

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)**

**Friday, April 27, 2012**

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

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Special Recognition
6. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' regular meeting of March 30, 2012
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
    - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
    - 2.) Facilities and Property Committee
    - 3.) Finance and Audit Committee
  - C. Resolutions
7. Informational Items
  - A. Partial centralization of Information Technology, SU System
  - B. Contracts between Southern University and Minority Businesses
  - C. System and Campuses' monthly updates
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Friday, March 30, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room  
Southern University Metro Center  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

**Minutes**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

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

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comments were tendered by SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi in opposition to:

- 1.) SUBR Administration's request to delay Tenure and Promotion recommendations (Academic Affairs, Item 5C)
- 2.) SUBR Administration's actions to date to terminate faculty

Dr. Trivedi introduced two of his former students to the members of the Board.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Newly appointed Board Member, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, (3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District), was welcomed.

Recognition of former Board Member and now State Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, was postponed. Rep. Jefferson was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the February 13, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Administration's requests to confer the following Honorary Degrees be and they are hereby approved.

- Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, SUNO
  - Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security
  - Calvin G. Moret, Flight Officer and only surviving member of WWII Tuskegee Airmen Team

The degrees will be awarded during SUNO's Spring Commencement on May 12, 2012.

- Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, SUBR
  - Ernest J. Gaines, Renowned Author

The degree will be awarded during the SUBR Spring Commencement on May 18, 2012.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the SUSLA Administration be and it is hereby authorized to award posthumously the Associate of Science Degree in Computer Science to Mr. Brandon Hewitt.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the SUBR Administration's request to delay the submittal of tenure and promotion recommendations at this time be and it is hereby approved.

- **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee that the Continuation of Employment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective March 1-31, 2012, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$113,800.



**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the employment contract between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Dr. William J. Broussard, as Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, at an annual salary of \$115,000 plus performance incentives, be and it is hereby approved.

Further details are in the contract document.

- **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Resolution to the Louisiana Legislature supporting the naming of the Administration Building at SUNO in honor of the late Emmett W. Bashful, Chancellor Emeritus, be and it is hereby approved.

- **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the SUBR Administration's request to 1.) use prior year funds in the amount of \$100,000 for various units within the Division of Students Affairs; and 2.) adjust Residential Life and Housing fees in the amount of \$250,000 to offset annual costs for preventive maintenance, facilities upgrade, and general operations, effective Fall 2012, be and it is hereby approved.

- **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, that the Committee's report containing a briefing on Higher Education – related Bills that affect the SU System entities, be and it is hereby received.

- **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the employment contract between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Dr. William J. Broussard as Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, at an annual salary of \$115,000 plus performance incentives, be and it is hereby approved.

C. Resolutions

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the following resolutions be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

-SUBR Head Baseball Coach Roger Cador, on reaching his 800<sup>th</sup> game win

-Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers, on her inauguration as President of Jackson State University

Condolences

- The Joseph Richard Family
- The Earnest L. Clayton Family
- The Mary I. Young Family
- The James A. Conant
- The Avis Jones Family

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

The Board received monthly status reports on System and Campus activities. Details are on file and/or tape in the Board's Office.

The System Administration was asked to provide the following:

- Monthly status reports on the implementation of partial centralization of Information Technology at the System level.
- A report on Contracts (including dollar amounts) between Southern University and minority business firms
- A resolution for Board approval which supports the University's efforts to seek relief from the Board of Regents and Louisiana Legislature, should it fail to reach its La. GRAD Act requirements.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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## **Academic Affairs Committee**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 30, 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room

Southern University Metro Center

610 Texas Street

Shreveport, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

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

#### **Present**

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

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.



**AMENDMENT:**

Delete—Item 5D

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM ACTION ITEMS**

**A. RECOMMENDATION TO CONFER HONORARY DEGREES**

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee recommends Board approval of the Administration's request to confer the following Honorary Degrees.

Motion carried unanimously.

-Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, SUNO

- Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security
- Calvin G. Moret, Flight Officer and only surviving member of the WWII Tuskegee Airmen Team

The degrees will be awarded during SUNO's Spring Commencement on May 12, 2012.

-Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, SUBR

- Ernest Gaines, Renowned Author

This degree will be awarded during SUBR's Spring Commencement on May 18, 2012.

**B. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD POSTHUMOUS DEGREE, SUSLA**

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee recommends Board authorization to SUSLA to award posthumously the Associate of Science Degree in Computer Science to Mr. Brandon Hewitt.

Motion carried unanimously.



**C. REQUEST TO DELAY TENURE AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS, SUBR**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee recommends Board approval of the SUBR Administration's request to delay the submittal of tenure and promotion recommendations at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

This action was requested in light of the existing Declaration of Financial Exigency and the current reorganization that affects academic programs and Tenured Faculty on the Baton Rouge campus.

**D. PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION OF JOHN DELGADO'S APPEAL  
(EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE REQUIRED)**

Deleted, at the request of Professor Delgado. The item will be placed on the Committee's April Meeting agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**A. Monthly Recruitment Update, SUBR**

The update on SUBR Recruitment efforts included:

- Luncheons with SU Administrators and High School Counselor during February and March in the cities of Alexandria, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Shreveport, and Monroe
- Campus Tours in February 2012
- College Night on the Bluff, scheduled for April 11, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Athletics Committee**  
Friday, March 30, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room  
Southern University Metro Center  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

**Minutes**

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

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

**University Personnel Attending**

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

**Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1-31, 2012 FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee recommends Board approval for the continuation of employment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective March 1-31, 2012, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$113,800.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee recommends Board approval of the contract between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Dr. William J. Broussard as Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective April 1, 2012 through March 301 2014, at an annual salary of \$115,000, plus performance incentives.

Motion carried unanimously.

Complete details can be found in the contract document.

Dr. Broussard expressed his appreciation to the Board for his appointment and reiterated the three primary areas which will be the focus of his administration:

- Compliance with NCAA, SWAC and University rules and regulations
- Improvement of the academic success rate of student-athletes
- Increase in fundraising through private support

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Facilities and Property Committee**

Friday, March 30, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room  
Southern University Metro Center  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

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

#### **Present**

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

#### **Absent**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.



**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. AT&T PROPOSAL, SUS

The Committee deferred action on this item and directed the Administration to continue negotiations with AT&T in an effort to reach a proposed long-term option/lease agreement for the installation of a 120-foot monopole cellular tower on the SUBR Campus.

B. RESOLUTION NAMING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SUNO

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee recommends Board approval of a resolution to the La. Legislature supporting the naming of the Administration Building at SUNO in honor of the late Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, Chancellor-Emeritus.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

- A. Monthly Executive Project Summary
- B. Priority Projects Update

The campuses reports were received for informational purposes.

Committee members expressed concern with the delay in starting renovations on University Place on the SUBR campus. Vice President Appleton was requested to follow up with the necessary officials in order to expedite the work on this project.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Finance and Audit Committee**

Friday, March 30, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room  
Southern University Metro Center  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

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

#### **Present**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

## AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

### A. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS, SU SYSTEM ENTITIES

General Fund Budget projections, as of February 29, 2012, were provided for the Committee's information. A copy is on file in the Board's office and website.

### B. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL FOR SU SYSTEM ENTITIES

The report was presented by System Vice President Appleton. Highlights follow:

- A decrease in FY 2012-13 State Appropriations to Southern University is anticipated to be \$6,521,390 or 11.3%; and a decrease of \$7,722,442 or 5.6% in SU's total operating budgets when compared to FY 2011-12.
- The FY 12 mid-year cut of \$2,937,742 is annualized for FY 13.
- FY 12 carry forward funds of \$6,041,233 have been removed for FY 13
- Estimated unfunded mandate costs for FY 2011-12 is \$3,548,772. Estimates are not available for FY 2012-13.
- Should the SU campuses fail to meet their respective La GRAD Act targets, at risk are tuition increases that are included in the FY13 budgets; and, funding formula performance allocations of \$6,437,766.

Discussion ensued regarding efforts to date of the Administration to --

- take advantage of the Declaration of Financial Exigency at SUBR in order to make programmatic changes and personnel reductions to address continuing budget reductions.
- develop a plan of action to address campuses' performance goals, including seeking relief from the State Legislature from future budget reductions and penalties should the University fail to reach the La GRAD Act targets.
- address low student retention rates of 1<sup>st</sup> time freshmen by incorporating exit interviews to determine students' reasons for leaving the University; and, to provide resources to address their reasons.

- increase graduation rates

A full report on the items above is to be given to the Committee at its April meeting.

The Administration was also requested to forward to Board Members 1) a copy of the FY 2012-13 Executive Budget proposals and the Board of Regents allocation recommendations, as presented by Vice President Appleton; and 2) information from the Chancellor, as requested by Board Member Clayton, relative to the SUBR's current student retention rate and progress reached in meeting its La Grad Act targets.

#### C. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICY, SUS

The Committee discussed the proposal submitted by Board Member Sumner to give authority to the Chancellors to award scholarship funds from the sale of La. Prestige License Plates. Under the present policy, the funds are administered at the Board and System level.

Several members spoke in support of the current policy. When queried, Chancellors indicated no opposition to the current policy. Chancellor Llorens indicated that his only concern was that SUBR students have access to the scholarship funds.

The item was withdrawn by Mr. Sumner.

#### D. USE OF PRIOR YEAR FUNDS AND ADJUSTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING FEES, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Sumner, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee recommends Board approval of SUBR's requests to (1) use prior year funds in the amount of \$100,000 for various units within the Division of Student Affairs; and, (2) adjust Residential Life and Housing Fees in the amount of \$250,000 to offset annual preventive maintenance, facilities upgrades, and general operations, effective Fall 2012.

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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**Legislative Committee**  
Friday, March 30, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room  
Southern University Metro Center  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Patrick W. Bell.

**Present**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, - Chairman  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**Absent**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

**University Personnel Attending**

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

**Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None



## **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ITEM**

### **A. REPORT ON HIGHER EDUCATION – RELATED BILLS**

Chairman Bell provided a briefing on 2012 legislation affecting the Southern University entities. Specific attention was called to the following:

- HB841 by Rep. Smith regarding TOPS
- HB275 by Rep. Shroder regarding tuition authority
- SB 301 by Sen. LaFleur regarding fund carry forward authority
- HB No. 927 by Rep. Harrison which provides for the reorganization of certain university systems with regards to institutional composition.
- SB 303 by Sen. Riser which would allow for concealed weapons on college campuses and other currently restricted public places
- SB 129 by Sen. Claitor which provides for certain reporting requirements for all public officials regarding scholarships awarded at Louisiana's colleges and universities.
- HB 524 by Rep. Burns which would require a constitutional amendment relative to membership of constitutional board and commissions with members from congressional districts
- SUS Initiatives:
  - \$2M for dormitory demolition, SUBR
  - Renovation of SU Lab School
  - New Classroom Buildings, SUSLA
  - Prioritizing food service at the Lab School (Honore')
  - Lab School Tuition Increase (Honore')

The Administration was directed to develop and submit at the next meeting a resolution in support of the System President's initiatives seeking relief for Southern University from the La GRAD Act requirements.

Mr. Sumner reported that the Louisiana State Council of Student Body Presidents have voted to take an official position on bills introduced this Legislative Session. The Council favors capping TOPS and those bills that are supported by Southern University.

The full Legislative report is on file in the Board's Office.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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## **Personnel Affairs Committee**

Friday, March 30, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Media Room  
Southern University Metro Center  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Patrick W. Bell.

#### **Present**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Vice Chair  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut  
Mr. Willie Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Chair

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee recommends Board approval of the employment contract between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Dr. William Broussard as Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014 at an annual salary of \$115,000, plus performance incentives.

Full details are delineated in the contract document.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

A. Report on Monthly Employee FTEs – Planned and Actual, SUBR

Chancellor Llorens announced that the Administration was preparing the report in response to this request by Board Member Willie Hendricks.

Mr. Hendricks advised the Chancellor of the need for the Campus to track employee FTEs monthly for comparison to budgeted allocations and actual expenditures.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**TONY A. MOORE**

**April 27, 2012**

**OFFICE OF INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT**



## SU SYSTEM IT GOVERNANCE UPDATE

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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#### **IT Governance IS processes and structures that specify for all campus IT:**

- Who makes decisions pertaining to goals, policies, investments, infrastructure, and architectures
- Who provides input and analyzes issues
- Who is held responsible and accountable
- Who settles disputes
- How decisions are made, implemented, managed and measured

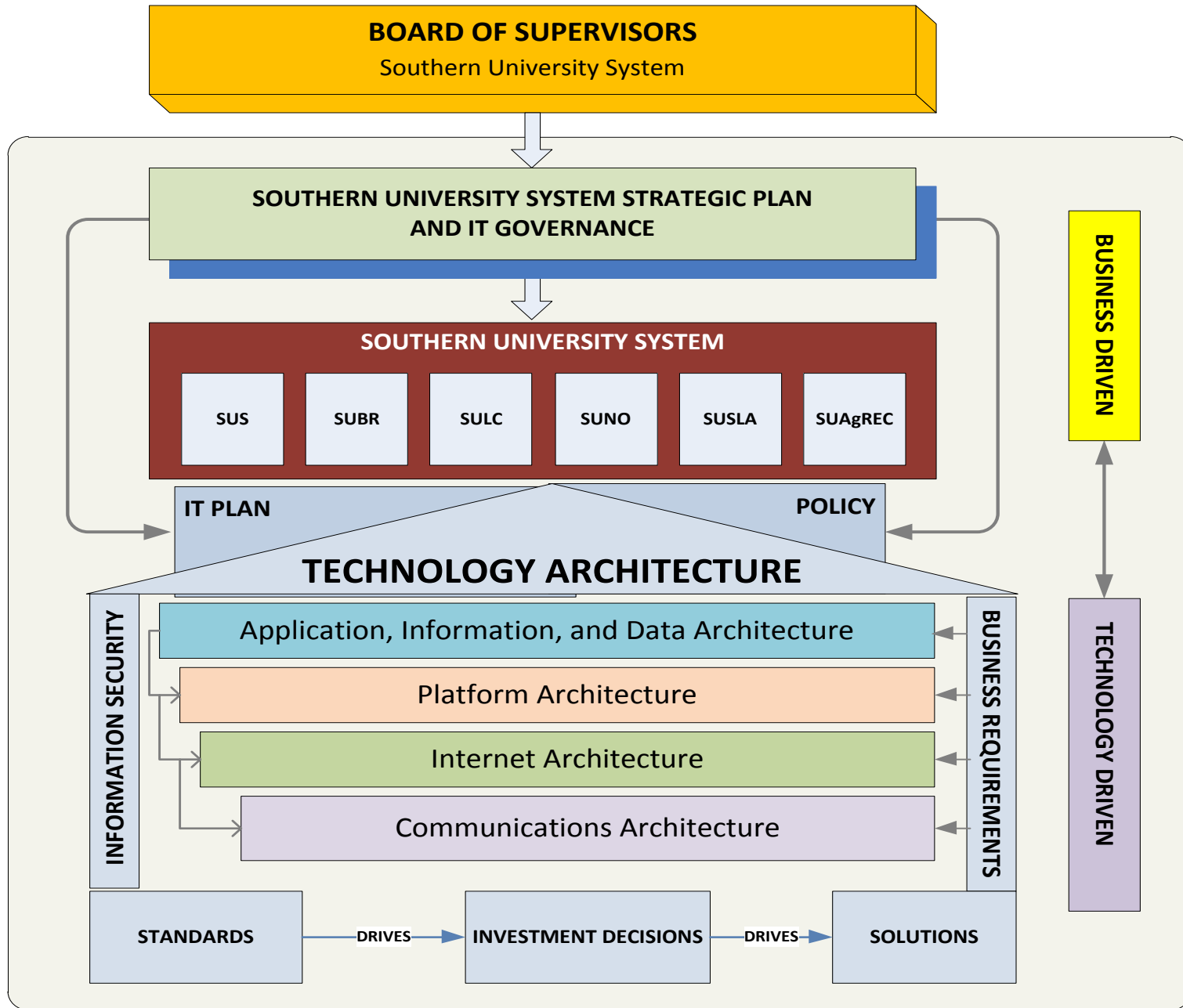
#### **IT Governance is NOT:**

- How groups are organized and led
- About rules and regulations
- Management
- About making specific IT decisions (This is management's responsibility)

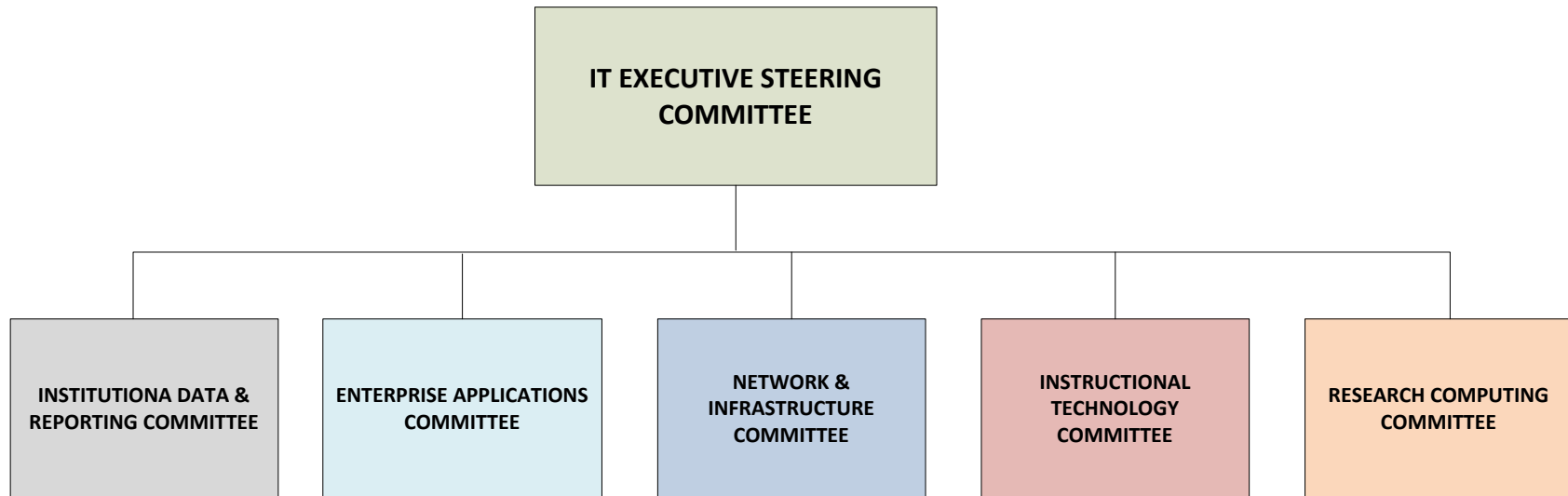
#### **Guiding Principles and Focus Areas**

- STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT – Alignment of IT Strategy with System and Campus missions, objectives, needs, and goals
- VALUE DELIVERY – Assuring that the IT Strategy delivers benefits and provides value including applications, information, infrastructure, and people
- RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – Optimal investment and proper management of IT resources
- RISK MANAGEMENT – Understanding the awareness of IT risks and effective, appropriate management of these risks

# SU SYSTEM IT GOVERNANCE UPDATE



## IT Steering Committees and Intercampus Teams



## SU SYSTEM IT GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Alignment of Governance			
Measure	Description	Target Date	Status Update
1	Develop Southern University System IT Handbook and Governance Policy defining the coordination and management of Information Technology services system wide.	3/30/12	1. Developed template and gathered research to start developing handbook.
2	Develop Information Technology policies and procedures as recommended by the Louisiana Legislative Audit Report finding for centralizing and standardizing business processes across the system.	3/30/12	1. An initial set of IT Policies has been developed and reviewed for submission to President and SUS Board of Supervisors.
3	Develop Southern University System Shared Services Alliance to ensure the success all SUS campuses in a collaborative environment and provide resources for campus limited by fiscal or physical restraints.	3/30/12	1. Shared services model has been developed and working on draft proposal to submit to President.
4	These task-force committees will develop security mechanisms that properly enact the institutions policies and procedures, including: risk assessment, audit and controls, and education and awareness.	3/30/12	1. Task force members have been identified and memo to System Chancellors is being drafted.
5	Oversee IT SUBR Reorganization and IT Retrenchment Plan with SUBR Chancellor.	4/30/12	1. IT Reorganization Plan developed and new business model has been completed. 2. Staff and position review completed. 3. Functional alignment and service catalogs are being developed.
6	Develop centralized procurement and contract management processes for SUS campuses.	4/30/12	
7	Develop multi-year IT Strategic Plan for system and campuses consistent with system and institutional priorities.	4/30/12	
		5/30/12	
<b>Shared Services</b>			
Measure	Description	Target Date	
1	Build plan for system-wide, private centralized network access to administrative and academic	4/15/12	1. Discussion with LONI network team has been completed and plans to deploy is being developed

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	systems across the campuses to deploy by Fall 2012 semester.		by intercampus network team.
<b>2</b>	Develop IT project calendars system and campus wide to highlight major projects and plans for academic and fiscal years.	<b>5/15/12</b>	
<b>3</b>	Complete an independent assessment of current Identity Management/authorization practices to insure faculty, staff, students, and affiliated individuals have appropriate access to authorized services related to their various campus roles.	<b>5/30/12</b>	
<b>4</b>	Leverage Microsoft Sharepoint collaboration system to increase system-wide communication, document management, and improve business process efficiency.	<b>6/30/12</b>	
<b>5</b>	Conduct study for centralization of Banner Student and Financial Aid in alignment with centralized HR and Finance systems for all campuses.	<b>6/30/12</b>	
<b>Improve Business Efficiency and Effectiveness</b>			
<b>1</b>	Implement Web-Time Entry deployment plan and Web For Employees for online viewing of Leave, W2s, and Paystubs. <b>[Human Resources]</b>	<b>4/15/12</b>	1. Web for Employees is completed and will be deployed on April 30 for all system employees.
<b>2</b>	Oversee Banner Implementation of Online Purchase requisitions and Finance Self-Service.	<b>5/30/12</b>	
<b>3</b>	Implement Banner Document Imaging system with SUS campuses. <b>[IT Departments, Banner Functional Users]</b>	<b>6/30/12</b>	
<b>4</b>	Implement Touchnet uStore and uPay products to allow online payments of non-tuition fees (e.g., parking fees, transcript requests, housing applications) for students, faculty, and staff. <b>[SUBR Bursars Office]</b>	<b>5/30/12</b>	
<b>5</b>	Develop plan for data cleansing and sanitation for improving data quality and integrity at all SUS campus.	<b>5/30/12</b>	



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	<b>[Coordinator of Institutional Research]</b>		
<b>6</b>	Oversee upgrade to Banner system to Oracle 11G for SUBR and SUNO campuses.	<b>6/30/12</b>	
<b>7</b>	Conduct pilot and identify student portal for system-wide implementation and rollout. Selected solution should support LMS and SIS integration, Single-Sign-on and 24/7 student access. <b>[SUNO, SUBR, SUSLA IT]</b>	<b>6/30/12</b>	

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## CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

### SUSLA

- **SkyMail +Plus:** The SkyMail+Plus is our new Cloud-based email and applications computing platform hosted at Microsoft.
- **MySUSLA IntraNet:** MySUSLA is our new employees' Intranet Website designed for university internal communications. The Intranet requires user login and is accessible on campus.
- **Virtual Private Network (VPN):** SUSLA VPN provides employees highly secured remote access and site-to-site connections to data, voice, video, and application systems.
- **Voice-over-IP (VoIP) Telephony:** ITC is deploying the latest generation in Voice-over-IP telephony applications to facilitate workplace communications, efficiency, and productivity distance toll surcharges typically associated with conventional analog telephone systems.
- **Modular Object Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment (MOODLE):** Technical development efforts are continuing towards transitioning from Blackboard to MOODLE. Currently, all courses available in BlackBoard have been imported into MOODLE.
- **Campus Security and Emergency Preparedness:** The expansions of the university physical security apparatus (networked video surveillance technology, AxisTV, and FirstCall) are ongoing. Current activities to enhance security measures on campus include the replacement of non-working cameras at the MLK campus, and planned installation of cameras at the Metro Center to provide coverage for the ground floor and the parking area.
- **Workshops and In-service Trainings:** ITC is offering targeted in-service trainings and Train-the-Trainer workshops to faculty, staff, and students. These workshops are tailored to help users become familiar and gain the necessary skills needed to work with various campus technologies and resources. The Train-the-Trainer workshops are power sessions geared towards experienced individuals interested in facilitating group workshops for others. All workshop training contents and schedules are open to revision(s) to meet the needs of the University constituents. Faculty, staff, and students are highly encouraged to attend.
- **Ask-IT Town Hall Meetings: Want to be in the know?** You would want to attend the Ask-IT Town Hall Meetings to be held on the third Thursday of every month. The town hall meeting provides an open forum for the University constituents to interact with ITC technicians, seek solutions to issues, and get answers to general questions. These meetings promise to separate the facts from fictions, and reality from myths.

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### SUNO, SUBR, SULC, SUAGREC LAND MASS

- **Banner Student and Financial Aid Implementation:** Migration from SIS Plus System to Banner Student and Financial Aid was completed during

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the July 2011. Fall registration marked the first semester for students on the new Banner platform.

- Payment Gateway Implementation: Successful migration of TouchNet Payment Gateway for online web payments and compliance with federally regulated PCISS compliance.
  - Oracle Academy Infrastructure Installation: The Oracle Academy will be integrated into the curricula of the Computer Science Program
  - NetApp Storage Donation: SUBR Campus received 38TB Storage System from Network Apps to provide data storage for research computing, academic enhancements, disaster recovery, and business continuity.
  - IBM Cloud Computing Project has been revamped and new project team was established to complete the initial project goals of the Cloud Computing Initiative from SUBR Alums employed by IBM
  - SITE to SITE VPN: TNS and ISD along with staff and SUNO, SUSLA established a site-to-site VPM between the campuses as required to integrate the Oracle databases, remote printing, and provide improved access methods to the Banner system by staff at SUNO and SUSLA
  - CampusEAI Portal was successfully installed SUNO and will be piloted for rollout in Spring 2012 for all system campuses.
  - Successful rollout of wireless network for 100% coverage of the SUNO campus. Cloud Computing is currently being deployed for Summer 2012.
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# Renaissance Southern 2015

## **Assumptions Built Into FY 2012-13 Operating Budget**

The 2012-2013 Operating Budget is developed based on 16 assumptions.

On October 28, 2012, the Southern University Board of Supervisors approved a declaration of financial exigency on the Baton Rouge Campus. This approval allows the university to furlough all employees earning \$30,000 and above for the 2011-12 fiscal year and to reduce faculty, staff and administration for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The following are assumptions built into the FY 2012-13 proposed budget. For any assumption that does not hold true as we move through the budgeting process, we will make appropriate adjustments.

### **Assumption 1: The University Must Submit a Balanced Budget**

The University will submit a balanced budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year and will operate within a balanced budget until the fiscal year close.

### **Assumption 2: Projected Enrollment Decrease of Approximately 200 Students**

The University is projecting a decline in student enrollment for the 2012-2013 fiscal year of approximately 200 students.

### **Assumption 3: Implementation of (10%) Tuition Fee Increase**

The University will implement the 10% tuition fee increase consistent with the LA GRAD ACT.

### **Assumption 4: Implement Out-of-State Fee Increase**

The University will implement an out-of-state fee increase consistent with the LA GRAD ACT.

### **Assumption 5: Formula Relief in the Amount of \$961,480**

The University will receive Formula Relief in the amount of \$961,480.

### **Assumption 6: Reduction in State General Funds of \$ 2.0 Million**

The State General Funds will decline approximately \$2.0 million dollars (1/2 worse case) as a result of a Contingency Fund Gap (Retirement) in the Governor's Executive Budget.

### **Assumption 7: \$1 Million in Annual Fund Support**

The University will generate \$1 million in revenues from annual fund support for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

**Assumption 8: Increase Revenues by \$250,000 through Additional On-line Course Offerings**

The University will generate an additional \$250,000 through additional on-line course offerings.

**Assumption 9: Discontinue 10% Furlough for all Employees.**

The University will discontinue the implementation of a 10% furlough for all employees.

**Assumption 10: SUBR Unfunded Mandates of 2.2 Million**

The University's unfunded mandates for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is estimated to be approximately \$2.2 million.

**Assumption 11: Increase Chancellor's Scholarships Offerings by \$100,000**

The University will increase the Chancellor's Scholarships by \$100,000.

**Assumption 12: Civil Service Step Increase not funded**

The University will not award any merit increases to Civil Service employees for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

**Assumption 13: No increase in Subsidization of Athletic Program**

The University will not increase the general fund subsidy for the Department of Athletics during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

**Assumption 14: Allocate \$250,000 for Marketing**

The University will allocate an additional \$250,000 for marketing to increase enrollment.

**Assumption 15: Allocation of Funds for Specialized Accreditation**

The University will allocate additional funds for specialized program accreditation.

**Assumption 16: Implement Academic and Administrative Restructuring Plan**

The University will implement an academic and administrative restructuring plan as a part of the overall University Retrenchment Plan.

**Fiscal Year 2013-2014**  
**Assumptions**

1. The University Must Submit a Balanced Budget
2. Increase in student enrollment of approximately 100 students
3. Implementation of a 10% tuition fee increase consistent with the LA GRAD ACT
4. Implementation of an out-of-state fee increase consistent with the LA GRAD ACT
5. Receipt of Formula Relief in the amount of \$800,000
6. Generate \$1 million in revenues from annual fund support
7. Generate \$500,000 in revenues through additional on-line course offerings.
8. SUBR Unfunded Mandates of \$2.2 million



9. Civil Service Step Increase not funded
10. Reduce Subsidization of Athletic Program by \$200,000
11. Allocate increased funding for designated academic premier Programs
12. Allocate funds for rebuilding of physical plant resources and staff
13. Develop a contingency to off-set the impact of inflation on operating costs (travel, supplies, operating services, etc.)

**Fiscal Year 2014-2015**  
**Assumptions**

1. The University Must Submit a Balanced Budget
2. Increase in student enrollment of approximately 100 students
3. Implementation of a 10% tuition fee increase consistent with the LA GRAD ACT
4. Implementation of an out-of-state fee increase consistent with the LA GRAD ACT
5. Receipt of Formula Relief in the amount of \$800,000
6. Generate \$1 million in revenues from annual fund support
7. Generate \$750,000 in revenues through additional on-line course offerings.
8. SUBR Unfunded Mandates of \$2.2 million
9. Fund Civil Service Step Increases
10. Reduce Subsidization of Athletic Program by \$200,000
11. Allocate increased funding for designated academic premier Programs and programs that have potential of achieving premier status.
12. Allocate funds to begin process to increase faculty and staff salaries to SREB Average
13. Develop a contingency to off-set the impact of inflation on operating costs (travel, supplies, operating services, etc.)

**Southern University and A & M College**  
**Three Year Projected General Fund Revenues and Expenditures**  
**For Fiscal Years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015**

Description	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<b>Revenues</b>			
State Funds	\$28,128,352	\$27,966,872	\$27,966,872
Interagency Transfers	1,470,852	1,470,852	1,470,852
Tuition	26,467,030	30,633,381	35,265,553

Out-of-State Fees	5,294,933	5,832,264	6,424,929
Other Fees	2,830,927	2,887,546	2,945,296
Other Self Generated Revenues	4,547,237	4,297,237	4,297,237
Other Misc. Income	2,662,109	2,662,109	2,662,109
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$71,401,440</b>	<b>\$75,750,261</b>	<b>\$81,032,848</b>

**Expenditures by Objects**

Salaries	\$36,659,563	\$34,272,064	\$35,870,577
Other Compensation	236,477	236,477	236,477
Related Benefits	18,493,155	19,905,259	22,692,536
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$55,389,195</b>	<b>\$54,413,800</b>	<b>\$58,799,590</b>
Travel	184,082	234,082	280,879
Operating Services	8,920,907	9,133,938	9,433,938
Supplies	766,773	816,773	916,773
Professional Services	285,667	285,667	285,667
Other Charges	3,847,876	3,647,876	3,447,876
Acquisitions	490,775	990,775	1,190,775
Major Repairs	210,000	410,000	610,000
Scholarships	5,317,350	5,817,350	6,067,350
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$75,412,625</b>	<b>\$75,750,261</b>	<b>\$81,032,848</b>
<b>Excess Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$4,011,185)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*\*Note: In order to balance the budget for the 2012-2013 FY the University must increase revenues or decrease expenditures by \$4,011,185.

Our plan is to survive FY 2012-13, stabilize during FY 2013-14, and lay the foundation for the future in FY 2014-15. By 2020, SUBR will be a stronger contributor to the state's economy and to the wellbeing of the citizenry of Louisiana. However, in order to do so we will need assistance from the Board of Regents and the State. Specifically, the following:

- 1) Temporary relief (should we need such relief) regarding compliance with conditions for SUBR's continued participation in the GRAD Act.
- 2) Temporary relief from reductions in formula allocated appropriations.
- 3) Temporary relief relative to having formula funding driven by end of semester enrollment versus 14<sup>th</sup> day enrollment
- 4) Temporary admissions criteria relief

5) Temporary financial assistance to off-set the costs associated with unfunded mandates.

NOTE: SUSLA and SREB status.



Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

# Chancellor's Report



## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Chancellor Llorens makes pitch for students in Turkey**



Imagine several dozen or more international students from Turkey enrolling at Southern University in the fall. It could happen and, even more could be arriving on the Baton Rouge campus in a year or two.

Chancellor James L. Llorens and Professor Osman Kandara recently returned from a fact-finding and recruiting mission to Turkey where they met with education officials from several cities to discuss the possibilities of undergraduate and graduate students attending Southern. Student and faculty exchanges between Turkey and SU were also discussed.

"There is a good possibility that we will be able to make this work," said Chancellor Llorens. "We're excited about the opportunities and the Turkish education officials are very interested in what we have to offer."

The Chancellor said the relationship building with Turkey is part of the University's new, more aggressive student recruitment campaign.



The trip, January 13 through January 21, included Chancellor Llorens, Professor Osman Kandara and Professor Eugene Kennedy of LSU. Dr. Kandara, a graduate faculty member in the Department of Computer Science, is one of the two professors who have been advising Turkey's Higher Education Council (YOK in Turkish) sponsored visiting scholars at Southern. The other is Dr. Patrick Mensah in mechanical engineering. Dr. Kamran Abdollahi in urban forestry has also invited a YOK sponsored scholar pending visa approval. There will be more YOK sponsored visiting scholars on the campus in the upcoming months.

YOK is the central governing body of all universities in Turkey.

The SUBR Chancellor also met with the officials from the Measurement, Selection, and Placement Center (OSYM in Turkish), the sole governmental agency in charge of administering the central admission processes to all Turkish universities. Chancellor Llorens also said they agreed in principal with OSYM to study the possibilities of admitting Turkish students at Southern through its centralized admission processes.

The Chancellor signed agreements and memorandums of understanding with Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim, Istanbul Commerce, Sakarya, and Bursa Technical universities. He invited chancellors from those schools, along with Abant izzet Baysal, Karabuk, and Marmara Universities to Baton Rouge.

Among others invited were the congressman, Dr. Ibrahim Korkmaz, the Executive Council Member of the Turkish Higher Education Council, Prof. Dr. Durmus Gunay, and the administrators at Oncu, a private high school in Ankara.

Officials at Oncu are studying the possibility of sending the school's high school graduates to Southern with assigned supervising teachers, Chancellor Llorens said. There could be between 20 and 30 students involved.

Dr. Barbara W. Carpenter, the Dean of International Education, and Dr. Osman Kandara will coordinate the educational itinerary for the visitors.

Chancellor Llorens also said they agreed in principal with Marmara University to study the possibilities of a student exchange program for dual degree diploma between Southern's computer science program and that Marmara's computer engineering program as a pilot project.

"The importance in all of this is that we will continue talking with Turkish education officials about the mutual benefits of us working together," said the Chancellor. "This could be a major, long-term educational partnership.

### **SU professor earns Andrew W. Mellon funded scholarship**

Rachel Vincent-Finley, an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science, has been awarded a national 2012 Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funds the fellowship.



The fellowship, administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, is awarded annually to 20 junior faculty nationwide within the teaching fields of physical sciences, social sciences and humanities.

The award is designed to assist talented junior faculty in pursuit of scholarly research with a goal of increasing the presence of faculty who are "committed to eradicating racial disparities in core fields in the arts and sciences."

The Career Enhancement Fellowship Program provides one year of financial support, mentoring, and a fall retreat for participants. Its goal is to "aid the scholarly research and intellectual growth of fellows."

"Receiving this fellowship provides me the resources to promote the development of research at Southern University and it will enrich my teaching capabilities," Dr. Vincent-Finley said.

Dr. Vincent-Finley received a doctorate in Computational and Applied Mathematics from Rice University and completed a post-doctoral appointment in the Institute of Molecular Design at the University of Houston.

Prior to joining the faculty at Southern in 2009, Dr. Vincent-Finley was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Tulane University. At Southern, Dr. Vincent-Finley is a Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) fellow and serves on the LONI Management Council.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, Dr. Vincent-Finley will engage in research activities that will support the development and sustainability of her research program at Southern. Her general research interests include numerical methods and mathematical modeling with research applications to molecular biophysics and materials science.

The research applications to materials science include research in support of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO). This research seeks to build computational models of the coatings material based upon first principles calculations and experimentally determined features of the system in order to predict materials properties and performance.

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement of excellence in education through the identification of critical needs and the development of effective national programs to address them.



## **Physics majors earn prestigious summer research fellowships**



Two Southern University physics majors have been awarded prestigious summer research internships for 2012.

Senior physics major Ronald Alexander will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Summer Research Program (MSRP). MSRP is a nine-week

program from June 10- August 11. Alexander will be expected to publish an article on his research work at the end of his internship.

Desmond Fernandez, a junior, received a summer research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The fellowship is from the American Association of Physicists in Medicine from May 21- July 27. Fernandez will work under Dr. Chris Beltran, a radiation oncologist.

"These excellent students will also make a significant contribution in the creation of new knowledge through their research," said Dr. Diola Bagayoko, professor of physics and department chair. "They have already made discoveries in previous summer internships."

Alexander and Fernandez will receive a stipend with their summer fellowship.

## **1st Regional Science and Engineering Conference Presented by NextGenC3**

The NextGenC3 Composite C.R.E.S.T Center hosted its first Regional Science and Engineering Conference April 4-5. Undergraduate and graduate students were given the opportunity to network with peers and faculty in their field during the conference.

The conference held in the PBS Pinchback Hall brought students on all levels together. "They were able to network and present their research to a multidisciplinary audience of their peers," said Fareed Dawan, assistant director of NextGenC3 and administrator of the conference.

Southern University and LSU students were encouraged to register and participate in the conference that began April 4 at 6p.m. with a reception and keynote speaker Dr. Sandra McGuire, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Learning, Teaching and Retention and professor of department of chemistry at LSU.



Representatives from Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Nano-composites, Material Science, Smart Polymers, Energy Materials, Smart Polymers, Energy Materials, Nanotechnology, Multifunctional Composites, Self-healing Composites and Engineering Education presented research on their area of study Thursday, April 5 from 8a.m.-5p.m.

NextGenC3, located on SUBR's campus, is a multi-discipline center that conducts research in multi-functional composites, educates students and outreach activities. Students involved in the program range from K-12 to Ph.D. With the collaboration of LSU, the center is able to assist the students, research associates and faculty members of the center to achieve their prominence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and research.

The mission of the center is to increase the research and education activities at one of the largest HBCU graduating minority students in the fields of STEM.

Travel and lodging grants were available for the conference.

### **SU alum Haynes to be inducted into Ohio State's Hall of Fame**

Southern University alumnus Dr. Leonard Haynes III has been selected for induction into The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology Hall of Fame.

Haynes is senior advisor to the assistant secretary for the Office of Post-Secondary Education in President Barack Obama's administration. He was been a member of faculties at Southern, Howard and George Washington universities. He has also been executive vice president of the Southern University System.

According to the university, the honor is reserved for former college faculty members/administrators and Education and Human Ecology Graduates. Haynes received his PhD in Higher Education from Ohio State.

Inductees must have made a significant contribution as models for all others in the field, according to Ohio State. Inductees must have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally, contributing to society while bringing extraordinary credit to The Ohio State University.

Haynes, who received a bachelor's degree in History from Southern, served from 2007-09 as executive director for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The event will be held May 11 in Columbus, Ohio.



### **Southern students garner top spots at major singing competition**

Southern University students, Joshua Staes and Anthony Pearson, earned a first and second place, respectively, at the Student Auditions conducted recently by Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Teachers Singing (NATS).

Joshua Staes, a baritone, received first place and Pearson, a tenor, received a second place. Dorian Alston, a baritone, also represented the University in the competition held at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux.

All three vocalists are students of Professor Richard Hobson.

The NATS is the largest professional association of teachers of singing in the world with more than 7,000 members in the U.S., Canada and 25 other countries. The Student Auditions is one of the organization's most widely recognized activities.

### **High school students invited to 'College Night on The Bluff'**

High school juniors and seniors will receive heavy exposure to Southern University on April 11 when the University holds its annual "College Night on The Bluff."

The exciting evening at Southern will include scholarship offers to qualified students, information on financial aid, housing, courses of study, and all of the components that make Southern University a great institution of higher learning.

Deans and faculty members, student organization leaders, along with representatives from virtually every department, will be available to answer questions from parents and prospective Jaguars.

The event starts at 6 p.m., April 11, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Union. Those persons seeking merit scholarships should bring a copy of their latest high school or other transcript along with ACT and/or SAT scores.

And, for the first time at the event, there will be scholarships for students who don't qualify for the high academic awards. Students who have completed a registration form and meet entrance requirements for the University will have their names placed in raffle for a chance to win a scholarship.

The University also offers study abroad programs and has partnered with China to form a student exchange program.

Southern's business and engineering grads are working at many of the top Fortune 500 companies in the world, including IBM, ExxonMobil, Entergy, Caterpillar Corp., Raytheon, Dow Chemical, Shell Oil, ESPN, Chevron, Proctor and Gamble, etc.



Graduates of our College of Education are school administrators, teachers, counselors, and college professors working around the country.

Students, whose interests lie in music, have a number of choices, from concert choir and band, to being part of the "Human Jukebox," the greatest college marching band on Earth.

### **Russell Ledet earns another major national scholarship**

Russell Ledet, a chemistry/biology major, has been chosen to receive a 2012 United Negro College Fund/Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Award for 2012-2013 academic year.

Ledet won the award through a highly competitive national application and selection process involving hundreds of applicants.

The award included a summer internship which will include a scholarship, housing and travel.

It will also involve Fellows Day activities. The Fellows Day event will be July 14-18 at the Normandy Farm Hotel and Conference Center in Blue Bell, Pa. Ledet will meet other award recipients at the undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral levels.

Award recipients are selected based on their grade point average (which must be at least a 3.3), their demonstrated interest in their own scientific education and a career in scientific research, and their ability to perform in a laboratory environment.

In addition to the scholarship, Ledet will be paired with a Merck mentor and participate in two different 10-12 week summer internships that will take place at a Merck research facility in either Rahway, N.J., West Point, Penn., or Boston, Mass. The first internship will take place this summer, with the other to take place next summer after graduation.

Ledet is also the winner of the Educational Testing Service Presidential Scholarship for HBCU students for the academic year 2011-2012.

### **Southern University music is more than the 'Human Jukebox' Symphonic Band to give annual concert**

Southern University's famed Marching Band gets a lot of credit for its show stopping dance steps and magnificent sound. But, Director of Bands Lawrence Jackson says the Symphonic Band will show the public there is a lot more to Southern University's music.

He will lead the Symphonic Band at its annual 2012 Spring Concert, at 7 p.m., April 18, in the F.G. Clark Activity Center. The concert is free and open to the public.



The concert will include a variety of classical music with a mixture of English Folklore, Contemporary American compositions and traditional pieces like "America the Beautiful." There will also be a gospel selection and maybe a Broadway piece, Jackson said.

"This will give the students and our supporters a balance diet of pop, classical and jazz music," Jackson said of the selections for the concert.

Jackson said he wants the public to know that the Human Jukebox is more than a marching band "but is a very fine symphonic band," says Jackson. "They are very crafty musicians."

"The concert atmosphere sharpens the gifts and talents of the members when they are not just playing at football games or performing in parades," Jackson said.

The April 18 concert is part of a series of events scheduled to showcase the band's talent across the state. The Symphonic Band recently played at Blount High in Mobile, Ala., and received a standing ovation.

They will head to Monroe on April 20 to perform at Wossman High School to give them a "taste of the symphonic side of the famous band," Jackson said.

### **Office of Media Relations Update**

March 14: Chancellor James Llorens was a guest on the Jim Engster radio show on WRKF FM 89.3. The main focus of the interview was the Baton Rouge campus' aggressive effort to increase enrollment.

On March 15, Director of Recruitment Michelle Hill was a guest on WBRZ-TV Ch. 2's morning show to promote the April 11 "College Night on The Bluff" event.

WAFB-TV Ch. 9 reporter Michelle McCallope featured the School of Nursing in a profile story on the station's March 18 Morning Show. The story focused on the school being named Nursing School of the Year for 2012 in Louisiana.

The SU Counseling Center's "Serenity Room" was featured in the March 20 edition of The Advocate newspaper. The room provides students with a place to relax in a therapeutic setting.

On April 1, The Advocate published an announcement of SU Alumni Art Show set to open April 4.

On April 2, The Advocate published a feature article on the Southern Niche, a student-run boutique in Pinkie Thrift Hall.

On April 2, The Advocate published a story on a speech delivered by Dr. Ivory Toldson, who was the keynote speaker at the University's Symposium on the African-American Males.

On April 4, The Advocate published a story on Chancellor James Llorens signing an agreement with Yugoslavian officials to exchange students and faculty members with a university in Turkey.

The Monroe News Star published an announcement on April 8 that the Southern University Symphonic Band will be performing at Wossman High School on Friday, April 20 at 1 p.m.

On April 8, SUBR Director of Media Relations Edward Pratt was a guest on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's Sunday Morning Show to promote the April 11 College Night on The Bluff event.

### **Departmental Activities**

Various departments on the Baton Rouge Campus continue to provide extra-activities for their majors and for other students. These activities contribute positively toward the students' total development. Some of these departmental activities are listed below:

- The Pinkie Gordon Lane Poetry Contest/Program. Contest was opened to high school and college students from across the state. April 20, 2012, sponsored by the John B. Cade Library.
- Student Essay and Blogging Contest – "Ecological Stewardship: How to Build a More Sustainable World." This was the theme for an essay undergraduate contest opened to students across the campus from every discipline! Deadline for submittal was April 13<sup>th</sup>. Three essays will be chosen with links to their blogs published on the Global Sustainability Initiative Facebook page.
- The Frank Hayden Hall opened an exhibit featuring the work of three SUBR graduates from April 5 – May 2, 2012. The exhibit was closed during the week of April 9-13 for Spring Break. Gallery hours are Monday – Thursday, 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.
- As a service to the SUBR community, the University is providing an on-line subscription to Student Health 101. Student Health 101 is a monthly health and wellness magazine just for students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help students and their families make important decisions regarding health and wellness challenges.



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THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT  
TO THE  
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SUPERVISORS

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**NAME OF CHANCELLOR:** *FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.*

**CAMPUS:** *SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER*

**DATE:** *APRIL 2012*

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Fêted**

*On Being A Black Lawyer saluted the 100 most influential black attorneys in the United States, including Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., at a reception at The Ritz-Carlton in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, February 29. Other deans are pictured below.*



*Power 100 Honorees pictured from left: Dean Linda Ammons, Dean Penelope Andrews, Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, and Cassandra Ogden.*



## SULC Founding Faculty Remembered



*Participants in the SULC Founding Faculty Exhibit Opening, March 7, in observance of the 132nd Southern University Founder's Day are pictured from left: Prof. Evelyn Wilson, director of the Louis Berry Civil Rights and Justice Institute; B. K. Agnihotri, SULC Chancellor Emeritus; SU System President Ronald Mason, Jr.; LSU Law Prof. Robert Pascal, an adjunct professor of the SU Law School when it was established in 1947; Brenda Lacour and Vanue B. Lacour, Jr., daughter-in-law and son of one of the original faculty members Vanue B. Lacour, Sr.; Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr.; and Ruth Bailey Wesley, executive assistant to the Chancellor.*

## Four SULC Employees Honored for Milestone Years of Service



*Vice Chancellor John Pierre congratulates Felton Derouen, coordinator of security and inventory, (lft) and Mattie Weston, Law Library guard, (right) for 30 years of service to the Southern University System, during the 32nd SU Founders's Day Employee Service Awards Luncheon, March 8.*



*Four SULC employees were recognized for milestone years of service to the Southern University System during the 132nd SU Founders' Day Employee Service Awards Luncheon, March 8, 2012, in the Royal Cotillion Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union.*

***Felton Derouen**, coordinator of security and inventory, and **Mattie Weston**, Law Library guard, were honored for 30 years and **Rachel L. Emanuel**, director of communications and development support, and **Prof. Thomas E. Richard**, holder of the Clyde E. Tidwell Endowed Professorship, were honored for 20 years of service.*

*Derouen began his tenure at Southern as federal asset clerks for the Property Department in June of 1981. He formerly worked in this office as a student worker. Following graduation from SU in 1978, with a degree in plant and soil sciences, he worked offshore for Loffland Brothers. He also worked for General Fabricators welding company, in his hometown of Delcambre, Louisiana.*

*Derouen joined SULC as facilities coordinator in April of 1994. He is presently the security and inventory coordinator, a position that entails keeping inventory of furniture and equipment and implementing and monitoring security measures. He is also the courier, vehicle manager, and property custodian for the Law Center and an assistant for facility responsibilities.*

*A lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, Weston landed her first job at Southern as a custodial I for Buildings and Grounds in September 1982. Lillie Pooler was her supervisor. Weston's husband, now retired, was an employee in the same department.*

*She joined the SULC family in 2003 and enjoys working with the colleagues in the Law Library and learning new things about library services.*

*Emanuel was recruited to Southern to set up the Office of Publications and Electronic Media as its director in 1992. She formerly worked for Baton Rouge's Morning Advocate and in public relations for the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, and LSU.*

*She joined SULC as director of publications and electronic media in 1998. Emanuel directs the communication activities of the Law Center. She is editor of Reflections and SULC E-News, is producer of video documentaries and tributes, and is part of the Law Center's development team.*

*A former law clerk for the Honorable Charles A. Marvin of the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal, Prof. Richard, Clyde E. Tidwell Endowed Professor, practiced law for 16 years prior to joining the Law Center faculty in 1992.*

*He has participated as a speaker or panelist at numerous continuing legal education seminars on torts, sports law, and professionalism.*

*Prof. Richard is a co-author of *Tort Law: The American and Louisiana Perspectives*, Vandepas Publishing, 2008, which has been supplemented annually. His writings on tort law and professionalism appear in the *Southern University Law Review* and the *Louisiana Institute on Mineral Law*, and he contributed an article to the *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties*, New York: Routledge, 2006.*

### **Students Honored With \$1,000 Godfrey Scholarship Awards**



***The Cooperation Brace By, Jr., Memorial Scholarships Awarded-- Pictured from left are Brace Godfrey, III, son of the late Corporation member; Mykell Clem; Kevin Cunningham, Merrick Cosey, and Judge Brian Jackson.***

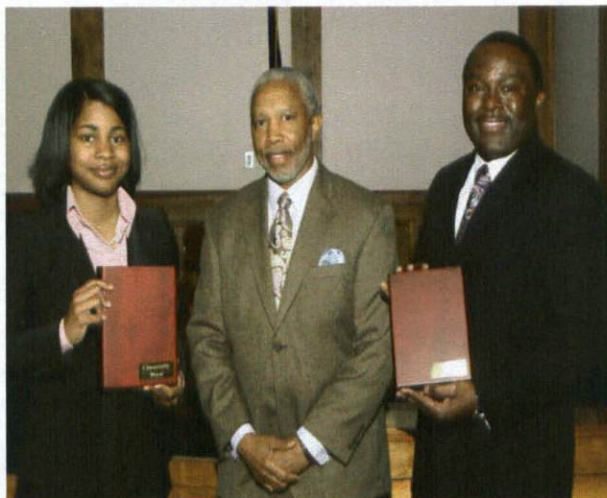
*The Spring 2012 recipients of The Corporation Brace B. Godfrey, Jr. Memorial Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each) are Mykell Clem and Merrick Cosey. The scholarships, sponsored annually, are provided to students of academic excellence and having a financial need.*

*The scholarships were presented on March 16 by Judge Brian Jackson and Kevin Cunningham, who are among eight original members of the Class of 1985, called The Corporation, who sponsor the scholarships.*

*The scholarships bear the name of deceased classmates Tyrone Key, for the fall semester award, and Brace B. Godfrey, Jr., for the spring semester.*



## Mayfield Scholarships Awarded



**Prof. William Mayfield Scholarships Awarded – Pictured from left are Chauntelle Wood, Vice Chancellor Russell Jones, and Shawn Hearn.**

*The Professor William Mayfield Scholarship Awards (\$1,000 each), established in 2010 in the name of the late SULC faculty member by his daughter Stephanie Mayfield-Gibson, were presented March 16 to Chauntelle Wood of the Air Force Reserves, and Lt. Shawn Hearn of the National Guard.*

*In addition to commitment to academic excellence, preference for the award is given to students currently enlisted in the military or who have made a commitment to enlist in the military.*

## Clinical Ed Students Efforts Reverse Convictions in Louisiana Supreme Court Client Gets New Trial



**Sawyer Halbrook**

*During Fall Semester 2011, students in Prof. Donald North's Criminal Law Clinic got the opportunity of a lifetime when the Louisiana Supreme Court appointed the clinic to represent Glen Dale Nelson.*

*Nelson had been convicted on four counts of armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and a weapons violation after a jury trial in Ouachita Parish. The Second Circuit affirmed the conviction, but the Louisiana Supreme Court granted a writ application and appointed the clinic to brief and orally argue the case.*

*All of the students in the class contributed to the research and building the oral arguments, but four students – Sawyer Halbrook, Amber Owens, Sarah Margaret Smith and Scott Stansbury – took the lead. Halbrook and Smith assumed primary responsibility for the writing the 28-page brief, and Owens and Stansbury argued the case before the Supreme Court in New Orleans. On the day of the argument, the students met Nelson’s mother and fiancée’, who sat in the back of the courtroom praying and holding hands during the argument. Owens said that it “was at that moment I realized a man’s life was in my hands.”*

*On March 13, the students learned that their hard work paid off. The Supreme Court reversed Nelson’s convictions, vacated his substantial sentences, and remanded the case for a new trial. All four of the students credit the clinic with giving them invaluable experience that puts them steps ahead of the game when they start their legal careers.*

#### **Students Perform in Baton Rouge Bar Association Sponsored Mock Trial, “Emerald City Murder and Mayhem”**



**Pictured from left are Amber Owens, Markita Hawkins, Professor Gail Stephenson, attorney Beau Brock, Tiffany Ford, and Carlton Miller.**

*SULC students performed the scripted mock trial “Emerald City Murder and Mayhem,” written and moderated by attorney Beau Brock, on March 14, during 2012 Law Week.*

*The production was sponsored by the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Prof. Gail Stephenson portrayed the judge. Amber Owens and Markita Hawkins portrayed the prosecutors, while Tiffany Ford and Carlton Miller took the roles of defense attorneys.*



*Other students participating in the trial were Ryan Hart, Amanda Henderson, Abigail Cole, Jamaal Chatman, Hollis Lewis, Kerry Hill, Adam Kwentua, and Sawyer Halbrook. Students also served as jurors in the case.*

*After the jury verdict was rendered, the students discussed the factors at play in a jury trial.*



**The Cast—From left, front row: Ryan Hart, Tiffany Ford, Markita Hawkins, Amanda Henderson, Abigail Cole, and Jamaal Chatman. From left, back row: Hollis Lewis, Amber Owens, Carlton Miller, Kerry Hill, and Adam Kwentua. Not pictured is Sawyer Halbrook, who had to leave for class after she testified.**

## **2-L Elected to Democratic State Central Committee**



*James Bullman (2L) was elected to the Democratic State Central Committee for District 68, with 52 percent of the vote in the Saturday, March 24, election.*

*Bullman, who was reared in Texas, stated that he ran for the Louisiana Democratic State Central Committee because the Democratic Party and the State of Louisiana need new leaders with fresh ideas.*

*He believes he has “the fresh vision for the future and for rebuilding the Democratic Party.”*



## COMMENDATION



**SULC RECEIVES BRONZE AND SILVER KEY AWARDS FROM 13th CIRCUIT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION/LAW STUDENT DIVISION—** From left: Cleveland M. Patterson, III (3L), SULC ABA/LSD Representative holding Bronze Key Award; Pooja Mirchandani-Ramrakhiani, ABA/LSD 13th Circuit Governor; Jammie Garrett (3L), ABA/LSD 13th Circuit Lieutenant Governor holding Silver Key Award; and Lauren Acquaviva, ABA/LSD National Vice Chair.

*The 13th Circuit of the American Bar Association/Law Student Division recognized SULC during its annual Spring Meeting, March 2-4, at Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana.*

*SULC was awarded the Bronze Key Award for the highest increase of Law Student Division membership in the 13th Circuit. Jammie Garrett (3L) was also awarded the Silver Key Award for her hard work and dedication to the Law Student Division by serving as the 13th Circuit executive lieutenant governor.*

*As participants on panel discussions conducted during the meeting, Prof. Gail Stephenson and alumnus and adjunct professor Dennis Blunt shared their experiences regarding the hidden value of participating in the organized bar while in law school in “Bar Association Involvement” and Professor Herbert Brown discussed “Alternative Careers.”*

## On the Go

Rachel L. Emanuel, director of communications and development support, joined co-author A. P. Tureaud, Jr., for book discussions on *A More Noble Cause: A. P. Tureaud and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Louisiana* and a screening of her documentary, *Journey for Justice: The A. P. Tureaud Story*, at Stanford University on Monday, April 2.

## SULC Wins 2012 LSU Law Center Softball Tournament, March 25



*From left to right the team members were: John Troutman (1L); Sam Spurgeon (3L); Duncan Jones (3L); Matt Percy (3L); Chris Norris (3L); Carlin Chambliss (3L); Adam Credeur (2L); Kaylin Taylor; and Matthew Long (1L); not pictured, Zach Shadinger and Mark White (3L).*

*After starting off strong with a 19-2 victory in their first game of the double elimination 2012 LSU Law Softball Tournament, Sunday, March 25, the Jags subsequently fell to LSU Law 5-8. The Jags were then faced with the daunting task of beating LSU Law twice for the championship. In a back- and-forth game over 7 innings, the Jags came through when it mattered most to secure a 10-9 victory to force a winner-take-all final. In the final game the Jags started strong in the top of the first inning and never looked back, romping to a resounding 20-2 final score to claim the championship.*

*Congratulations to all participants and special thanks to the following players: P- Chris "Chuck" Norris (3L); C- Carlin Chambliss (3L); 1B- John Troutman (1L); 2B- Duncan Jones (3L); Sam Spurgeon (3L); 3B- Zach Shadinger; RF- Kaylin Taylor; RCF- Adam Credeur (2L); CF- Matt Percy (3L); LF- Matthew Long (1L); and Utility- Mark White (3L).*



## Alumni News

*Nicholas Giles, '11, is a Spring 2012 intern at the White House. As an intern, Giles will work in one of several White House departments, including the Office of the First Lady, the Office of Chief of Staff, and the National Economic Council. At the Law Center, Giles was 2011 symposium editor for the Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty and was a 2011 recipient of the Chancellors' Public Service Initiative.*

*Jacqueline A. Scott, '85, State Representative Katrina Jackson, '04, Alma Jones, '76, and former SULC faculty member, Judge Nannette Jolivette Brown were among 16 Louisiana women honored by the African American History Celebration Committee on February 23 in Shreveport, Louisiana, as trailblazers who exemplify hard work and dedication in their communities. Brown was honored for being the first African-American woman to be appointed as a federal judge with the U.S. District Court. Rep. Jackson is a former executive director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus. Scott is a practicing attorney in the Shreveport/Bossier area. Jones is executive director of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.*

### **Special Problems**

None

### **Significant Administrative or Policy Changes**

None

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The SU Ag Center recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with St. Landry Parish Government on a garden project that will enhance the quality of life of the community while saving the government some money. The MOU proposes a garden project for St. Landry Parish in which the parish government will provide land for the garden in Opelousas near the local airport. Southern University Ag Center will provide technical assistance and training for inmates and field workers.

The garden will be run by inmates from the parish prison under the supervision and management of parish personnel.

In the first year, the one-acre garden will grow sweet corn and vegetable crops with the potential of expanding to four acres in

coming years. The training will include workshops and hands-on experience in the gardening operation, from raising seedlings, transplanting, maintaining to harvesting.



**SU Ag Center and St. Landry Parish members at the proposed garden site**

Initially, the seedlings will be raised at the Southern University Agricultural Center green house. In the future, a garden storage shed will be erected on-site to enable the garden to raise its own seedlings. The produce will feed the inmates and the surplus will be sold to the community,

thus increasing access to healthy food in St. Landry community, saving the parish some money and generating income.

The purpose and scope of the project as delineated on the MOU are: to develop a garden that will be run by inmates so that they will have fresh supply of healthy food to eat and to share; to train inmates with valuable gardening skills that will help them with job opportunities upon their release; and to use the garden for model demonstration for communities and students in St. Landry Parish.



## SU AG CENTER JELLY MAKES IT TO RESTAURANT MENU

The SU Ag center is constantly conducting research on plants with health and economic benefits to the citizens of Louisiana. Hibiscus, one of such plants is reaping health and economic benefits following years of intensive research. Hibiscus, known for its medicinal effects in lowering high blood pressure, is also yielding other products of economic impact as local restaurants take it to another level by using its jelly in dishes such as stuffed pork loin made with cherries, charizo and hibiscus jelly. The *G Spot* restaurant owner, Chef Guidry, recently posted on his blog how he incorporates the jelly into his stuffed pork loin dish.

"Well, my dad gave me a jar of hibiscus jelly that the (Southern University) Ag Center gave to him. I had never tasted anything made with Roselle, so I was really anxious to try it. It has a very unique taste – a light, peppery, licorice flavor. I recently used it to prepare this SERIOUS stuffed pork loin ... Delicious!"

Chef Guidry also made a statement that is very powerful and much appreciated by the Southern University Ag Center:

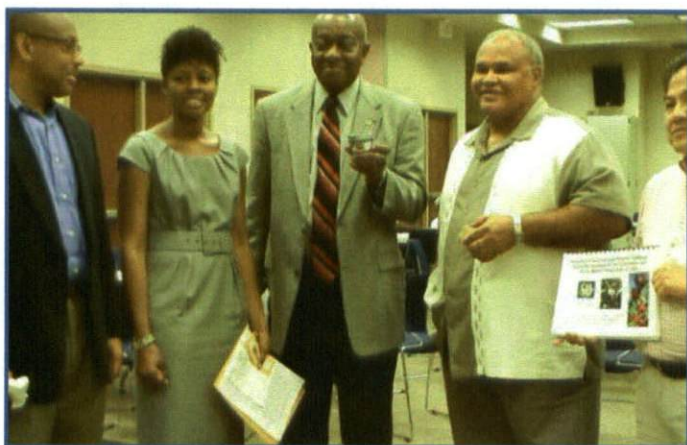
"One of the cool things that scientists at the S.U. Agricultural Center are doing is developing and finding uses for *Hibiscus sabdariffa*, the *Roselle* species of the hibiscus

plant. They are investigating its nutritional value under various growing conditions, and plan to introduce its products to food markets and to reach our small farmers to increase its marketability."

The full blog post is available at <http://thegspotculinary.com/blog/stuffed-pork-loin-w-cherries-chorizo-hibiscus-jelly/>.

For more information contact Dr. Kit Chin at [kit\\_chin@subr.edu](mailto:kit_chin@subr.edu)

## CARET REPRESENTATIVE VISITS SU AG CENTER



**L-r: Adell Brown, Renita Marshall, Leodrey Williams holding up a jar of hibiscus jelly, Walter Guidry with cracker for the jelly and Kit Chin holding up the SU Ag Center hibiscus book.**

with administrators, faculty, staff and graduate research assistants.

Mr. Guidry is a Southern University alumnus and former member of the Board of Supervisors. This was his first visit in the capacity of CARET representative.

Walter Guidry, one of the current Southern University representatives for the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) visited the SU Ag Center on April 2 to interact

Most research scientist shared information about their projects and the highlight was the hibiscus group which showed and told with products ranging from tea, cookies to chutney and jelly.

The Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching is a national grassroots organization created in 1982 by A·P·L·U's Division of Agriculture. CARET is composed of representatives from the 50 states, the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. CARET's mission is to advocate for greater national support and understanding of the land-grant university system's food and agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs that enhance the quality of life for all people. CARET also works with national agricultural organizations to tell agriculture's "story."



## CENTER EDUCATES RURAL COMMUNITIES

Members of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center served as presenters for the District Conference of the Greater New Orleans-Greensburg Eighth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday, March 23 at Greater St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Hammond.

Eual L. Hall, Business Development Specialist in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development spoke to the group about the Agricultural Research and Extension Center's mission and conducted a presentation on how to start a business.

Dr. Renita Marshall, Associate Professor of Animal Science spoke about the services available to the community through the Sustainable Agriculture Program and provided information on how to access the services.

Dr. Fatemeh Malekian, Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, spoke about the importance of healthy diet and on-going projects that the Nutrition and Health Program is conducting to assist the community in enhancing the quality of life.

Frankie Poland, Regional Coordinator of Regions two and nine for the Communities of Color Network, spoke about the dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke.

LaKeeshia D. Giddens, Program Director of the E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Unit in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development, spoke about the services provided by the Mobile Unit, which is equipped with ten computer workstations and can travel to any community or location to perform onsite business development training. The Mobile Training and Development Unit was also available for individuals to tour after the presentation.

Southern University Board of Supervisors member, Hon. Ann A. Smith was also in attendance for the presentation and toured the Mobile Training and Development Center. She also stated that she was very impressed with the Agricultural Research and Extension Center's efforts to assist the community.



**SU Board Member, Mrs. Ann Smith, inside the E\_Learning Mobile Lab**



**Renita Marshall**



**Eual Hall**



**Frankie Poland**



## NUTRITION SCIENTIST PRESENTS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Dr. Fatemeh Malekian**, associate professor, nutrition, presented on the topic of "Antioxidant Activity of Rice Bran Added Goat Meat Sausages" at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Functional Food Conference, March 13-15 at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The participants were very interested in the presentation.

The conference brought together experts in medicine, biology, and the food industry from more than 45 countries to discuss the contri-

butions of functional foods and bioactive compounds in the prevention and management of chronic diseases. Main conference topics included Bioactive Food Compounds: Sources and Potential Benefits in Health; Bioactive Food Compounds and Public Health; Bioactive Food Compounds and Chronic Diseases; Role of Bioactive Food Compounds in Nutrigenomics, Nutrigenetics, Proteomics, and Metabolomics; Science and Practice: Functional Foods in the Management of

Chronic Diseases: Obesity, Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease, Cancer and other Chronic Diseases; Research and Development of Functional Food Products.

Following her presentation, Malekian was invited to present her research results at the Annual World Congress of SQ Foods-2012 in Shenzhen, China.

## BOLD PROJECT PARTICIPANTS TOUR NEW ORLEANS

The Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (BOLD) project participants, under the direction of Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, Extension Specialist, traveled to New Orleans for a community leadership development tour, March 16-17. All 15 participants along with Justin Egbe, co-PI for the project, began their visit on Friday morning to Jericho Road Housing Initiative, where Michael Robinson led participants to lunch at Café Reconcile and a tour of housing developments in the New Orleans area. Participants also visited Sojourner Truth and did a walk-through of the new development of Lafitte Housing Projects. Our School at Blair Grocery, an after school gardening project for at-risk youth in the Lower Ninth Ward, hosted the BOLD participants. The tour ended Saturday

morning at the Lower Ninth Ward Village, a local nonprofit under the direction of Mr. Mack, whose purpose is to redevelop housing and rejuvenate residents living in the Lower Ninth Ward.



BOLD participants and tour hosts expressed great enthusiasm and excitement while sharing their visions for their communities.

Project participants meet once a month at the SU Ag Center. The next tour will be held in September 2012 at Jackson and Mission, Mississippi.

For more information about BOLD, contact Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith at 225-771-2242 or [Kenyetta\\_smith@suagcenter.com](mailto:Kenyetta_smith@suagcenter.com)



## THE UNIVERSITY TAKES TRAINING TO VILLAGE OF WILSON

The Southern University Ag Center brought small business training to the village of Wilson.

With the unstable economic climate, many small businesses, especially those in rural underserved communities, are facing tough financial times. Free assistance for these small businesses is a priceless commodity that many rural communities, like the Village of Wilson, don't have. The SU Ag Center is poised to offer the much needed technical assistance.

On February 27, LaKeeshia Giddens, Program Director of the E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Unit, Eual Hall, Business Development Specialist, Wilbert Harris and William Augustine, computer specialists, Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) at the SU Ag Center, traveled to the Village of Wilson in the Center's E-Learning Rural Mobile Technology Unit to bring small business training to the community.

During the visit, Mayor Marilyn Broadway, chief of police, Kenneth Stewart, Wilson residents and several youth from the Wilson Community Youth Organization visited the Mobile Unit and were introduced to the small business development training capabilities offered by the Mobile Center.

The E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Unit is equipped with ten computer work-

stations, and can travel to any community or location to perform onsite computer or educational training. The CRSBD staff provides management and technical assistance to foster business development and create sustainable economic development in more than thirty rural Louisiana parishes.

Training sessions can be conducted on such topics as: how to start and/or expand a business, marketing a business, accounting issues, developing a business plan, QuickBooks, finding access to capital, business sustainability, branding, the legal aspects of starting a business, cash flow management, loan packaging, using a computer and other topics applicable to entrepreneurship.

The staff is planning to return to Wilson in the coming weeks to provide training sessions for existing and potential small business owners in the community.

To obtain more information about the Center for Rural and Small Business Development and its services, visit [www.crsbd.com](http://www.crsbd.com) or call 225.771.4107.

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The Mobile unit is equipped with ten workstations and can travel to any community to conduct on-site small business development training

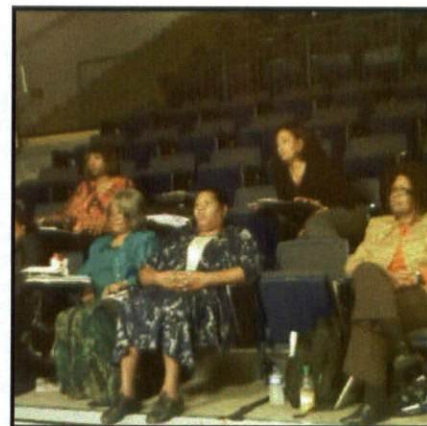


William Augustine, left, discusses the capabilities of the Center's E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Center with the Village of Wilson Chief of Police Kenneth Stewart (center) and Wilson resident Lawson Cannon during a visit to the Wilson community.



## TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COOKING DEMONSTRATION FOR AGENTS

Each year in March, nutrition education training is held to highlight the National Nutrition Month. This year, a train-the-trainer nutrition education cooking demonstration was held at the SU Ag Center for Extension agents and nutrition educators across the state. Local chef, Celeste Gill, trained approximately 20 agents and nutrition educators on how to prepare healthy cost-effective meals using Louisiana grown products.



De'Shoyn York Friendship, Nutrition Specialist, sponsored the training. For further detail, contact Friendship at 225-771-2242.

Chef Celeste is featured weekly on the *Around Town* TV show, on WAFB, channel 9 in Baton Rouge.





## ADVOCATES RALLY TO SAVE RURAL AMERICA



Speakers at "Save Rural America" rally in Amite, March 12



Eual Hall, left, addresses group inside the E\_Learning Mobile Lab



Group tours E\_Learning Mobile Lab including City of Amite Police Juror Gordon Bergers, standing.

On March 12, the Center for Rural and Small Business Development staff members - LaKeeshia Giddens, Program Director of the E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Unit, and Eual Hall, Business Development Specialist, participated in a "Save Rural America Rally" in Amite, Louisiana.

Farmers from across the state came together at the rally to explain what they were growing and garner support to preserve rural America.

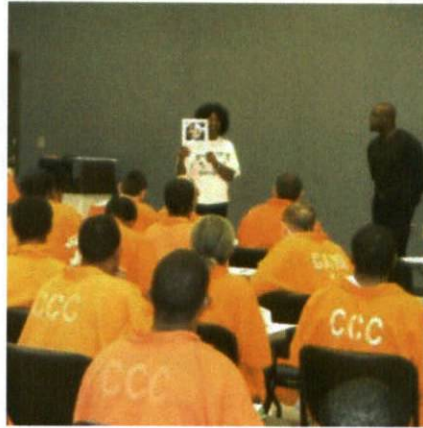
During the rally, Hall and Giddens were interviewed during a live airing of the *Saving Rural America BlogTalkRadio Show* about the Center's upcoming "Connecting Businesses with Contracts" Procurement Conference, which is scheduled for April 10 on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus. The two also served as guest speakers at the event. They shared information about the services offered through the Center for Rural and Small Business Development and the Center's E-Learning Rural Mobile Training Unit.

The E-Learning Rural Mobile Training Unit was also available for tours during the rally.

## SECOND CHANCE 2 RECOVER IN BOSSIER PARISH

Two financial planning workshops were held at the Caddo Correctional Center on February 2 and 13, by Katherine Ervin, parent educator, Bossier Parish. There were 140 inmates in attendance for both workshops. The purpose of classes was to prepare inmates for release by enhancing their understanding, knowledge, and skills that will enable them to assume economic roles and make financial decisions with confidence and competence.

Through these classes, the inmates became aware that many families have similar problems when there is “too much month and not enough money.” They learned that the first step toward being successful is identifying what they want out of life.



**Ervin, left, interacts with inmates during financial planning class**

The inmates understand that some of the major expenses they have to face in life include education, transportation, housing, raising children and healthcare. Therefore, to be financially successful, they must learn as much as possible about their financial situation in order to reach their goals.

They learned that managing their finance is a decision, a determination, a mindset and focus that must remain throughout their life time.

In the classes, the inmates also learned that they need to “earn it, manage it, oversee it, and take care of it” like a “Rock Star.” Ms. Ervin shared with the inmates that it’s not what you make, but what you save versus what you spend that determines your wealth. She emphasized the importance of knowing how much income to expect over a period of time and to budget accordingly.

“My goal as an educator is help inmates develop financial planning skills and learn how to budget because it is an important part of money management,” said Ervin.



## FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Dr. Fatemeh Malekian**, nutrition professor, submitted an abstract to the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), which was accepted for presentation at the IFT annual conference to be held in Las Vegas, June 27-July 1<sup>st</sup>. The paper is entitled: "Sensory acceptability and chemical characteristics of healthy rib-eye steaks from forage-finished steers" and will provide consumers with information on health benefits of forage-finished beef from a USDA study on sensory evaluation.

**Dr. Bridget Udoh**, communications specialist, attended a town hall meeting regarding the USDA/NIFA project starting at 7:00 p.m. in St. Helena Parish, March 6. The purpose of attending the meeting was to share information about the project with small farmers and arrange a date for focus group meeting. SU Ag Center faculty and staff as well as USDA personnel in attendance shared different information with the group. Andra Johnson, assistant professor, urban forestry, addressed the group on alternative crop production for alternative fuel; Eual Hall, business development specialist, discussed business startup and expansion, while Allison Johnson, USDA Liaison shared information on USDA programs and services available to minority farmers and business owners.

Udoh gave an overview of the project entitled "Strategies to Improve Farm and business Efficiency

Through Integrated Communications."

The President of the St. Helena Parish Cattlemen Company invited the SU team back to conduct a focus group on April 3.

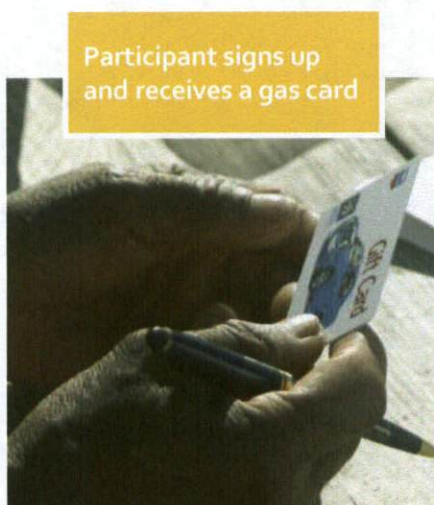
Udoh also, along with Chris Rogers, director of technology services, conducted a focus group meeting with small farmers in Avoyelles Parish on March 24.

Four participants were recruited for the communications project.

On April 3, Bridget Udoh and Eual Hall interacted with the St. Helena Parish Cattlemen Association members in a focus group meeting. Ten attendees signed up to participate in the project.



Eual Hall addresses group in St. Helena



Udoh addresses group in Mansura, Avoyelles Parish, March 24



FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES CONTD.

THE CENTER FOR RURAL AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESPONDS TO GROUP REQUEST

A group of small farmers and business owners requested the Center for Rural and Small Business Development staff to help define their purpose, goals, and objectives in northern Tangipahoa Parish during their meeting at the Amite Louisiana USDA Service Center on March 27. Several USDA representatives in the Amite Area Office participated in the meeting. Participants included Warner Hall, business owner and small farmer, Patrick Babineaux, USDA County Executive Directory Amite, LA, Carl James, small farmer and business owner, Toney Beaubouef, NRCS District Conservationist,

Amite, LA small cattle farmer and business owner, Jonathan Young of USDA, Area Office, Hank Schumacher, small cattle farmer and business owner, Emily King, Southern University Agriculture Research and Extension Center, Quincy Walker, small farmer and business owner, Angela Myles, LSU and SU Ag Centers, and Eual Hall, SU Agriculture Research and Extension Center's Center for Rural and Small Business Development.



Group discussion during meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 16, 23 and 30:** Business Development Training, 6-8 pm. Anderson Middle School, 1059 Anderson Street, New Iberia, LA 70560. To register, contact LaKeeshia Giddens at [lakeeshia\\_giddens@suagcenter.com](mailto:lakeeshia_giddens@suagcenter.com) or via phone at 225.771.2160 or Eual Hall at [eual\\_hall@suagcenter.com](mailto:eual_hall@suagcenter.com) or via phone at 225.771.4105 or 225.771.1142.

**May 3-4:** Louisiana Fisherman/Oysterman Gulf Visit and Tour, Gulf of Mexico. Contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532 for further detail.

**May 7, 14, and 21:** Business Development Training, 6-8 pm. Anderson Middle School, 1059 Anderson Street, New Iberia, LA 70560. To register, contact LaKeeshia Giddens at [lakeeshia\\_giddens@suagcenter.com](mailto:lakeeshia_giddens@suagcenter.com) or via phone at 225.771.2160 or Eual Hall at [eual\\_hall@suagcenter.com](mailto:eual_hall@suagcenter.com) or via phone at 225.771.4105 or 225.771.1142.

**May 11:** St. Helena Family and Youth Exposition at St. Helena Middle School. Contact Angela Myles at (225) 222-4136 or via email [angela\\_myles@suagcenter.com](mailto:angela_myles@suagcenter.com)

**May 20 – 23:** Louisiana County Agents Meeting, Port Allen, LA. Contact Terrence Marshall at 225-771-2242





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## Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team.



**MARCH**  
**2012**

Congratulations to our Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team. During the finals (The Great Eight) held April 2 in Los Angeles, our team competed extremely well, but unsuccessfully against Morgan State University, 490 – 460.

During the opening rounds of the competition, SUNO defeated the following teams in the Round Robin series: Round 1 – Hampton University – scores 440 -390; Round 2 – Chicago State University – scores 670 – 155; Round 3 – Elizabeth City State University – scores 645 -255; Round 4 - Tuskegee University – scores 540 – 365; and Round 5 – Claflin University – scores 400 – 385. Our team advanced to the semi-finals where they defeated Fisk University, 515 – 475.

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) is a Q&A game that combines academic material, popular culture and sports in a format emphasizing quick recall. African American history and culture are prominently featured in the questions. The HCASC season involves two levels of play—Campus Games and the National Championship.

SUNO's team consists of Benjamin Franklin High School graduates Terri Simon Coleman, Andre Davis, whose also a member of SUNO's men's basketball team, and Dalvin Ford, Jr. Other members include former two-time Delgado Community College SGA president and Abramson High School graduate Marc Guichard, Catheryn Major, who graduated salutatorian of Warren Easton High School in 2008, and Tiffany Campbell. Guichard says that being selected for the team validates his family, himself, and the child psychologist who said that he was beyond brilliant at the age of four. "From graduating kindergarten in five months to failing seventh grade and barely graduating high school, and then ascending to the highest seat that a Louisiana college student can achieve, I've experienced a lot," he said. "Being on the team has allowed me to totally be myself."

During a pre-National Championship Tournament event held earlier this year at Prairie View A&M University, Tom Cunningham, an official with the national tournament, informed the audience that SUNO's team set a precedent by correctly responding to ten questions in one minute, with 29 seconds to spare, during the Ultimate Challenge Round.

"I am often awestruck by these gifted young people, their scholarly banter and high-level discourse," said Ruth W. Johnson, director of SUNO's Educational Talent Search Program (ETSP) and campus coordinator of the University's Honda Challengers since 2006. "SUNO is a Mecca of academic opportunities, where unconventional yet gifted students converge to hone their skills as well as themselves. This activity addresses the intellectual need for students to pit wit-against-wit in friendly, but serious competition."

Coaches include Amelia B. Sellers, data manager for SUNO's ETSP, and former SUNO SGA president and Honda team captain Eugenie Tobin. Since 1997, SUNO's Honda Challengers have participated in ten National Honda Campus All-Star Challenges, winning more than \$32,000 in grants.

"On the Honda Team, I've made lasting friendships and financed my education. I found a fun activity that I can be proud of and put on my resume," said Ford.

Team members pictured above are: Eugenie Tobin-Captain (third from left), Andre' Davis, Terri Simon and Dalvin Ford, Jr. as members. Ms. Amelia B. Sellers is the coach and Mrs. Ruth W. Johnson is the campus coordinator.



## Academic Affairs

College of Arts and Sciences: Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Dean Report on Major College of Arts & Sciences Activities: March, 2012

The College of Arts and Sciences faculty engaged in the following activities during the month of March. On March 1, 2012, the administrators of the college, Dr. Henry Efeosa Mokosso (Dean) Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin (Associate Dean), Dr. Mostafa Elaasar (Chair, Natural Sciences), Dr. John Penny (Chair, Social Sciences), Dr. Sudipta Das (Chair, Arts and Humanities), and Dr. Mary Vaughn, (Director of General Studies), attended the Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL). The summit was about accelerating the time for adult learners to complete their degrees. It was a very rewarding conference. The information will help SUNO to enhance the mechanism for accelerating Adult Learning degree completion.

### DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

On March 2, 2012, Dr. Lenus Jack, Jr. organized local men and women from neighborhoods in the Ninth Ward devastated by Katrina to work forward the restoration of the neighborhoods. Funds were collected from donors.

Dr. Chester Mills, Associate Professor of English and Dr. Xiongya Gao, Professor of English, attended the 63rd Annual Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication in St. Louis, MO from March 21 to March 24, 2012. This year's theme was "Writing Gateway."

### HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Professor Mignott submitted an abstract "HIMS Program Enhancement for Improving Academic Quality" to Title III Grant for the HIMS Program in March 2012.

Professor Douresseaux's proposal "Enhancing Health Information Management Course Curriculum and Instruction through Service Learning" was funded by the Melon Fellowship Partner Institution in March 2012.

### MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM

Drs. Hollis and Riep completed the Quality Matters Rubric Training given by Dr. Moustapha Diack.

Dr. Riep submitted an essay on South Sotho Art (South Africa) and the cosmos to the Africa Meets Africa program.

The following students presented their Master's Project Exhibition, to the public:

Mr. Tran Paul, "Native American Paintings, Jewelry and Installations." March 7, 2012.

Ms. Simmone Tassin, "The Art of a Child: Inspired by the Works of Clementine Hunter." March 19, 2012.

Dr. Donald Riep was awarded the Spriestersbach Dissertation Award in Washington, D.C. for his research and dissertation titled, "House of the Crocodile: Sotho South Art and History in Southern Africa."

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar participated in the Board of Regents meeting on the Natural Sciences Articulation Matrix in Baton Rouge on March 27, 2012.

Drs. Carl P. Johnson, Murty Kambhampati and Joe Omojola accompanied ten SUNO students (seven Biology and three Mathematics students) to the Annual Meeting of BKX/NIS held in Nashville, Tennessee from March 21-25 2012. The students presented their research and attended conference sessions. Faculty members volunteered their time to judge students' oral and poster presentations. Students were also able to visit graduate school recruiters from around the country. Five students received third place awards for their presentations: Ms. Jasmin Jenkins, Mr. Gawain Kiffin, Mr. Gino Loverde, Ms. Tiaria Porche and Ms. Aurellia Whitmore.

Dr. Murty Kambhampati: Received a travel grant (\$4,600) from the National Institute of Science to support ten STEM students (travel and lodging).

Participated in 69th Joint Annual NIS/BKX meeting (March 22-25, 2012) along with Drs. Omojola and Johnson in Nashville, TN. Three of his mentees (Ms. Tiaria Porche, Mr. Van Tu Vu, and Ms. Jasmin Jenkins) made oral/poster presentations at the conference. Jasmin and Tiaria won third place in the biology category.

Completed and submitted LA State Articulation Biology



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Common Course Form to Dr. Mims-Devezin.

Submitted changes on some biology course titles and numbers to comply with statewide common courses as a part of articulation agreement to SUNO's Curriculum Committee for approvals.

Dr. Illya Tietzel:  
Mr. Gawain Kiffin won 3rd place for oral presentations at the 69th joint annual conference of the National Institute of Science (NIS) and Beta Kappa Chi (Chi) in Tennessee State University March 21-25 2012 for his and Dr. Tietzel's research about Impact of BP Oil Spill 2010 on Atlantic Croaker and the Intestinal Microbes.

In March 2012, Dr. Tietzel's research abstract "EFFECTS OF GRAVITATIONAL CHANGES ON HOBO TRANSPOSON IN EUKARYOTIC FRUIT FLIES" has been accepted for POSTER PRESENTATION at the Astrobiology Science Conference 2012 in the following session: "Environmental Physics and Life Posters" on April 17, 2012.

Dr. Tietzel wrote a recommendation letter for Mr. Musa A. Williams and the student got accepted into the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network research experience for summer 2012. Mr. Williams S. Sheldon got also accepted into at Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at Colorado State University.

Dr. Tietzel assisted in recruitment efforts of SUNO at Algiers Technology at Academy, 6501 Berkley Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131.

Dr. Tietzel is co-reviewer of mini workshop proposals of the 2012 meeting of the national Association for Biology Laboratory Education (ABLE).

Dr. Tchavdar Marinov:  
Submitted a HBCU-UP RIA grant proposal to NSF (March 12).

The Math Kangaroo competition was held on March 15.

His mentee, Ms. Dot'Toya Jones, gave talk at Emerging Researchers Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 23-25, 2012.

Dr. Delin Tan:  
Attended and presented at MAA (Mathematical Association of America) Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd.

Dr. Alvin Bopp:  
Attended the American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego, California from March 25-28, 2012.

High School Science Fair:  
A science fair was held in SUNO's gym for local high school students on March 16, 2012. Dr. Omojola, Dr. Kambhampati and Dr. Johnson organized the event along with Ms. Phyllis Okwan and Ms. Bianca James. Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, Dr. Quincy Quick, Dr. Alvin Bopp, Zheng Chen and former SUNO Natural Sciences Faculty Ms. Sylvia Scianeux Richard, Dr. Laura Hardester and Dr. Richard Majeste served as judges. Dr. Illya Tietzel and Dr. Rachid Belmasrouir also participated. Students from several local high schools presented their projects. The winners

received cash awards and plaques.

Recruiting:  
Sara T. Reed and Lake Area High Schools in SUNO's Gym – Thursday, March 1, 2012 – Drs. Kim, Singleton and Tan from Mathematics and Drs. Quick, Youngblood and Olubadewo from Biology recruited students at this event.

Algiers Technology Academy in Algiers – Drs. Chen, Tietzel and Olubadewo recruited on Monday, March 5, 2012.

Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge – Drs. Atteia and Chen were kind enough to join the recruiting efforts from 6:45am to 12:30pm. Amite High School – Amite, LA – March 21st – Dr. Mostafa Elaasar and Dr. Quincy Quick rode the SUNO bus to Amite to judge their Senior Projects.

Miller McCoy and L. B. Landry High Schools – Friday, March 23, 2012 in SUNO's Gym – Drs. Youngblood, Numbere, Chen and Marinov recruited students at this event.

College of Business & Public Administration:  
Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean  
Report on Major College of Business Activities:  
March, 2012

Accreditation Progress Report:  
The CBA Dean, Coordinator of Accreditation Services, Director of Student Services, Department Chairs, Administrative Assistants, and faculty have been compiling the AACSB accreditation Self Evaluation Report (SER) based on information and input from the four faculty-led AACSB accreditation subcommittees – MFFA



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(Missions, Facilities, Finance & Administration Committee); SARPD (Student Admission, Retention & Professional Development Committee); ITTM (Instructional Time & Talent Management Committee); and LGCA (Learning Goals, Curriculum, & Assessment Committee). The SER is due in April 2012, and a campus visit is expected by October 2012. The team will use the Easter Break to assemble additional evidence cited in the SER.

The MFFA steering committee has completed another draft of the 2012-2017 Strategic Action Plan. Final document is expected by April 2012. The MFFA has also reviewed and revised the CBA Policies & Procedures Manual.

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

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

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

vidual degree program learning goals for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.

Research Paper Accepted for Publication  
Obyung Kwun, Ghasem S. Alijani, Louis C. Mancuso, and H. Kevin Fulk, "Student Perceptions of Online Courses in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)" was accepted for presentation at the Academy of Business Research Conference in New Orleans LA, March 14-16, 2012.

Distinguished Research Award  
H. Kevin Fulk; Obyung Kwun; Ghasem S. Alijani, "Scapegoating Humans, Scapegoating Technologies: Examining Another Side of Information System Project Control," Allied Academies Spring 2012 International Conference; New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4-7, 2012

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:  
The SUNO Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta inducted 18 new members at its 2012 Induction Ceremony and Banquet held at the Holiday Inn Superdome on Saturday March 17, 2012. Among the 18 inductees were eight juniors, four seniors, three graduate students, two faculty members, and one honorary inductee. Entertainment for the event was provided by Ms. Trilette Lanaux (an inductee) who performed a liturgical dance and Rev. Leonard Steve Abram did a medley of songs. The SUNO chapter of Sigma Beta Delta was established in 1997 to recognize business students who have excelled academically. An undergraduate in-

ductee must be in the top 20 % of their class with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00. A graduate student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.80. Our honorary inductee was Dr. Ronald Randolph who is a 1978 SUNO honor graduate in accounting. Dr. Frank Martin, Mrs. Vera Autry, Dr. Louis Mancuso, and Mrs. Shelina Gethers coordinated the ceremony.

The program also recognized four corporate supporters and participants in SUNO's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP): Christopher Bardell (owner of The Bardell Company, Inc. dba McDonalds), Darius Pique (Manager, Wal-Mart Distribution Center), Justin Seavers (Wal-Mart Distribution Center), and John Dunn (Wal-Mart Distribution Center). Several faculty members, CBA Staff members, and students attended the event. The program was well received by all those in attendance.

2012 Sigma Beta Delta Inductees:  
Seniors: Giezelle Marie Alexis; Paul A. Blake; Latanya Davis; Charles J. Gaspard III; Juniors: Shanel Armant; Travis M. Ball; Trevor Howard Bierria; Shalonda Lynette Bouie; Suzanne M. Crosby; Trilette Sabrina Lanaux; Emmanuel O. Okogu; A'Shante N. Williams  
Graduate Students: Guy Bertrand T. Tamo; Chaz D. Tanner; Corey Michael Williams  
Faculty Inductees: Dr. Adrine Harrell-Carter; Dr. Henry Kevin Fulk  
Honorary Inductee: Dr. Ronald Randolph



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BEEP Special Service Awards: On Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Sigma Beta Delta Award Ceremony, BEEP awarded four special service awards to: Mr. Christopher Bardell, Owner, The Bardell Group, d/b/a McDonalds; Mr. Darius Pique, Manager, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Robert, LA; Mr. John Dunn, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Robert, LA; and Mr. Justin Seavers, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Robert, LA. Dr. Louis C. Mancuso, Ms. Vera Autry, and Dean Igwe Udeh presented the awards to the recipients.

DBE Panel: Dr. Frank Martin, Chair of the Business Entrepreneurship Department, participated in the State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Panel which certifies small businesses as disadvantaged for the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, the Aviation Board, and Caesar's (formerly Harrah's) Casino on March 27, 2012.

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

2012 Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Conference & Career Fair  
The 2012 Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Conference & Career Fair was a resounding success. This year's attendance, which is estimated at 950 students, faculty, staff, and guests was greater than the previous two years. On Wednesday, March 21, 2012

BEEP held a Meet & Greet at the Harrah's Hotel. Participants from the following companies attended:

The Bardell Company, Inc. (d/b/a McDonalds); Wal-Mart Distribution Center; US Forest Service; Hancock /Whitney Bank; Avis Budget; Newell Rubbermaid; UPS - West Coast; Consolidated Edison Company NYC; Harrah's Hotel; Prudential; Chick-fil-A

The BEEP Program held its classroom visitation sessions including a Men-to-Men and Women-to-Women Sessions and a resume writing sessions, videotaped interview practice session, and off-campus dining etiquette sessions. This took place on Thursday, March 22, 2012.

On Friday, March 23, 2012 a CBA Career Fair was held which included the following companies:

The Bardell Company, Inc. (d/b/a McDonalds); Wal-Mart Distribution Center; US Forest Service; Hancock /Whitney Bank; Avis Budget; Newell Rubbermaid; UPS - West Coast; Consolidated Edison Company NYC; Harrah's Hotel; Prudential; Chick-fil-A

The BEEP Committee consisted of Ms. Vera Autry, Ms. Shelina Gethers, and Dr. Louis C. Mancuso. Several job offers were extended to students as a result of the career fair, while four students received an all-expense paid invitation to attend the 2012 BEEP National Conference in Florida. Plans are already on the way for the 2013 conference and career fair.

LSBDC Greater New Orleans Regional Collaborative Partnership- March 2012 Report  
GNOR Activities and Trainings; presented, participated and/or attended

Getting Down to Business Entrepreneurship Training - the SBDC assists Capital One in recruiting applicants, providing mentors and one on one consulting, presenting the training and is the fiscal agent for the 12 week entrepreneurial training program.

LED STEP grant program - LSBDC reviews and facilitates all applications, works with businesses in developing an export plan and consults with these businesses on all other aspects of their businesses.

Ready Supplier Program- SBDC is working with businesses looking for growth by assisting these businesses in getting ready to be suppliers to larger businesses. The targeted business for the Ready Supplier Program is 10 plus employees with over \$1 million in sales looking for growth strategies.

### College of Education & Human Development:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Interim Dean  
March, 2012

#### Accreditation:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (interim Dean) announced that the Certification-Only Secondary Education Programs- English, Biology, Mathematic, and Social Studies- and all-level - Art, Health and Physical Education had been officially approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana State Department of Education.



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Dr. Kaltenbaugh submitted three proposed Title III grants for the five year funding cycle – 1012-2017: 1) Accreditation, 2) Certification-Only and 3) SUNO Coalition for Higher Education Access. She assisted with the College of Education and Human Development technology grant.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh assisted the Assessment Coordinator with the College of Education and Human Development's ETS report.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with the program Chairs and with Dr. Michael Ralph (SUNO-Office of Institutional Effectiveness) regarding the College of Education and Human Development assessment plan.

Dr. Diane Bordenave developed a draft of student learning outcomes, weekly course content and activities for new Fall Course (assessment) for CDFS 470 Special Topics in Child and Family Studies. The draft was submitted to Dr. Pamela Wanga, (Director and Chair, Child Development and Family studies Program) for review.

On March 29, 2012, Dr. Bordenave participated in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Webinar Series on the FCS (Family and Consumer Sciences) Body of Knowledge.

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

Dr. Pamela Wanga held Child Development and Family Studies Departmental meetings on March 2nd and 9th, 2012.

On March 29, 2012, Dr. Wanga participated in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Webinar Series on the FCS (Family and Consumer Sciences) Body of Knowledge.

Ms. Celina Carson served as a member of the selection committee for Chair of the College of Education and Human Development's Elementary Education program.

Ms. Carson attended the webinar on "AAFCS Body of Knowledge" Grant Submissions: Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh participated in the planning grant for Ms. Celina Carson and Mr. Charlie Johnson: Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Summer Learning Institute.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus donated \$1,000 to support the Parent Power Forum cosponsored by the SUNO – College of Education and Human Development and Modern Parents Magazine which was held at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Saturday March 3, 2012.

Dr. Pamela Wanga submitted Title III-B (Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities) proposal abstracts for 1) Enhancing Learning and Teaching through Technology, 2) Community and Family Empowerment Coalition for Educational Access and Success, and 3) NCATE/CAEP and AAFCS Accreditation.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones wrote and submitted the 2012-2013 Title III Proposal for the Professional Literature Center for

the College of Education and Human Development.

Ms. Celina Carson submitted a grant proposal to Second Harvest Food Service – This grant is in compliance for food service in partnership with the NORDC Programmatic Partnership Grant. NORDC has approved funding for the College of Education and Human Development's Healthy Minds – Healthy Bodies Summer Learning Institute. All summer programs funded by NORDC are required to apply for food service through Second Harvest Food Service, a federal summer food program to ensure children receive healthy meals each day of the program. Students will be served both breakfast and lunch.

Ms. Carson also submitted a proposal to Share Our Strength Grant – This grant request funding for equipment needed to meet both NORDC's and Second Harvest Food Service's food safety requirement for the College of Education and Human Development's Healthy Minds – Healthy Bodies Summer Learning Institute.

Workshops, Conferences and Scholarly Activities:

Dr. Diane Bordenave attended the "Promethean" Orientation Workshop held on March 6, 2012, in Trailer 25A. The training was facilitated by Mr. Tyler Mallet, AXI Education Solutions' Teaching and Learning Consultant.

Dr. Bordenave attended Quality Matters Program Training, held on March 10, 2012 in the Brown Building.

Dr. Bordenave attended I-Pad Technology Training for CDFS



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Department held by Mr. Charlie Johnson, a faculty member of the College of Education and Human Development.

Dr. Bordenave submitted "Home: My Personal Account of Hurricane Katrina" to Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus for publication in her book.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus presented her Dissertation Research – "Military Families - Supporting Military Families Through Research by Building Strong Families" for the DOD Army Command in Houston, TX for the monthly webinar on March 2, 2012.

Dr. Mayo-Theus proposed "Teaching and Living with Disability: An Oral History for Higher Education Classroom Instruction and Pedagogy" for The International Society for Educational Biography - 28th Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, April 28, 2012. (Acceptance Pending).

Dr. Mayo-Theus completed the layout for publication of the Hurricane Katrina's Roller Coaster Ride: The Effects and Reflections of Changes in Families (book). (Printing will be completed in April, 2012 – final editing will be completed by March 31, 2012).

Dr. Pamela Wanga was both a participant and a presenter at the Parent Power Forum held at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on March 3, 2012.

Dr. Wanga attended the "Promethean" Orientation Workshop held in Trailer 25A.

Dr. Wanga participated in the CDFS faculty E-TALL lab walk-through in Trailer 25A/B

with Charlie Johnson as facilitator.

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

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the Edward Zigler Midwest Research Institute as an Invited Presenter on March 6, 2012.

Ms. Celina Carson completed another series of the PLATO training

Ms. Carson attended the Promethean Smart Board training workshop and the E-TALL lab training.

Ms. Carson performed duties as LAFCS Secretary and accepted position as LAFCS President-Elect for the 2013 – 2015 terms. She collaborated with LAFCS board members on future initiatives.

Professional Outreach to Students and Community:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Interim Dean) co-hosted and participated in the Parent Forum held at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on March 3, 2012. She also chaired the panel discussion at the Parent Forum.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with board members of Momentum Academy Charter to discuss 2012 application.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Saving Kids Unlimited Board

of Directors on March 15, 2012. She serves on the Board as Vice-President and as the organization's Academic Advisor.

On March 30, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh participated in the Dr. Seussical Literacy Extravaganza Reading Marathon. She read Marvin K. Mooney's, Will You Please Go to twenty-seven 3 - 4 year olds at the Annette Head Start Center.

Dr. Diane Bordenave attended the Parent Power Forum held in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on March 3, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave created the Parent Forum Evaluation and Volunteer Sign-In Forms.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus served on Parent Forum Committee in conjunction with the College of Education and Human Development and the Child Development and Family Studies Program.

Dr. Mayo-Theus coordinated and worked with CDFS students in CDFS 430 to participate in commemorating National Women's Month by coordinating Walking Thursdays where this class will promote "Tackling Obesity in the Community as a Social Policy Initiative" each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. The students will coordinate a walking group and promote healthy living styles among students and faculty. Students will have a table set up promoting healthy families and healthy living. Information will be provided by AARP during the month of April 2012 and will be distributed from the class site of Bldg. 11B.



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Dr. Mayo-Theus attended and volunteered as a Committee member with the Parent Power Forum on March 3, 2012 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. She assisted with the recruitment of CDFS students from her classes, served on the committee and secured the funding for the parking/lunch for the event in the amount of \$1,000.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the New Orleans Faith Based Initiative on Crime in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana. She also volunteered with the Louisiana Crime Coalition.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Community Outreach Group of Military Families in Baton Rouge.

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

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the IRS Webinar on VITA Centers across America.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the ARK-LA-TX Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting.

Dr. Mayo-Theus met with The New Orleans Convention Bureau Minority Representative – Donna Glover (a former colleague).

Dr. Mayo-Theus met with The Louisiana East Girl Scouts Council to become certified as a Girl Scout Advocate and Certified Volunteer for the State of Louisiana.

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

Modern Parents Magazine (Member).

Dr. Allen-Jones participated as a guest reader for the Total Community Action Inc., Head Start Literacy Day (March 30, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones advised over 40 students via e-mail, telephone and in-person. She also conducted Midterm Progression Conferences with students (March 23 & 28, 2012).

Ms. Celina Carson coordinated and conducted weekly community health awareness education sessions. She also collaborated with various community partners in preparation for several community health initiatives.

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

Ms. Carson mentored three freshmen cohorts during the month.

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

Ms. Carson represented the SUNO-College of Education and Human Development's Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Summer Learning Institute at the NORDC and Job1 Expo.

Other University-related activities:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh met with Dr. Roddrick Jones and assisted him with the summer SUSLA program; she also met with Ms. Gloria Major

(College of Education and Human Development faculty member) regarding the SUSLA Connection.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the Louisiana Association of Deans (LACTE) meeting on March 9, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh participated in the Honore' telephone conference at SUBR regarding the 5/5th Agenda.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended a meeting with area High School Counselors in an effort to recruit male candidates for the Honore' Program. She also attended SUNO's Freshmen Orientation Meeting.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the University Wide Oversight Committee for Proposed Moves Plan and the University Wide Anticipated Move meetings.

On March 16, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended a Teacher Preparation Oversight Committee meeting via telephone conference.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the Barthwell Conference at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans regarding the Honore' Program, March 19-20, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh conducted a meeting with the Volunteers of America, College of Education and Human Development and School of Social Work faculty members to discuss the proposed SUNO Coalition to Promote Access to Higher Education.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh held a meeting with Mr. Shaun Lewis regarding Ms. Celina Carson's Sum-



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mer Program, Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh completed the College of Education and Human Development's report of major accomplishments from 2007-2012 as they relate to Accreditation and the Certification Only Program. The report was submitted to the Title III Program Director, Dr. Brenda Jackson.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the Faculty Development Committee meeting held on March 26, 2012 and also the CETL meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the SUNO Dean's Council Meetings held on March 7th and 26th, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh worked with the Certification Only Program by assisting seven potential Certification-Only Candidates and explaining the program to them, submitting the necessary paper work to the Louisiana State Department of Education for three Program completers and conducting administrative follow up for several current candidates.

Dr. Diane Bordenave attended the CDFS Departmental Meetings held on March 5th, 9th, 16th, 30th, and 2012

Dr. Bordenave also attended the Parent Forum debriefing meeting held on March 7, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave taught CDFS 470, 208 and 300 during the month.

Dr. Bordenave administered mid-term exams during exam week, March 10-16, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave input mid-term grades for CDFS 208, 300 and 470 in the Banner system.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus served on the SUNO Coalition for Educational Access and Success through Community and Family Empowerment.

Dr. Mayo-Theus discussed and introduced Reverend Parker, Program Assistant, and Volunteers of America to Mark Ingram Foundation to work with SUNO's Coalition Initiative.

Dr. Mayo-Theus met with Mark Ingram (New Orleans Saints) and founder of the Mark Ingram Foundation about collaborating with the SUNO's Coalition for Educational Access and Success through Community and Family Empowerment.

Dr. Mayo-Theus discussed with CEO of New Orleans Urban League about participating with the National Urban League Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana in July, 2012.

Dr. Pamela Wanga attended the Trailer Relocation Meetings throughout the month.

Dr. Wanga submitted Child Development and Family Studies Program catalog revisions to Mr. Wesley Bishop's Office.

Dr. Wanga attended the Deans Council Meetings held on March 7th and 26th, 2012.

Dr. Wanga serves as Chair of the Parental Involvement Subcommittee of SUNO's Orientation Committee and attended

the committee meeting held on March 13, 2012.

Dr. Wanga taught CDFS 312 during the month.

Dr. Wanga met with CDFS candidate, Neatrice Russell to complete her transfer credit paperwork and update program of study.

Dr. Wanga traveled to Kingsley House 1600 Constance St., New Orleans, Louisiana to observe Practicum student, Sybil Johnson.

Dr. Wanga conducted a review and administered the mid-term exam for CDFS 312, March 10-16, 2012.

Dr. Wanga held meetings with CDFS practicum students, Sybil Johnson and Mercedes Marieoneaux.

Dr. Wanga met with Reverend Parker, Volunteers of America (VoA) Recruiter, to discuss possible partnership with VoA's Mentoring Children of Promise (MCP) Program. The goal of the partnership is to increase funding and improve services for the youth impacted by incarceration.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones attended the Honore' and College of Education and Human Development recruiting meetings (March 12 & 13, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the College of Education and Human Development Chair's Meeting held on March 14, 2012.

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the meeting about the preparation of the Title III Proposal held on March 15, 2012.

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Dr. Allen-Jones attended the meeting to discuss the trailer relocation held on March 16, 2012.

Dr. Allen-Jones participated in the discussion meeting regarding the SUNO collaboration with community partners (March 21, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones completed the schedule for the summer and fall terms for Early Childhood Education ((February & March, 2012).

Dr. Allen-Jones continues to work with Total Community Action Inc., Head Start Policy Council (Advisor).

Dr. Allen-Jones serves on the board of the Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children.

Ms. Celina Carson attended the Faculty Senate Meeting as the College of Education and Human Development representative. She also attended the Child Development and Family Studies Department and College of Education and Human Development faculty meetings.

Ms. Carson instructed four courses during the month and performed duties as Field Experience Coordinator. She coordinated completion of several MOUs with community partners.