

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Athletics Committee)

Friday, July 22, 2011

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Special Recognition
5. Public Comments
6. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the June 24, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
 - 2.) Athletics Committee
 - 3.) Finance and Audit Committee
 - C. Resolutions
 - 1.) Commendations
 - 2.) Condolences
7. Informational Reports
 - A. System Report
 - B. Campus Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, June 24, 2011
Health and Physical Education Building
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

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

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chairman
Atty, Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Walter Tillman
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpole (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)
Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the May 13, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the May 13, 2011 regular Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

1). Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Beverly C. Wade as Professor Emerita at Southern University Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Five-year Strategic Plan for Southern University at New Orleans, covering the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the amendment to the Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Agreement (GRAD) Act, as submitted to the Board of Regents by Southern University on June 2, 2011 be and it is hereby ratified.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the letter of intent for a joint JD/MBA program to be developed and offered by by the Southern University Baton Rouge College of Business and the Southern University Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

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

- Dr. Stephen Enwefa (SUBR) is to be given a one-year extension of his terminal year to May 2012. During opportunity to apply for tenure and promotion.
- Dr. Regina Enwefa (SUBR) is to be given a one-year extension of her terminal year to May 2012. During that year, she may be given the opportunity to apply for tenure.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the new academic program—Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)—at Southern University – Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

Informational Items submitted to the Committee

- Enrollment Management Reports, by Campus

2.) Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that informational reported listed below, be and they are hereby received.

- Priority Capital Projects Update, as of June 3, 2011, by Campus
- Status of Law Enforcement on the Southern University at Baton Rouge

Campus

- Campus Safety Reports

3.) Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the following tuition increases, effective Academic year 2011-2012, for undergraduate and graduate students at Southern University – Baton Rouge, in accordance with LA. Revised Statute 17:3351(A)(5)(e) and/or the LA. GRAD act be and they are hereby approved.

3-4-5 Plan	5%
GRAD Act	5%
Non-resident	\$373 (undergraduate)
	\$370 (graduate)

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the fee of \$350.00 for the four(4) credit hour course in the Certified Nursing Assistant Program be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Meal Plan and Food Service Contract Amendment between Sodexo Foods, Inc., and Southern University at New Orleans, effective Fall 2011 be and it is hereby approved.

The amendment requires:

- All students residing in University Housing will be required to purchase a \$600.00 *declining balance meal plan each semester. This is a reduction from the current plan of \$1,600.00.
- All first-time students not residing in University housing will be required to purchase a \$100 declining balance meal plan each semester.
- All remaining students will be required to purchase a \$50.00 declining balance meal plan each semester.

- The Knights Dining Hall will be open Monday through Friday.
- Students will be able to use the meal plan card at the Grab-N-Go location during the day and evening class hours.

*Declining Balance Plan – Declining Balance Funds can be used at anytime during the semester purchased.

4.) Governance Committee

Deleted.

5.) Bayou Classic Committee

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

6.) Legal Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Legal Affairs Committee, that the Professional Legal Services Contract between the Board of Supervisors and DeCuir Clark and Adams, L.L.P. for a period of two years (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013) at a cost not to exceed two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$225,000) for each fiscal year of the contract be and it hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5B-5: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED by the the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, the reappointment of Dr. Kofi Lomotey as a tenured faculty member in the College of Education at SUBR, effective July 1, 2011 at an annual salary of \$120,000; and the request from Dr. Lomotey for a Sabbatical, effective for the Fall 2011 Semester, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 9 yeas: Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Forstall, Gaines, Jefferson, Lawson, Magee, and Tolbert; 4 nays: Braxton, Clayton, Dumas, and Hendricks; 0 abstentions

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the employment contract for Dr James Llorens as Chancellor of the Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, effective July 1, 2011 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chancellor shall receive an annual salary of \$250,000; and, an annual housing allowance of \$20,000 until University Place becomes available for occupancy and its occupancy by the Chancellor is approved by the Board.

This agreement may be extended for a fourth year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) if the Chancellor satisfactorily meets the duties in Section 2 of the Agreement during the first two years of the initial term. Upon the recommendation of the System President, the Board, in its sole discretion, shall provide notice of intent to extend this agreement by April 30, 2014.

The Chancellor will be appointed as a full professor with tenure in the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy at Southern University and A & M College.

Chairman Mire extended appreciation to Dr. Lomotey for his service as Chancellor during the past three years.

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Atty. Clayton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the annual performance evaluation of Dr. Ronald Mason Jr. as President of the Southern University System be and it is hereby accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Presidential Evaluation form completed by Board Member Magee be included in the tabulated results.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolutions

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that condolences be extended by way of resolution to the family of Dr. Dewitt Jones who served as Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that commendations be and they are hereby extended to Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, recipient of the 1890 Excellence in Extension Award in the area of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. System Report
- B. Campus Reports

System and Campus monthly updates were presented by the President and Chancellors, respectively, orally and in writing. Details are on file and on tape in the Board's Office.

C. Legislative Update

Board Member Patrick Bell presented a report on legislative matters affecting the Southern University System. He recognized Wesley Bishop and Mr. Austin Badon, New Orleans area legislators.

Plaques of Appreciation were presented to State Representatives Patricia Smith, Chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus for her assistance to SUNO by Board Chairman Mire and Chancellor Ukpolo. Representatives Bishop and Badon accepted the awards on Representative Smith's behalf.

House concurrent Resolution recognizing Chancellor Ukpolo for his work in making the SUNO Campus safe was presented by Representatives Bishop and Badon.

Board Member Clayton announced that a fundraiser for the Democratic Caucus will be held at his home in August.

Mr. Dennis Brown, Southern University National Alumni President, reported on a five-city tour recently, held to thank the University Alumni and Supporters for their assistance on the SUNO issue during the recent legislative session.

President Mason extended commendations to the Alumni for their active support of the University during the session.

Board recognized the presence of SUNO Alumni President, Dr. Cynthia Honore-Collins and the SGA President Eugenie Tobin.

Atty. Jefferson reminded the board that this was its first meeting at SUNO since the passing of its founding Chancellor, Dr. Emmett Bashful. He asked the Board to remember Dr. Bashful and his contributions to SUNO.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, June 24, 2011

Addendum

Mayor Mitch Landrieu welcomed the members of the Board and Administrators to New Orleans and offered his congratulations on the successful joint effort between the University and its widespread constituencies which helped to defeat the proposed legislation to merge SUNO and UNO during the recent session.

Mayor Landrieu provided an overview of issues prevalent in New Orleans community, especially, in the African American community; i.e., high rate of crime, at-risk students, and incarceration of African American males. The mayor suggested this would be an ideal time for the Board and Administrators to consider and possibly redefine SUNO's future mission in higher education into that of a Model Urban University primarily addressing the crucial educational needs of the underserved New Orleans populace. He advanced the idea of a collaborative effort between SUNO, UNO and Delgado to achieve this end.

President Mason reported on the development of a plan by Southern University, in collaboration with other higher education institutions in New Orleans, to establish "*The Honore' Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement.*" The plan offers "a focused learning approach to strengthen the role of public higher education in building a Greater New Orleans."

Board Member Lawson announced that funds in the amount of \$3 million were earmarked by the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus during the recent session to fund programs for troubled youth; \$500,000 of that amount will be used to provide financial support for The Honore' Center.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 23, 2011

Health and Physical Education Building
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

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

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, newly-appointed Board Member from the 5th Congressional District, was administered the Oath of Office by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

Mr. Hendricks expressed his appreciation for having been appointed to the Board and pledged his best efforts in fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE TO EFFECT A QUORUM

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Myron K. Lawson

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, SUBR Faculty Senate President, spoke in support of Items 4E-1 and 4E-2.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Professor Emerita Nomination, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Beverly C. Wade as Professor Emerita at Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Strategic Plan for FY 2011-2016, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Southern University at New Orleans, covering the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Ratification of GRAD Act Amendment, SUS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee recommends to the Board, ratification of the amendment to the Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Agreement (GRAD) Act, as submitted to the Board of Regents by Southern University on June 2, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Letter of Intent for joint JD/MBA Program, SUBR and SULC

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the letter of intent for a joint JD/MBA Program to be developed and offered by the SU Baton Rouge College of Business and the SU Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Tenure and Promotion Appeals (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

- 1. Stephen Enwefa, SUBR**
- 2. Regina Enwefa, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee convened into an executive session to review the tenure and promotion appeals of Drs. Stephen and Regina Enwefa, SUBR

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 4 yeas: Jefferson, Hendricks, Bell, and Mire; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

Dr. Stephen and Regina Enwefa indicated their preference to have their respective appeals heard in an executive session.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-Mr. Myron K. Lawson arrived at the meeting.

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Hendricks, Bell, Lawson, and Mire; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee took no action on the following appeals, but recommends to the Board the following --

- o Dr. Stephen Enwefa be given a one-year extension of his terminal year to May 2012. During that year, he may be given the opportunity to re-apply for tenure and promotion.
- o Dr. Regina Enwefa be given a one-year extension of her terminal year to May 2012. During that year, she may be given the opportunity to re-apply for tenure.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Hendricks, Bell, Lawson and Mire;
0 nays; 0 abstentions

F. Retention Appeal of Stacy Thomas, SUNO (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee convened into an executive session to review the retention appeal of Atty. Stacy Thomas, SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Hendricks, Bell, Lawson and Mire;
0 nays; 0 abstentions

Atty. Thomas indicated her preference for having her appeal reviewed in an executive session.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Hendricks, Bell, Lawson, and Mire; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee recommends to the Board to deny Atty. Stacey Thomas' retention appeal.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Hendricks, Bell, Lawson and Mire;
0 nays; 0 abstentions

G. Proposal for New Academic Program Doctorate of Nursing Practice DNP, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the proposed new academic program -- Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) -- at Southern University -- Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Enrollment Management Reports

Enrollment Management Reports, submitted by the three campuses, are on file in the Board's Office. The reports were informational.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 24, 2011

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon Kelly

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed Fee Increases, effective AY 2011-12

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following tuition increases, effective Academic Year 2011-2012, for undergraduate and graduate students at Southern University – Baton Rouge, in accordance with LA. Revised Statute 17:3351(A)(5)(e) and/or the LA GRAD Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

3-4-5 Plan	5%
GRAD Act	5%
Non-resident	\$373 (undergraduate)
	\$370 (graduate)

B. Student Health and Accident Insurance Renewal, effective AY 2011-12, Systemwide

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, renewal of the Student Health and Accident Insurance with Monumental Life Insurance Company, administered by Bollinger, Inc for the 2011-12 school year for Southern University Students, Systemwide.

Motion carried unanimously.

	Annual	Fall	Spring/ Summer	Summer
Student	\$118	\$58	\$60	\$17
Spouse	\$379	\$159	\$159	\$99
Child One	\$144	\$60	\$60	\$40
Spouse/Child	\$521	\$217	\$217	\$131
Spouse and Children	\$662	\$275	\$275	\$171

C. Certified Nursing Assistant Program Fee Schedule, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, so recommends to the Board, the fee of \$350.00 for the four (4) credit hour course in the Certified Nursing Assistant Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. New Meal Plan and Food Service Contract Amendment, SUNO

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the new Meal Plan and Food Service Contract amendment between Sodexo Foods, Inc. and Southern University at New Orleans, effective Fall 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amendment requires:

- All students residing in University Housing to purchase a \$600.00 *declining balance meal plan each semester. This represents a reduction from the current plan of \$1,600.
- All first-time students net residing in University housing to purchase a \$100 *declining balance meal plan each semester.
- All remaining students to purchase a \$50.00 *declining balance meal plan each semester.

Other changes in the Amended Contract --

- The Knights Dining Hall will now be open Monday through Friday; and
- Students will be able to use the meal plan card at the Grab-N-Go location during the day and evening class hours.

*Declining Balance Plan – Funds can be used at any time during the semester the Plan was purchased.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Friday, June 24, 2011
Health and Physical Education Building
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New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

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

PRESENT

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon Kelly

APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE TO EFFECT A QUORUM

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Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC)
Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa represented Chancellor Kofi Lomotey(SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Reappointment and Sabbatical for Dr. Kofi Lomotey, SUBR

Considerable discussion ensued relative to the Administration's proposed annual employment compensation of \$120,000 for Chancellor Kofi Lomotey's reappointment as a tenured faculty member in the College of Education, SUBR, effective July 1, 2011. Those opposing the proposal cited the campus' pending budget cuts and ongoing dire financial posture as the basis for their position.

Supporters of the recommendation referenced Dr. Lomotey's experience in higher education, including his role as Chancellor; the proposed salary for his new position equaled the highest paid faculty member in the College, but was less than the amount paid to former Chancellors upon their reassignment to faculty positions, and that Dr. Lomotey has agreed to assist the incoming Chancellor while he was on the requested sabbatical leave.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the reappointment of Dr. Kofi Lomotey as a tenured faculty member in the College of Education at SUBR, effective July 1, 2011 at a annual salary of \$120,000; and, further approved, and so recommends to the Board, Dr. Lomotey's request for a sabbatical, effective for the Fall 2011 semester.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee was advised that incoming Chancellor, Dr. James Llorens, concurred with the Administration's recommendations relative to Dr. Lomotey.

B. Employment Agreement for Chancellor-Select James Llorens, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Employment Agreement for Dr. James Llorens as Chancellor of the Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, effective July 1, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chancellor shall receive an annual salary of \$250,000; and, an annual housing allowance of \$20,000 until University Place becomes available for occupancy and its occupancy by the Chancellor is approved by the Board.

This agreement may be extended for a fourth year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) if the Chancellor satisfactorily meets the duties in Section 2 of the Agreement during the first two years of the initial term. Upon the recommendation of the System President, the Board, in its sole discretion, shall provide notice of intent to extend this agreement by April 30, 2014.

The Chancellor will be appointed as a full professor with tenure in the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy at Southern University and A & M College.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee was advised that the proposed compensation for the SUBR Chancellor is in line with regional and state averages.

C. Performance Evaluation of System President Ronald Mason (Executive Session)

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee convened into an executive session to review the performance evaluation of Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. as President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Forstall, P. Bell, Braxton, Jefferson, M. Bell, and Mire; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

The Committee was advised by Counsel that Dr. Mason waived his advance notice required for the executive session; and, did not object to the discussion of his evaluation in an executive session.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Forstall, P. Bell, Braxton, Jefferson, M. Bell, and Mire; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee accepted the completed evaluation form for Dr. Mason which was turned in prior to the executive session by Atty. Patrick Magee and recommended to the Board that the results be included in the official final tabulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Friday, June 24, 2011
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Minutes

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

PRESENT

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Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Nonel

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT

Delete: Item 5A: Request for Feasibility Study regarding employment of SU System
Public Safety Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Request for Feasibility Study regarding employment of SU System Public Safety
Coordinator

Deleted.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following reports were tendered as informational:

A. Priority Capital Projects Update, by Campus (as of June 3, 2011) included the
following --

SUBR

- Ravine and Erosion and Steptoe Avenue Repair
- Baseball Support Facility
- University Place
- Old Women's Gym Auditorium
- Hot and Chilled Water Projects
- Cultural (Information) Center
- T.H. Harris Annex Renovations
- SU Lab Middle and High School Re-roofing
- J.B. Cade Library Renovations
- F.G. Clark Activity Center (Parking)
- Outdoor Solar Street Lighting
- Replacement of lighting - J.S. Clark Administration Building and
Campus Solar Exterior Lights
- Amphitheater
- Frank Hayden Hall Lobby Renovations
- Law Center Parking Lot Addition
- Renovations for Reed, White and Jones Hall dormitories
- Lab School Hot Water Heating Loop (Phase II)
- E.N. Mayberry Dining Hall Roof Replacement

SUNO

- Information Technology Building
- Business Building
- Interim Library
- Central Plant
- Demolition of four buildings
- Hurricane Katrina related campus-wide building Repair
- Faculty and Student Housing
- Hurricane Katrina related hot water distribution pipe (Phase II)

SUSLA

- New Classroom Building
- 601 Texas Street Acquisition and Renovation
- Replacement of Cooling Towers and Chillers

B. Status of Law Enforcement on the SUBR Campus.

The report, given by Police Chief Terry Landry, Sr., focused on the following areas: manpower, success to date in curtailing criminal activities on the campus through the implementation of safety measures, especially in and around residence halls; increased use of technology to improve the efficiency of the police department; and improved relationship with the student body.

C. Campus Safety Reports

Measures put in place by each Campus to insure the highest safety of students and others were detailed in documents presented to the Committee. The use of cameras in and around the SUNO was reported to be a major crime deterrent. The detailed reports are on line at the Board's website and on file in the Board's office.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, June 24, 2011

Health and Physical Education Building
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Murphy Bell, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Chairman
Atty. Randal L. Gaines, Vice Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Walter Tillman
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)
Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Renewal of Professional Legal Services Contract, SU System

A motion was offered by Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Gaines, for the Committee to recommend Board approval of the renewal of the Professional Legal Services Contract between the Board of Supervisors and DeCuir, Clark and Adams, L.L.P. for the period of one year (July 1 2011 to June 30, 2012) at a cost not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000).

At the request of Board Member Magee, Atty. DeCuir explained the process used in getting the required approvals before the contract can be executed. Following the Board of Supervisors' approval, the contract must then be submitted for approval by the Louisiana Division of Administration (DOA). Thus, much of the proposed one-year contract period is used waiting for the approval of the DOA.

A substitute motion was offered by Atty. Magee and seconded by Atty. Clayton for the Committee to recommend Board approval of the Professional Legal Services Contract between the Board of Supervisors and DeCuir, Clark and Adams, L.L.P. for a period of two years (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013) at a cost not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) for each fiscal year of the contract.

The substitute motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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BAYOU CLASSIC COMMITTEE
Friday, June 24, 2011
Health and Physical Education Building
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Bayou Classic Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Atty. Randal L. Gaines, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Patrick Magee
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Walter Tillman
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpole (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)
Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT

Delete: Item 5A. Relocation of Bayou Classic to SUBR Operations

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

- A. Relocation of Bayou Classic Operations to SUBR
Deleted

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- A. Bayou Classic Report

At the request of Chairman Lawson, President Mason provided a brief report on the 2010 Bayou Classic.

The President also reported that preparations for the 2011 Bayou Classic are on schedule.

Chairman Lawson asked Committee members to lend their financial support to the 2011 Bayou Classic to enhance its success.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chancellor's Report



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Southern University Business and Industry Cluster Holds Summer Meeting

On June 27, 2011, the SU Business and Industry Cluster held its summer meeting on the campus of SUBR. The newly appointed Chancellor, Dr. James Llorens, welcomed the group and provided remarks. Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa, Executive Vice Chancellor, Provost and Cluster Co-Chair gave a presentation on the state of the University.

The following Cluster committees met and deliberated:

- ▶ **Membership Committee**
- ▶ **Curriculum and Technology Committee**
- ▶ **Student Recruitment, Retention and Development Committee**
- ▶ **Human Resources Committee**

During the meeting, recipients of the Cluster Quality award who had previously received their monetary awards were presented with plaques.

The University appreciates the work of the SU Cluster, especially from a human resource perspective. Individual members of Cluster continue to generously share their expertise with faculty, staff and students.

School of Architecture Assists Scotlandville in Developing and Unveiling New Plan

Some two years ago, the School of Architecture and representatives from Scotlandville began work on what would ultimately be a master plan for Scotlandville. Thursday, June 30, 2011, the plan was presented. It envisions the return or restoration of Scotlandville to the thriving, attractive and well maintained area that it once was. Hopefully, this vision will

become a reality over a twenty-year period through careful planning, community involvement and economic investment. The Scotlandville Comprehensive Community Development Plan will be incorporated into Future Baton Rouge, the city-parish's comprehensive master plan.

"Teams, led by SUBR's School of Architecture's Urban+Rural Community Design Research Center, conducted community and business surveys, and held public workshops and student design competitions. Some 600 businesses, residents and community leaders participated," wrote Chad Calder, *Advocate* business writer.

The project has truly been a joint effort of the University and the community. The plan will focus on ten key areas:

- Economic Development
- Education
- Environmental Concerns
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Recreation and Entertainment
- Safety and Crime

SUBR and ULL Plan Joint Business Seminar

The SUBR Small Business Development Center and the ULL Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center will host a "Doing Business With the State of Louisiana – Eliminating the Mystery" Seminar. This is a seminar that will focus on assisting the small business operator in understanding the who, what, where, why and how of doing business with the state. The seminar will provide critical information, helpful hints, tips and advice to increase an individual's chances of successfully doing business with the state.

This seminar is just one activity among many that will be sponsored or co-sponsored by SUBR's Small Business Development Center, according to the director, Will Campbell.

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Head Speaks at SUBR

Sherri LeBas, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), was guest speaker for SUBR's Summer 2011 closing program for its Southern University Transportation and Energy Institute. The program was held on Friday, July 1, 2011 in the High-Tech room of the P.B.S. Pinchback Engineering Building.

On hand to greet the program participants was the newly appointed SUBR Chancellor, Dr. James Llorens. The students presented demonstrations after the program. The event was hosted by the Office of Research and Strategic Initiatives and the College of Engineering.

Nursing Professor to be Inducted into Nursing Academy



Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Director of the Office of Nursing Research, SUBR School of Nursing, has been selected to become a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurses. She will be inducted at the Academy's 38th annual meeting and conference on October 15, 2011 in Washington, D. C.

“Selection for membership in the academy is one of the most prestigious honors in the field of nursing,” wrote Academy President Catherine Gilliss. “The Academy Fellowship represents the nation’s top nurse researchers, policymakers, scholars, executives, educators and practitioners.”

Professor Taylor is the only Fellow selected from Louisiana in the 2011 Academy. Commendations are extended to her.

SUBR's ROTC Instructor Receives Col. Leo A. Codd Award

ROTC instructor Lt. Dominique Jackson has recently had a high honor bestowed upon him. He is one of three ROTC instructors in the country who has been awarded the Col. Leo A. Codd Award. The instructors are chosen from a pool of instructors totaling 1000 representing some 170 colleges and universities nationwide.

Lt. Jackson is a naval science instructor. He is a Monroe native who teaches in SUBR's ROTC Program. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from SUBR in December 2004. He joined the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps during his first semester at the University and he has held titles such as Drill Team Commander, Alpha Platoon Commander and Battalion Operations Officer.

“It is an honor to represent Southern University in such a distinguished way,” said Lt. Jackson.

High commendations are extended on behalf of the entire University.

Nathaniel Denu Valley Ball Camp Announced

SUBR continues to emphasize the development of the whole individual. In addition to offering an array of summer enrichment programs that focus on academics for youth from the surrounding areas and beyond, the University also offers programs that promote physical fitness, good sportsmanship, and opportunities to build character.

The Nathaniel Denu Annual Volley Ball Camp falls in the latter category. The camp engages youth, ages 12 years and up, in activities to assist in developing fundamental volleyball skills and good sportsmanship and character as previously mentioned. This year's camp will be held July 11, 2011 through July 15, 2011.

Media Relations Update

These are some of the news stories and media events generated by the Office of Media Relations since the submission of the last Chancellor's Report.



On June 10th "*Louisiana: The State We're In,*" a weekly statewide television news magazine on LPB TV, profiled Southern's nationally recognized Timbuktu Academy. The story focused on the program's strong STEM-centered curriculum and the success of its graduates.

On June 21, SU ROTC Instructor Lt. Dominique Jackson was noted in *The Advocate* for being named a recipient of the Col. Leo A. Codd Award, presented to the "Most Outstanding" Naval Science Instructor. The Codd Award is given to the top three ROTC instructors in the country from each branch of service.

The Advocate also noted that 12 Southern students and faculty members are conducting research this summer at nationally recognized science facilities, including Los Alamos National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory and Fermi National Laboratory.

Miss Southern University Chisolu Isiadinso was featured in the June 23 People section of *The Advocate*. The story profiled her participation in SU's Study Abroad program in Mexico.



On June 25th, Will Campbell, the director of SU's Louisiana Small Business Development Center was a guest on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's Sunday Morning Show. He promoted the free "Doing Business with the state of Louisiana – Eliminating the Mystery" Seminar set for July 14.



The June 26th edition of *The Advocate* published a profile of Southern's Alvin Batiste Institute Summer Jazz Camp. The story focused on the instruction given to the students by SU instructors and jazz great Bill Summers.

Southern's School of Architecture was featured June 30 on WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 and WAFB-TV Ch. 9 highlighting the School's unveiling of the Scotlandville Comprehensive Community Development Plan (SCCDP). The SCCDP is a long range model of improvements to the community surrounding Southern University. The community hopes to achieve these improvements with the assistance of the parish, state and federal government.

The Advocate published a story on the SCCDP plan in its July 1 edition.

On Friday, July 1, the new Southern University Chancellor, Dr. James Llorens, was interviewed by local television stations WAFB-TV Ch. 9, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2, and WVLA Ch. 33. The interviews focused on Dr. Llorens' first day as chancellor and the challenges he will face during his first weeks in the new position.



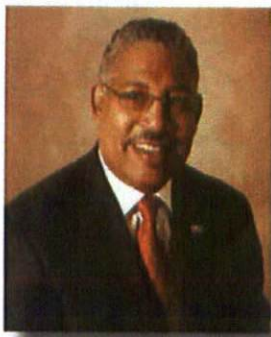
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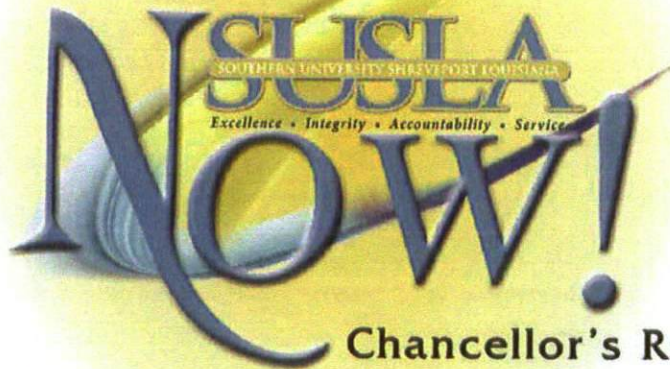
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SUSLA Signs Agreement with Great Lakes University of Kisumu Kenya



Dr. Ray L. Belton and Dr. Dan Kaseje, Vice Chancellor, Great Lakes University

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) and the Great Lakes University of Kisumu (GLUK) in Kenya, East Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 20, 2011 at the Shreveport campus. The MOU is for the two universities to work collaboratively to establish a training program in poultry science at GLUK that would lead to training of students in Poultry Science and Management. The MOU was jointly signed by the SUSLA Chancellor, Dr. Ray L. Belton and the Vice Chancellor of GLUK, Dr. Dan Kaseje. Dr. Joseph Orban, a Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Director of Biomedical Research Development, will provide expertise and leadership over the program. The development of the curriculum for the program will include programs at the certificate, diploma, bachelors and masters degree levels. The curriculums will not only embrace poultry

"It's very important not only as an academic program but also in producing graduates that are prepared to be able to expand the economic of our country," says Dr. Dan Kaseje, Vice Chancellor, GLUK in Kenya.

science courses but include general core education and science courses as well as supporting courses in business and financial management. As soon as arrangements are completed, students from Kenya can register for business courses being taught online at SUSLA and Dr. Orban will travel to set-up in-class courses in poultry science at the Kenyan University.

The development of the curriculum in Poultry Science at GLUK is unique in that the University will be the first and only one to offer degree programs in Poultry Science in Kenya and the whole of East Africa. Initial poultry projects with GLUK were sponsored by Winrock International of Little Rock Arkansas. Winrock International is a nonprofit organization that works with experts in different fields in the U.S. and people around the world to increase economic opportunity, sustain natural resources and protect the environment. SUSLA has worked in the past with Winrock on international development projects involving poultry production and feed formulation in Nigeria, West Africa and Bangladesh, Asia.



(Pictured l to r): Dr. Joseph Orban, Dean of Biomedical Research, Dr. Ray L. Belton and Dr. Dan Kaseje signing Memorandum of Understanding

Representatives from both universities made the partnership official by signing documents associated with the new poultry science program.

Students Get Boost to Energize Their Futures!

The second annual Energy Camp Louisiana got underway this year with over 100 students from a five parish region attending area college campuses. Four, week-long camps are packed with fun, lab-based, hands-on activities, field trips and guest speakers that educate local high school students about fossil fuels and alternative energies.

The camp activities demonstrates to students the importance of energy efficiency and conservation as well as energy career pathways.

Energy Camp Louisiana is offered to students in Caddo, Bossier, Red River, DeSoto and Natchitoches Parish schools. Camp dates: June 13-17 and June 20-24 at Southern University at Shreveport, July 11-15 at Bossier Parish Community College and July 18-22 at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

Energy Camp Louisiana is a joint effort between regional intermediary CERT, the Consortium for Education, Research and Technology of North Louisiana and platinum sponsors Encana Natural Gas and Shell. Other camp sponsors include American Electric Power Foundation, the City of Shreveport, the United Way of Northwest Louisiana, CenterPoint Energy and Louisiana State University in Shreveport.



Cathy Williamson, instructor for Energy Camp Louisiana, says, “Due to the discovery of the Haynesville Shale we have to make these kids aware of what’s out there for them to do. The thing I love about Energy Camp is, yes, it focuses on the four year degree paths like geology and engineering, but it also lets kids know that there are lots of technical jobs that they can become certified for.”

Southern University at Shreveport Foundation Celebrated Its 12th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic

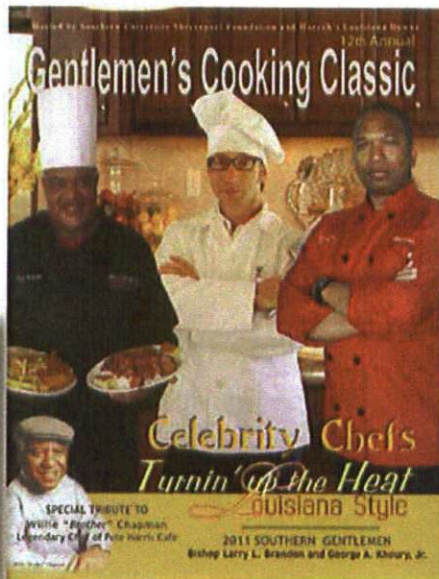
The Southern University Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) hosted its 12th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Harrah's Louisiana Downs, Bossier City, LA. The Classic is the largest annual gathering of Celebrity Chefs in the Shreveport-Bossier area. The theme for this year was "Turnin' Up the Heat Louisiana Style."

The Chairperson for this event was John Hubbard, Manager of External Affairs, AEP SWEPCO, with Liz Swain, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, as Co-Chair.

The SUSLA Foundation is a



2011 GCC Chairpersons - John Hubbard and Liz Swaine



According to Frank Williams, Executive Director, SUSF, this year's event attracted approximately 1,200 guests.



Executive Chef Ryan Gillespie for Harrah's Louisiana Downs at wine and cheese display during GCC event.

non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which was formed to raise scholarship funds for SUSLA students needing financial assistance to complete their studies.

This year's Celebrity Chefs honoree were - Orlando Chapman, Owner/Chef of Brother's Seafood, Matthew Linn, Owner of Columbia Café, and Gayland Johnson, Executive Chef, Ralph & Kacoo's. Special recognition was given to Bishop Larry L. Brandon, Senior Pastor/CEO of Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral and philanthropist, Mr. George A. Khoury, Jr., President of The Khoury Foundation.

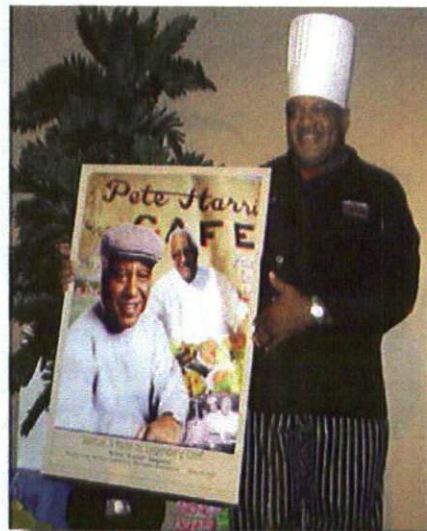
The SUSF also paid special tribute to local restaurateur, the late Willie Chapman, affectionately known as "Brother" of the legendary Pete Harris Cafe' - father of Chef Orlando Chapman.

A QUICK SNAPSHOT!



(Pictured l to r)

Winzer Andrews, President SUSF, Helen Godfrey-Smith, Mistress of Ceremony and Bill "Sharp" Strother, Master of Ceremony



Chef Orlando Chapman showing award poster of his father Willie "Brother" Chapman

2011 Southern Gentlemen



(Pictured l to r):

Greg Johnson, representative from Lee Michael's Jewelers presents Bishop Larry L. Brandon and Jeffrey Dison from Lee Michael's Jewelers presents Mr. George A. Khoury, Jr., with crystal vases.

Corporate sponsors, partners, supporters and friends of SUSF during check presentations



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SUNO's On-Campus Business Incubator approved by the Board of Regents

June 2011

The Louisiana Board of Regents approved the University's request to build a \$3 million On-Campus Business Incubator facility on Thursday, June 23rd during its monthly meeting in Baton Rouge. The building is entirely funded from federal sources, and should be completed within two years. The facility will allow for a seamless interaction between classroom education and real-world entrepreneurs. In addition to the space to be rented out to the entrepreneurs, the building will contain faculty and staff offices as well as meeting rooms to be used by tenants and students. The incubator will be located on the Lake Campus, close to the new College of Business & Public Administration building.

The facility is expected to pay major dividends, academically for SUNO. It will create an ideal environment for cross-disciplinary learning and entrepreneurial collaboration between business majors and students from such majors as Social Work, Education, Substance Abuse Counseling, Criminal Justice, and the Natural Sciences who wish to go into business in such areas as mental health, child protection, assisted living, group homes, daycare centers, adult literacy, inmate-to-society transition programs, chemical dependency education, and drug abuse counseling. The facility will also support the College of Business & Public Administration's AACSB accreditation plan by allowing the faculty to deliver more practical teaching, research excellence, community service, and meet other AACSB and SACS accreditation requirements.

The approval of the incubator will also benefit the New Orleans area as America's new breeding ground for entrepreneurship. The August 2009 issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine declared the New Orleans Metro area as one of the cities with the fastest growth in entrepreneurial activities. Based on the number of individuals and organizations that participated in our recent business workshops, over 1,000 potential small businesses in the New Orleans metropolitan area could benefit from and/or use the services of the proposed on-campus small business incubator facility.

Clark Hall Demolition

The Louisiana Office of Facility Planning & Control this week granted approval for the demolition of Clark Hall (the education building). Upon completion of the bidding process, plans call for the demotion to occur within the next few months.

An inspection of Clark Hall noted the need for asbestos abatement and subsequent demolition. Funding from FEMA that was earmarked for SUNO's rebuilding will be used to construct a new building in accordance with the University's master plan.

SUNO selected as Louisiana's safest campus for second year in a row

For the second year in a row, Southern University at New Orleans has been ranked #1 in campus safety with a 98.18 safety rating among Louisiana colleges and universities by StateUniversity.com. The University is ranked #19 in the U.S. by the web site, up from 20th in 2009. The campus safety report is based on incidents reported by campus safety officials.

As seen at http://www.stateuniversity.com/rank_by_state/safety_score_rank/LA.html, SUNO recorded .38 burglaries and 2.27 larceny-theft incidents per 1,000 students. Other categories considered were aggravated assault, arson, forcible rape, murder, robbery and vehicle theft. According to StateUniversity.com "colleges and universities ranked for campus safety on a scale that accounts for severity of a crime as well as frequency of crime." SUNO is the highest ranked four-year HBCU in America.

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Since 1982, Southern University's Cooperative Extension has held the Family and Youth Exposition to give Louisiana youth the tools needed to help them excel in academics and life. The 2011 Expo, held June 16-18 on campus, was no exception.

Beginning on Thursday with registration, along with getting acquainted and a basketball game, the Southern University Ag Center hosted an energetic group of 1st-12th graders. The basketball game was held at Seymour Gym on the Southern University's main campus and lasted till 9:00 p.m.

Ag Center staff, extension agents, students and volunteers were poised for a full day of events on Friday. Activities started with youth competitions on public speaking and illustrated talk in different age categories at the Smith-Brown Memorial Union. The Body Walk activities followed at 10:00 a.m. in Seymour Gym. Educational seminars and workshops ran concurrently until lunch time.

The General Assembly at 2:00 p.m. was the highlight of the day with welcome from Dr. Wanda Burke, the Youth Development Specialist and event coordinator.



Dr. Burke gathers youth for a session

Leodrey Williams, Chancellor of the Southern University Ag Center brought greetings and SU System President Ronald Mason, delivered a special message to all participants.

President Mason encouraged the students to consider Southern University when it's time to choose a college. "When you look across the state and country, Southern University stands out as number one among Historically Black Colleges," said Mason. "When you prepare to go to college, where will you go?" Mason asked the audience. "Southern University," the students chanted.



Keynote Speaker Wilson addresses students

The Keynote speaker at the assembly was former NBA star, Nikita Wilson, a native of Pineville LA and retired Portland Trailblazers player. Wilson encouraged students to take advantage of the program offered by the SU Ag Center as a foundation to realize their full potential in life. He strongly emphasized the importance of academics.

"Without academics, you're almost doomed. The SU Ag Center has put together this program, take advantage of it and engage in education," said Wilson. He concluded by stating that "we can give you all the tools for academic success, but ultimately, it is up to you as individuals to put them to positive use for a brighter future."

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Grant Henry, a 9th grader from Bossier Parish said it was his first time attending the Expo and was excited to compete in Illustrated Talk. Henry also reported that he has learned that “to be successful, you have to have academics.”

Immediately following the general assembly, participants went to their third session of seminars and workshops which included exploring the scent bar, literacy camp, exploring the technology lab, “How it Grows,” secondary smoke and through the eyes of a microscope. The day culminated in a talent show and dance at the M. A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena.

On Saturday, the final day of the Expo, participants began with a Quiz Bowl at the Student Union with Professor Emeritus Owusu Bandele moderating. The awards program followed at 10:30 a.m. where contestants were recognized for various events.

“This year we had 520 participants at the Family and Youth Expo, the largest group ever,” said Wanda Burke, expo coordinator and director of the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives. “All facets of the Ag Center worked together to make this happen. One person could not have pulled this off.”



L-R: Vice Chancellor Eubanks, Katherine Ervin, extension agent, Bossier Parish, Grant Henry, student illustrated talk winner, Bossier Parish, volunteer parent, and Chancellor Williams

Beef Cattle Field Day Highly Successful

Producers from across the state converged for the 2nd Annual Beef Cattle Field Day at the Southern University Ag Center on Saturday, June 25.

Diverse topics were covered by presenters such as: Natural Disasters, Herd Health and Diseases - Dr. Christine Navarre; Louisiana Cattle Markets - Donnie Ashford; Pasture Management - Wedge Barthe; Louisiana Calf to carcass Program - Terrance Marshall; USDA Drought Relief Programs - Patrick Babineaux; Renewable En-

ergy & Biofuels - Antonio Harris, and Legal Land Issues - Attorney John Pierre.

“The participants were very pleased with the presentations and it keeps getting better every year,” said Renita Marshall, DVM, SU Ag Center.



Cross section of workshop audience

SU Ag Center Personnel Attend USDA/NIFA Annual Meeting in Alaska

The United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA) held its 2011 National Extension and Research Administrative Officers' Conference hosted by the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, May 22-26 in Anchorage, Alaska. The conference targeted personnel involved in administering USDA/NIFA funded programs – those who prepare program reports on grants and formula opportunity funds, human resource issues, diversity/civil rights, and those preparing required plans of work and annual report of accomplishments and results on Hatch, Smith-Lever, McIntire-Stennis, and other related funds. This year's conference was really crucial given the projected severe federal budget reductions for the coming fiscal year. All land-grant institutions were represented at the conference which was attended by more than 550 individuals from the United States and the territories. Several officers and staff from various units of the USDA/NIFA were on hand to answer questions from participants.

Dr. Kirkland Mellad, vice chancellor for research, led the team from Southern University Ag Center participating in the conference.

The conference provided information on changes in USDA/NIFA policy and procedure, as well as updates for the coming year. With the uncertain budget situation for FY 2012, the restructuring of USDA/NIFA and the appointment of an interim director, this year's conference was particularly essential for the administrators and staff who oversee and report on federal funds appropriated for USDA. NIFA officers and staff, who manage awards, emphasized the need to abide by the terms and conditions of the awards especially by using grant funds for the specific purpose intended, and to advance the mission of the United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Partner institutions were urged to be ready for audit whenever required by the Federal Government.

Presenters at the conference clarified some lingering issues about the revised NIFA Priority Areas: Global Food Security; Childhood Obesity; Climate Change; Sustainable Energy; and Food Safety. They also discussed extensively the need for annual reports that are outcome-based; these reports receive a lot of attention from federal authorities such as the Office of the President through the office of Management and Budget, Congress, and the Office of the Inspector General, USDA.

Other presenters shared their knowledge on best practices relating to grants submission through grants.gov, impact reporting, networking for effective performance, management in the midst of dwindling resources, diversity and building cultural competences, and such.

SU Ag Center Kicks off the MISS-LOU Experiential Learning Garden

The MISS-LOU Experiential Learning Garden Summer Programs began June 1, and concludes on July 21st.

The garden has two locations: The first is located on the Horticultural Farm behind the SU Ag Center main building. This program serves youth ages 5-18, and meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am until noon. The second location is in Zachary on Rollins Road, behind the Men's Club and is conducted in collaboration with the Zachary Men's Club.

During normal class sessions in the first location, participants pull weeds, plant seeds, water and harvest produce. Youth are taught age-appropriate garden curriculum to encourage development skills associated with community gardening. "The garden can already be tagged a success because the kids ate sautéed Zucchini Thursday ... and LOVED IT!" said Stephanie Elwood, extension associate/Community Gardener.

In the Zachary location, the program meets every Monday and Wednesday. On Mondays, 5-7 pm is harvest time for the food pantry; and Wednesdays, 8 am until noon is spent tending to the garden and participating in lessons from an age-appropriate garden curriculum.

This program reaches out to students in grades 8-12. A cooking class is scheduled and will be taught by Fatemeh Malekian, associate professor, nutrition, and Mila Berhane, senior research associate.

In Louisiana, the program is dubbed "MISS LOU: Connecting Kids and Community Project" because it serves families in Mississippi and Louisiana through partnerships with Mississippi State University, Alcorn State University, and Louisiana State University. The project primarily targets youth of military families, although civilian youth and adults are welcome to join on a voluntary basis. The program is free and continuously open for families and youth to register and participate. Tiffany Franklin and Stephanie Elwood are coordinating the programs.

Both programs are funded by the USDA/NIFA and the Department of Defense through the Military Community, Family and Youth Extension Project.



Participant plants seedling



Project participants nurture plants



Garden in bloom

Workshop Prepares Mothers to Raise Healthy Babies

A Breastfeeding train-the-trainer workshop themed “Grow and Glow in WIC” was held at the Southern University Ag Center, June 7. The workshop was a collaborative effort between the Southern University Ag Center and Louisiana Department of Welfare of Infants and Children (WIC) and included staff from the SU Ag Center, WIC, and other breastfeeding organizations throughout the state of Louisiana.

The motivational training session provided an overview of successful strategies implemented across the U.S. to create a breastfeeding-friendly community. The training explored the use of social marketing principles to plan an effective breastfeeding promotion campaign, principles behind USDA’s WIC National Breastfeeding Promotion program, Loving Support© Makes Breastfeeding Work, and creative strategies to

support breastfeeding families, including educating clients, gaining buy-in from staff, healthcare providers, and the community, and using public awareness channels.

Studies show that breastfeeding’s protective effects continue well into adult life. SU Ag Center staff will begin collaborating at the local level with WIC agencies to emphasize this important message to our clientele.

The training was organized by De’Shoin York Friendship, assistant specialist, nutrition and Fatemeh Malekian, associate professor, nutrition, with funding from an Ag Center mini grant. The training session was led by a nationwide trainer, Kendal Cox of EveryMother, Inc.



Vice Chancellor Gina E. Eubanks, left and De’Shoin Friendship welcome national trainer Kendal Cox, center.



Dolls for breastfeeding demonstration

St. Helena Parish Celebrates Healthy Living Week

Angela Myles, youth agent, St. Helena Parish, prepared students at St. Helena Central Elementary School for the celebration of *Healthy Living Week* in May. The week began with the LSU AgCenter Body Walk, a 35-foot x 45-foot, colorful, walk-through exhibit representing the human body. Students explored nine organs of the body, stopping at each station to participate in activities focused on the effects that different foods

have on each organ. Students also received a take-home activity book to share with their families. Students from St. Helena Central High School manned each of these stations. As part of the celebration, the youth visited the St. Helena Parish Nursing Home to workout with the residents. The week concluded with fitness in the areas of Let’s Get Active: jump rope, jogging/running in place, basketball, sit ups/crunches,

volleyball, digs, bump, pass and rotation.

This program was funded by the Childhood Obesity Grant, a collaboration of community partners, including the St. Helena Parish school system, police jury, sheriff department, Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, the Council on Aging and the Nursing Home.

Cupid Performs at Southwest Center's YES Program

National recording artist, Cupid, performed at the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives' Youth Educational Support (YES) After-School program on May 24.

Bryson Bernard, better known by his stage name "Cupid," is an R&B singer born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Cupid performed the *Cupid Shuffle* and *Cu Step* with the 33 graduating students between the ages of 6 and 14. He also spoke to the students about the importance of education and making healthy choices.

"Education is the key to success no matter what career path you may choose," said Cupid. "Continue Seeking Knowledge" was the theme for the end of the year program.

Students spoke about what the YES program means to them, and performed by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and "Yes You Can." They were also given the opportunity to speak with Cupid about his career as an entertainer, songwriter, and producer. "It is your responsibility as an individual to seek as much knowledge as possible for you to become the best that you can be," affirmed Cupid.

Edna Lastrapes, youth agent, Aubrey Williams, associate youth agent, and William Augustine, research associate conduct the YES program. The Program is SU Ag Center's signature after-school program which aims to engage students in the areas of math, science, engineering, and technology.

It also fosters the development of life skills through hands-on learning opportunities for youth, and assists them in enhancing competencies that encourage growth into healthy, responsible and caring youth and adults.



Cupid teaches dance step to participants

St. Helena Parish Shines at Annual Youth Expo

St. Helena Parish was represented at the Southern University Ag Center Family and Youth Exposition with 20 participants, June 16-18. Activities began with youth competitions on public speaking and illustrated talk in different age categories at the Smith-Brown Memorial Union. St. Helena had two contestants, Jamya Watson and Darrell Griffin placing 2nd in the competition.



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Faculty, Staff Activities and Accomplishments

Aubrey Williams, associate area youth agent, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, taught in the St. Landry Parish School Board Career Pathway Camp, on June 6 and 23. This camp gives students the opportunity to experience different types of careers through field trips, classroom discussions and demonstrations. The students that attend this camp earn a half Carnegie unit credit for high school graduation. Due to the large number of applicants this year, two camps were scheduled. These two camps attracted sixty students. The Camp location was at the T. H. Harris Technical College Campus in Opelousas.

Williams performed a hands-on water quality demonstration at the camp to introduce 8th graders to a career in science. This demonstration was chosen because of the current events of opening of the

Angela Myles accompanied 24 participants in the Youth Educational Support program on a Science Enrichment trip to the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) in Livingston Parish, June 29. LIGO

Morganza and the Bonnie Carrie Spillways creating flood zones that impacted agricultural farmland.

For this particular demonstration, the class was divided into six groups of five. Each group was shown five tests using two techniques, hand-held electrical probe and indicator strips. The tests performed were: pH, salinity, temperature, total solubility of solids, and water hardness. First, each test was demonstrated to the class and then each group performed its own test using assigned water sample. Then, each test result was explained on whether it was good or bad based on the value for that test. After the demonstration, students were surprised to learn that the water they drink is safe even if it smells or tastes bad.

is a facility dedicated to the detection of cosmic gravitational waves and the harnessing of these waves for scientific research. It consists of two widely separated installations within the United States, operated in unison as a single obser-



Williams interacts with students during water quality lesson.



vatory. When fully established, this observatory will be open for use by the national community and will become part of a planned worldwide network of gravitational-wave observatories.

Faculty, staff activities and accomplishments contd.

Angela Myles, Toni Melton, St. Helena Parish 4-H'ers along with their parents, and 4-H agents participated in the Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol activities beginning with an assembly on the steps of the Capitol building on June 1.

This event brought together 1,400 participants from across Louisiana and provided an opportunity for 4-H members to learn about the legislative process. Following the assembly, the group toured the Capitol and experienced the legislature at work. They also viewed the 4-H exhibits and displays set up in the lobby featuring Louisiana 4-H programs.

Myles chaperoned 30 youth from St. Helena Parish in grades 4-6 to the 4-H Louisiana Summer Camp. The camp strives to develop a variety of life skills related to Head, Heart, Hands and Health. One of the most important skills children learn from the camp is self-sufficiency. That means they learn how to survive four whole days on their own.

At the 4-H University, Louisiana 4-H'ers competed for best in the state in more than 40 events ranging from plant identification, photography and computer simulation to speechmaking and fashion design. In addition, 300 students took part in the non-competitive learning event called "Clover College," which included seven hours of instruction over the three days. Participants were introduced to aspects of life that college students experience on a daily basis.

4-H members who were 13 years old before January 1 were eligible to attend 4-H University held on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge. 4-H U gives youth the opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from different parts of the state and compete for trips and prizes through a variety of project-area contests.

Myles also led a group to the Southeast Region 4-H Challenge Camp designed for 7-8th grade club members from across the state. The camp was located at Tickfaw State Park in Livingston Parish.



Campers experienced an exciting adventure.

TEAM Challenge camp was a unique experience that led youth through team-building activities and exhilarating games. In the process, youth improved their communication and leadership skills, practiced teamwork and made memories to last a lifetime! At TEAM Camp, youth are guaranteed to have fun, make friends and find their hidden strengths. Activities included: Outdoor Challenge; Personal Development Sessions; Self-Concept Workshops; and Goal-Setting Sessions.

Faculty, staff activities and accomplishments contd.

Carol Sensley, assistant extension agent, Calcasieu Parish, accompanied youth in the Y.E.S. Club along with retired Ag Center volunteer Donna Jones to the “How it Grows” workshop during the SU Ag Center Youth Expo.

Kendall Sweet won first place in the illustrated talk contest among the students who attended the Youth Expo with Carol Sensley from Calcasieu Parish.

Sensley also presented Nutrition Bingo to residents of Abraham’s Tent, a homeless shelter in the parish. Calcasieu Parish youth, under the supervision of Carol Sensley, assisted in a beautification project at Abraham’s Tent with painting, refurbishing, and organizing the food pantry closet at the shelter as a community development project.



Workshop in the garden during Youth Expo



L-R: Vice Chancellor Eubanks, Carol Sensley, Kendall Sweet, illustrated talk winner, Calcasieu Parish, and Chancellor Williams



Youth paint homeless shelter

Upcoming Events

July 22: Morehouse Parish Black Farmers 10th Annual Field Day. For more information, contact: Odis Hill, Assistant County Agent, Morehouse & Union Parishes at 318/ 281-5741 or 318/ 281-5742.

July 26: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

August 2: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

August 9: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

August 12: SW LA Livestock Enterprise, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. For more information, contact: Wilbert Harris or William Augustine at 225-771-2242 or Aubrey Williams at 337-943-2410.

August 16: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

August 19: SU Alumni Association, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas. For more information, contact: Edna Lastrapes at 337-943-2410.

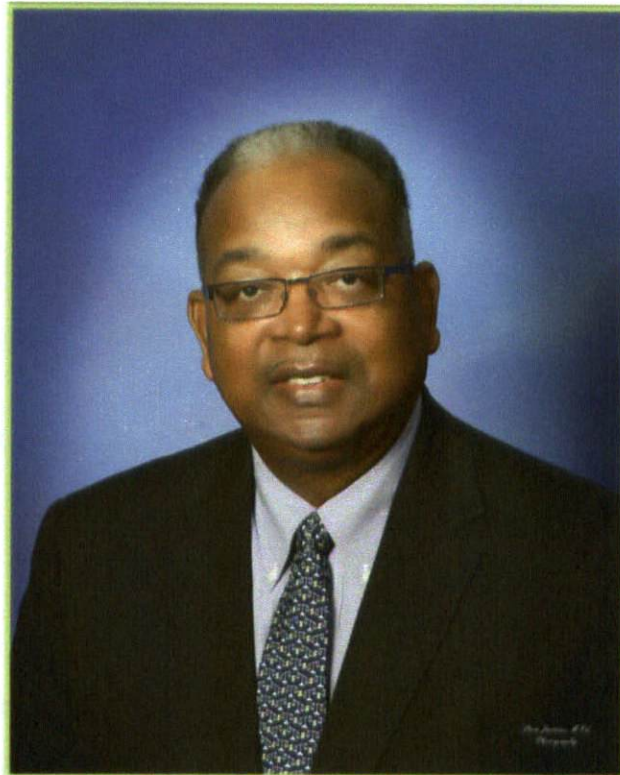
August 23: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

August 30: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

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THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
TO THE
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July, 2011

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NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chancellor Pitcher Featured in Documentary

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., was featured in the recently premiered documentary, "Remembering a Forgotten First: The Story of Charlie Granger." The 52-minute film was screened Saturday, June 11, in the SU Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, during the annual SU Sports hall of Fame Banquet. Granger, a former NFL player, has been chair of the Hall of Fame Committee since 2003. The 2011 Hall of Fame inducted 11 new members.

Civil Rights Activist Gone But Always To Be Remembered

The recent passing of the Rev. B. Elton Cox on June 11, 2011, at the age of 79, gives cause to reflect on yet another civil rights giant who has left an indelible mark on civil rights legal history prompted by a demonstration in Baton Rouge.

Rev. Cox was jailed 17 times during the civil rights movement, but it is his legal case, Cox v. Louisiana (1965), that originated from a peaceful protest by Southern University students, that he led, for which he is most remembered. The case, taught in law schools throughout this country, sets precedence in freedoms of speech and assembly, secured by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Cox believed that nonviolent action was the best way to effect change, despite the fact that his peaceful demonstrations as Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), brought violent reactions, arrests, and jail time. He was among the Freedom Riders, black and white, who challenged racial discrimination through the South on a trip from Washington, D.C., to New Orleans.

Law Review Authors Recognized Nationwide

Articles written by SULC Law Review members continue to gain recognition nationwide, Prof. Gail Stephenson, Southern University Law Review adviser, noted recently.

Mekisha Smith's article on grandparent visitation was cited in New York Children's Lawyer, a publication of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York. Candice Rodgers's article on student searches was cited in an article in the Journal of Law and Education.

In the Law Review Workshop this year, Stephenson encouraged students to upload their articles to the Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN). "The results have been so positive that next year I am going to make publication through SSRN a class requirement," Stephenson said.

Articles by Lanzi Helms, Sherry Cannon, and Ashley Jyles have made SSRN's top ten downloads list. Sherry Cannon was interviewed by an Associated Press reporter as an expert on the legal issues connected with sexting, after the reporter read her article on SSRN.

Students Participate in Equal Justice Works 2011 Summer Corps Program

Four SULC students are participating in the 2011 Summer Corps Program sponsored by Equal Justice Works.

Chrishauna Johnson, Patrice Maddox, Victoria Minor, and Crie Spears-DeLeo were chosen from among a record 1,898 applicants this year, making the selection process extremely competitive.

This year's Summer Corps class represents 163 Equal Justice Works law schools. These law students will receive a \$1,132 Americorps education award upon completion of service at a nonprofit organization. Members provide critically needed legal assistance to low-income and underserved communities around the country. In addition, Summer Corps members gain first-hand experience and legal skills in areas such as client intake, individual representation, research, and writing.

Summer Corps members are engaged with a broad range of issues, including civil rights, community economic development, death penalty, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education, public benefits, and workers' rights.

SULC Minority Law and Research Institute

The 11th Annual Minority Law and Research Institute, designed to introduce underrepresented students to legal studies and to encourage consideration of careers in the legal profession, ran June 20-July 1 at A.A. Lenoir Hall.

The two-week program helps to raise students' awareness of legal careers and encourages them to set high expectations for academic achievement, according to Prof. Donald North, Director of the Clinical Education Program.

Institute participants are presented legal information and case studies, hear lectures from law professors and trial attorneys, and participate in mock trials, as well as conduct research and complete projects in law.

Since the Institute has been conducted on the SULC campus, in conjunction with the Aunt Berta's Education Foundation, more than 300 minority high school students from Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia have participated.



The 2011 Summer Pre-Law Program, an intensive four-week program for incoming students to help them get acclimated to the legal education environment, is underway through July 29 at A.A. Lenoir Hall.

The theme for 2011 is “Set a Course for Success: A Passion for Learning, Impeccable Character and A Commitment to Excellence.” More than thirty percent of the incoming class is participating this summer and there are students on the waiting list, according to Berryl Gordon-Thompson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support Programs.

“Through instruction in the substantive first-year courses (Torts, Contracts, and Basic Civil Procedure), students have the opportunities to analyze and synthesize precedent, interpret statutes, construct policy arguments, and write and speak with clarity and precision,” Gordon-Thompson said.

“Pre-law students are also introduced to legal skills, emphasizing legal writing and legal analysis through a skills component of the program,” she added.

On the Go

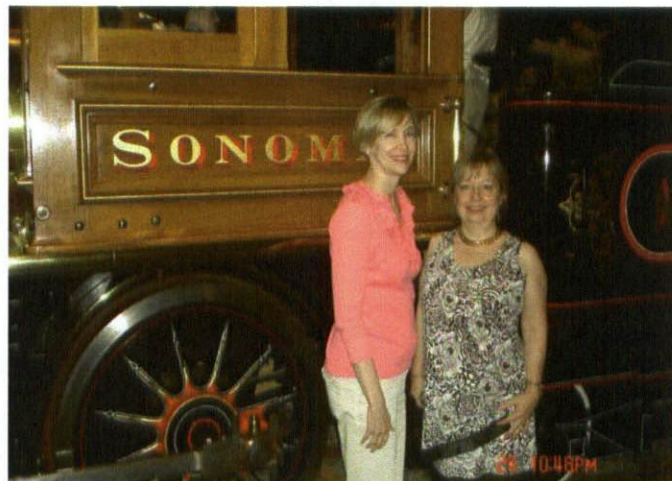
*Professor Prentice White was interviewed via Skype by WZZM-TV, Channel 13, an ABC affiliate in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wednesday, June 8. White’s interview was part of the station’s “Healthy You” program. He discussed his book, *It’s Not Bad to be Allergic*, on children and food allergies.*

Professor Cynthia N. Reed, director of CLE and alumni affairs, was recently honored by the Baton Rouge Bar Association (BRBA) for pro bono work she has completed through the BRBA Pro Bono Project. This year, Reed provided more than 300 hours of pro bono service to the Baton Rouge community. The award was presented by BRBA, President Preston J. Castille, Jr., at the Annual CLE Palooza/Pro Bono Awards Reception, Thursday, June 23, at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.



Professor Gail Stephenson was a guest reader for the Boys and Girls Club of Baton Rouge at Delmont Elementary on June 14 and 15. Stephenson chose the books, Walter the Baker and Babushka Baba Yaga.

Professor Linda Fowler and Gail Stephenson attended the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) biennial conference in Sacramento, California, June 23-25, 2011.



Alumni News

Petrina R. Johns, '06, Auto Liability & PIP/MP Unit Manager for the Claims Department of The Hanover Insurance Group, has relocated from Worcester, Massachusetts, to Chicago, Illinois. Johns received another promotional opportunity, which led to her relocation to Chicago. She can be reached at pjohns@hanover.com

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None