Baton Rouge Stephanie R. Strickland, St. Louis, MO Orlando Whitaker, Opelousas

#### Judge Alvin B. Rubin Scholarship Award Presented

SULC students Toussaint Pierre, Ashley Smith, and Jennipher Williams were the recipients of the 2010 Judge Alvin B. Rubin Scholarship awarded by the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. The scholarship awards totaling \$10,000 (\$3,333.32 to each student) were made during a federal court luncheon on Friday, December 3. Also attending the luncheon were Judge Brian Jackson, Vice Chancellor John Pierre, Chief Judge Ralph Tyson, Judge James J. Brady, and Judge Frank Polozola.

#### Fall 2010 Simulated Trial Competition Held

Student-attorneys of the Clinical Education Program participated in the annual Simulated Trial Competition on November 12 at Baton Rouge City Court.

In addition to regular case assignments, simulated trials are among a number of teaching tools used in the clinical education program to further enhance students' litigation skills and to provide more trial experiences.

Working in groups of four, student-attorneys were judged by local members of the bar. The participants were graded on lawyering skills, such as opening statements, direct and cross-examination, qualifying witnesses, introducing evidence into the records, use of exhibits, effective use of objections, and closing arguments.

#### SULC Team Competes In Navy JAG Corps' 2nd Annual Moot Court Competition

SULC Moot Court Board members Jonathan Reed, Daniel Druilhet, Treneisha Jackson and Felisha Sheppard competed against students from 21 other law schools across the country at the Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps sponsored Second Annual National Moot Court Competition, October 28-30, at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Florida.

The competition was hosted by Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Southeast and open to law school moot court teams with an interest in learning more about military justice and constitutional law. The 22 law schools represented the highest caliber and most diverse law schools in the nation.

The teams participated in appellate oral arguments in front of a prestigious panel of judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Chief Judge of the Department of the Navy.

#### GALE Holds Inaugural Executive Board Meeting

The Gay Alliance for Legal Equality (GALE), a law student led organization focused around lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues, held its inaugural executive board dinner meeting on November 13, hosted by faculty adviser, Professor Nadia Nedzel.

GALE, the newest SULC student organization receiving its charter in Spring 2010, was organized to promote equality and diversity among the legal community and raise awareness of LGBT legal issues. The group strives to enlighten the surrounding LGBT community while fostering the student body's interest in maintaining an open mind.

Upcoming GALE events will include an open forum centered around Professor Herb Brown's legal experiences and published work on LGBT issues.

#### Winners Announced in Third Annual SULC Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition

Six students from Istrouma and Scotlandville high schools were winners of the Third Annual SULC Marshall-Brennan High School Moot Court Competition held Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13.

Timothy Johnson, Jeffery Tobias, and Lacey Uhiara of Istrouma High School and Tierra Harrison, Camera Whicker, and Dilton Anderson of Scotlandville High School received the highest scores in the competition and will represent SULC in the National Marshall-Brennan High School Moot Court Competition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 1-3.

The preliminary rounds of this region's two-day moot court competition were held Friday at A.A Lenoir Hall and featured students from Scotlandville High School, Glen Oaks High School, Istrouma High School, and Belaire High School. The final round of the competition judged by First Circuit Court of Appeal Judge John M. Guidry, SULC Professor Wendy Shea, and Attorney Alejandro Perkins, President of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, was held on November 13 at the First Circuit Court.

SULC thanks its partners in this annual competition: Curtis Soderberg, Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Louisiana Bar Foundation, and Judge John M. Guidry.

#### OFFICE OF CAREER COUN SELING

#### **OCI/OFF CAMPUS REFERRALS**

Employer registration has begun for our Spring 2011 On Campus Recruitment/Resume Collect program. To date, the following employers have registered for the program:

Lowe, Stein Hoffman, Allweiss & Hauver (New Orleans, LA); Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (Washington, DC); Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson; Chaffe McCall, Entergy Services, Inc.; Irwin Fritchie, Kean Miller; Taylor Porter; and Terry Butcher, & Associates.

#### **PROGRAMMING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

<u>A Day in the Life</u>: Ireyan J. Clark of the New Orleans City Attorney's Office presented a session on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 12:00 pm on "a day in the life" of a municipal attorney. Thirty (30) students attended the session.

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute, Conference, and Career Fair was held in New York, NY from October 29-November 1, 2010.

Ten (10) SULC students attended the fair and participated in the numerous seminars and activities aimed at preparing future leaders of the world. An additional SULC student Cassandra Boyd, was awarded a scholarship through the Thurgood Marshall College Fund from Walmart, Inc.

<u>A Day in the Life</u>: Jason Stein of Jackson Lewis LLP presented a session on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 12:00 pm on "a day in the life" of a law firm ligation. Thirty (30) students attended the session.

#### <u>Mediation Seminar</u>

Mediation training is scheduled for January 3-7, 2011 at the Law Center in Room 129 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Students who successfully complete this 40 hour course will receive mediation certification.

#### Alumni News

Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones was among three bar members recently named Fellows of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Ronald Gathe, Jr., '00, has been appointed to the Louisiana Law Institute Criminal Law Committee. The purpose of the Louisiana Law Institute is declared by the Legislature to be: "to promote and encourage the clarification and simplification of the Law of Louisiana and its better adaptation to present social needs; to secure the better administration of justice; and to carry on scholarly legal research and scientific legal work."

Edward "Ted" James, II, '08, Executive Counsel, Louisiana Department of Revenue, was listed in the Baton Rouge Business Report's Forty under 40.

#### Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None