

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, February 13, 2012
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Special Recognition
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Public Comments
6. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the January 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - a. Academic Affairs Committee
 - b. Athletics Committee
 - c. Facilities and Property Committee
 - d. Finance and Audit Committee
 - e. Personnel Affairs Committee
 - C. Strategic Recommendation – Presentation
 - D. Resolutions
7. Informational Reports
 - A. System's Report
 - B. Campus Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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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. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Demetrius D. Sumner

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

Swearing in of New Board Officers for 2012

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. administered the oath of office to Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman of the Board; and, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Vice Chairman, respectively.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 6E: GOVERNANCE COMMISSION UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Alvin Bopp, Vice President of the SUNO Faculty Senate, requested the Board's assistance in obtaining from the SUNO Administration information on the location of temporary classes over the next three years.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, President of the SUNO Faculty Senate, noted that the State has been holding, for some time, \$90 million for the renovation/restoration of buildings on the SUNO Campus. He asked the Board to request the Governor to issue an Executive Order waiving the Capital Outlay procedures for the release of these funds in order to expedite the start of work on the SUNO buildings.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, expressed concern that the SUBR Administration failed to utilize the established Search Procedures to fill the Registrar's position.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the December 16, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following Committee reports and recommendations were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 Number 2 which

reflects a mid-year reduction of \$2.93 million in State Funds (Direct) to the Southern University System, per Executive Order No. BJ2011-25, be and it is hereby approved.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Administration's request to appear before the State Interim Emergency Board to request emergency funds in the amount of \$2 million to demolish four vacant, deteriorated, unsafe, and unsanitary dormitories on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's report also contained an update on the status of Capital Priority Projects, System wide.

C. RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Bell, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Mr. Montrell McCaleb and the Staff for their efforts which led to the success of the "Motivating Students for Success" Program
- SUBR Alumnus Kent Smith on being selected as a semi-finalist for the Presidency of Langston University in Oklahoma

Condolences

- The Wardell Williams Family
- The Remarcus L. West Family

D. APPROVAL TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENT TO APPROVE A PLAN TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE ACT 419

President Mason sought the Board's authority to approve, and to submit on behalf of Southern University, a response to Legislative Act 419 which calls for a collaborative plan of action by Delgado, SUNO and UNO to improve the quantity and quality of public education in the New Orleans area. The plan is due to the Board of Regents by February 1, which is prior to

the Board's next scheduled meeting date in February.

Alternatively, Atty. Dumas recommended the call of a Special Meeting to allow Board Members an opportunity to review and adopt the plan prior to its submission due date.

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board deferred action on this item and approved a special meeting for the consideration and action on the proposed plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION REPORTS

-System Report

President Mason provided an update on the following:

- Grants received by the University in support of the National Demonstration Project on Black Men
- Work underway to implement the Honore' Center which has been appropriated \$500,000 by the Louisiana Legislature include the employing of staff, identification of faculty; and preparations for the first class in June 2012.
- The partnership between SUSLA/SUNO which will allow SUSLA to offer developmental courses on SUNO's campus and on-line.
- Progress to date on implementation of on-line classes on the three campuses, through a partnership with E O Serve Corporation.
- Increase in membership in The 1880 Society, headed by Dr. Darnell Peterson and Mr. Collis Temple, which seeks persons to make an immediate contribution to Southern University in the amount of \$1,000 and pledge \$5,000 over the next five years. The Society's goal is to recruit 1,000 members; however, only the first 30 who make the required pledge will be considered to be charter members.

-SUBR Recruitment Update

Chancellor Llorens reported on the aggressive recruitment campaign undertaken by SUBR to increase its student enrollment which includes --

- Contracting of recruitment services out-of-state
- Increasing commercial spots and other marketing tools

-Campus Reports

Highlights of oral reports tendered by the Chancellors or their representatives appear below. Written reports are on line and available for review in the Board's Office.

SUBR

The jersey of former SUBR basketball star, Bob Love, will be retired in a special ceremony during the SU v. GSU basketball game on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Board members were invited.

SUNO

U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu has successfully amended legislation to allow SUNO, Xavier and Tougaloo to have their loans forgiven by the US Government. SUNO's loan amount is \$44 million.

SULC

Professor John Pierre announced that pre-Law Day, the Law Center's recruitment effort, will be held on February 3, 2012.

Prof. Pierre also advised the Board concerning on a federal case involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the State of Maryland. Four HBCUs are being represented by the Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education which is seeking legal redress in the amount of \$2 billion against the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The plaintiffs argue that the State continues to maintain vestiges of dual and unequal systems of higher education between the HBCUs and Traditional White Institutions (TWIs).

Professor Pierre was asked to keep the Board abreast of this case and advise of the impact, if any, on for HBCUs in Louisiana.

SUSLA

Note was taken that Chancellor Belton's absence at today's meetings was the result of there being no agenda items for his campus.

-Higher Education Commission Report

Mr. Patrick Bell reported the final recommendations from the Commission which was mandated by HCR 184 to study and submit a plan for reorganization relative to the governance of higher education in Louisiana. The report is scheduled to be sent to the Legislature on January 12, 2012.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, January 6, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

Present

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

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. REQUEST FOR STATE INTERIM EMERGENCY BASED FUNDING, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Administration's request to appear before the State Interim Emergency Board to request emergency funds in the amount of \$2 million to demolish four vacant, deteriorated, unsafe, and unsanitary dormitories on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Dumas recommended that the Administration obtain on the funding request that is to be submitted to the Interim Emergency Board the signatures of the University's area legislator and the SU Board Chair, as indicated on the form.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. CAPITAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

The Committee received a monthly update on the status of capital priority projects, Systemwide. The report was informational.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Finance and Audit Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 6, 2012

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

Present

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

Absent

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Demetrius Sumner

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

AMENDMENT:

Delete: Item 5B: Salary Supplement for selected Faculty and Staff, SUNO

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. BA-7 #2, REDUCTION OF STATE FUNDS (DIRECT), PER EXECUTIVE-ORDER BJ 2011-25

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, BA-7, #2 which reflects a mid-year reduction in State funds (Direct) to the Southern University System in the amount of \$2.93 million, per Executive Order No. BJ 2011-25.

Motion carried unanimously.

The anticipated reduction of \$115 million in State appropriation to higher education during the next fiscal year was reported by President Mason. He also noted the need for Southern University to deliberate on how to address continuing budget shortfalls attributable to recurring reductions in State appropriated funds.

Committee Chair Lawson suggested as a remedy that the Administration solicit from the State unused Economic Development Funds to address its budget problems.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

Chancellor's Report



Dr. James L. Llorens



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

SUBR Chancellor Visits Turkey

The Chancellor returned on January 21, 2012 from a seven-day trip to Turkey where he visited seven cities. Accompanying the Chancellor on this trip was Professor Osman Kandara of the Department of Computer Science. During the trip, they met with officials from eight universities, one private high school, one private research center and two other educational agencies.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed with four universities. SUBR also agreed to study and consider the possibility of a 3+1 or 2+2 program with Marmara University for a dual degree in Computer Science and Computer Engineering. Dialogue on course articulation for such a program was initiated during the visit. The MOUs will facilitate the implementation of sponsored visiting scholar programs with SUBR and other possible cooperative ventures.

Invitations were extended to representatives from all of the universities and the high school to visit SUBR. Invitations were also extended to the Congressman with whom the SUBR Team interacted and with higher education council members.

The team also met with eleven individuals who were considered friends or who were past graduate students or visiting scholars at SUBR.

The principal of the private high school visited by the team offered to assist SUBR by administering the ACT or SAT to prospective students, if such assistance were appropriate and possible. The Chancellor's visit has essentially opened the lines of communication with secondary and postsecondary institutions in Turkey. SUBR will now seek to build mutually beneficial relationships with these institutions.

SUBR's Baseball Team to Participate in Major League Baseball – Sponsored Event

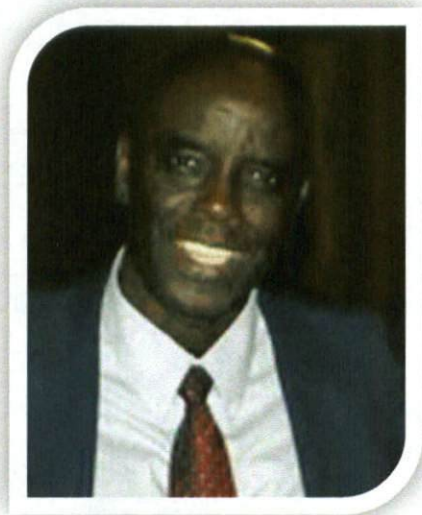
Once again, Southern University's Varsity Baseball Team will participate in the annual round-robin baseball tournament designed to give Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their baseball teams national exposure. This is the fifth such tournament sponsored by Major League Baseball (MLB). The event will take place February 17-19, 2012 in Houston, Texas. A total of five teams will represent HBCUs in this tournament – Southern University, Grambling State University, Alabama State, Prairie View A&M and Texas Southern University.

"As one of the first teams to be a part of previous MLB Urban Invitational Tournaments (held in Compton, California), we are excited to once again collaborate with MLB to try to make this event bigger and better," Southern's Coach Roger Cador said, as quoted in a January 19, 2012 article in *The Advocate*.

Professor Diack addresses international conference in Paris

Professor Moustapha Diack, in the Department of Science/Math Education, was a guest speaker at the recent International Conference on Digital Innovations and Development held in Paris at the National Library of France.

The event was conjointly organized by the Network Society of the Great Enterprises of France, the Information Technology Services Management Forum of France and Cio Mag company. Professor Diack's keynote presentation, "**Next Generation eLearning Solutions: Challenges and Opportunities,**" focused on the emerging eLearning technologies and evolving international standards for deploying the solutions.



Department of Mass Communications Received Committee for Reaffirmation Visit

On Sunday, January 22, 2012, the visiting team that conducted a site visit for the reaffirmation of accreditation for the University's Mass Communications Program arrived on campus to officially begin its review and deliberations. Every aspect of

the program was reviewed by the team. There were five Mass Communications experts on the team. Present at the opening luncheon were members of the Mass Communications faculty, members of other academic departments in the College of Arts and Humanities, members of the administration and members of the department's advisory board

The team invited the luncheon attendees to participate in a discussion on how the faculty and students of the department interacted with other campus units and with external agencies. The team then proceeded to engage in the next activity as outlined in its itinerary. The visit was from January 22-25, 2012. Recommendation(s) from the visiting team will be submitted to the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication for action during the month of March.

Norfleet Progress Fund Awards \$750,000 to SUBR for Path to Financial Independence (PTFI) Project

The Path To Financial Independence (PTFI) Project, led by Southern University, is a collaboration among Historically black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The purpose of this project is to assist low and moderate income individuals and families with access to free income tax preparation services, as well as financial education and financial literacy services, that will help those individuals and families implement asset and wealth building strategies. This project was awarded \$750,000 by the Norfleet Progress Fund. The Principal Investigator is Dr. Alma Thornton, Director of the SU Center for Social Research.

SU Holds "Small Business Education Series Kickoff"

Southern University's Louisiana Small Business Development Center held a "Small Business Education Series Kickoff" at 8 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 in the Global Conference Center, room 313 of T.T. Allain Hall.

The workshop was free and open to the public, but advanced registration was required due to limited seating.

Representatives from SUBR's College of Business, Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) at Southern, Small Business Administration, City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana Department of Insurance, Black Chamber and Louisiana Economic Development were in attendance.

Topics discussed during the workshop included writing a business plan, sources of funds for start-up and expansion, small business resources, and required licenses.

This workshop was highly recommended for all individuals interested in determining the feasibility of business ideas, planning to start or have recently started a small business, seeking a small business loan, or wanting to learn more about business planning.

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southern University-Baton Rouge is a partnership program funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Louisiana Economic Development and Southern University-Baton Rouge.

SU Bookstores Makes \$10,000 Donation to the University



John Dyar, far left, the manager of the Southern University Bookstore, is pictured with Margaret Ambrose, special assistant to the chancellor and Chancellor James L. Llorens.

The Southern University Bookstore recently donated \$10,000 to the University. The donation matches an identical gift made last year to Southern.

Bookstore Manager John Dyar said the funds are directed toward textbook scholarships for students.

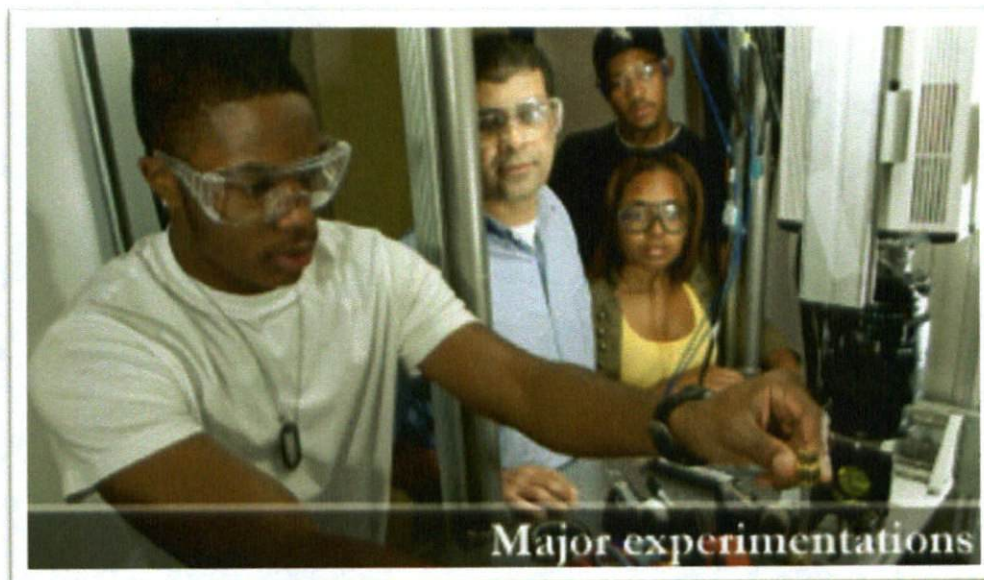
The bookstore is part of the 700 bookstores across the country operated by the Oak Brook, Ill.-based Follett Higher Education Group.

Chancellor Llorens said the donation will be a great boost to the University's continuing effort to provide students with the educational assistance they need to be successful.

SU Students, Mentor Conduct Experiments at National Lab

Southern University and A&M College students and their faculty advisor are shown in the GSECARS 13-BM-D research enclosure: From left are Steven Robins, Riyadh

Al-Raoush (faculty mentor), Jasmin Richardson, and Courtney Gordon. (Photo courtesy of Argonne National Laboratory.)



Southern University students and mentors were among a number of universities that spent 10 weeks at the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Photon Source and other facilities and divisions at Argonne National Laboratory as part of the DOE/National Science Foundation-funded Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) program.

The program provides hands-on research opportunities for faculty and students from colleges and universities with limited research facilities and those institutions serving populations underrepresented in the fields of science, engineering, and technology.

SU civil engineering students Steven Robins, Jasmin Richardson, Courtney Gordon and their mentor Riyadh Al-Raoush studied at the GeoSoilEnviroCARS x-ray beamline at the APS. Under the guidance of Mark Rivers (University of Chicago and GSECARS), the group performed microtomography experiments on fluid saturated soil columns, important for understanding environmental remediation efforts.

They did a complete experiment from start-to-finish, including designing a real-time flow apparatus with SolidWorks three-dimensional computer-aided design software, helping to build it, and treating the soil columns in the laboratory. They then spent four 24-hour days in a row collecting the data at the microtomography facility at the GSECARS station 13-BM-D, and analyzed the more than 100 gigabytes of data they collected.

Gordon and Richardson are seniors and Robins is a junior. Robins and Richardson are Baton Rouge natives and graduated from Scotlandville High School. Gordon is a native of Greensburg, La., and a graduate of St. Helena Central High School.

Argonne conducts leading-edge basic and applied scientific research in virtually every scientific discipline. Argonne researchers work closely with researchers from hundreds of companies, universities, and federal, state and municipal agencies.

Media Relations Update

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

WVLA-TV Ch. 33 covered the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day vigil on the Baton Rouge campus on Jan. 16.

Will Campbell, the head of Southern University's Louisiana Small Business Development Center, was a guest on Sunday, Jan. 22 "**Major Topics**" radio show on **Q106-FM** to promote the Jan. 28 small business workshop.

Campbell was also a guest on the Jan. 22 "**Inside the Southern University System**" radio show on **Q106 FM** to also promote the workshop.

The small business workshop was also promoted in Jan. 22 edition of **The Advocate** newspaper's business section.

SU Media Relations Director Edward Pratt was a guest on the Jan. 22 "**Major Topics**" radio show to discuss the importance of registering and voting.

Chancellor's Monthly Report

SUNO
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS



SUNO Anticipates Enrollment Growth

January 2012



SUNO anticipates 9% enrollment growth, 99% return of pre-Katrina student population for Spring 2012. Preliminary figures for the Spring 2012 semester indicate that enrollment at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will reach 3,597, a 9% increase from Spring 2011. The Spring 2012 enrollment figure represents a 99% return of SUNO's pre-Katrina student population of 3,647. The official enrollment numbers will be confirmed on February 3rd, after students' final tuition payments have been made with the University.

"We attribute this continuing success to the fact that more students are making SUNO their first choice to pursue higher education, and the hard work and dedication of our nurturing faculty and staff," said Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D., SUNO's chancellor. "Our approach of aggressively working in collaboration with a host of high schools is paying off, as increasingly more students are getting better prepared and working harder to meet the new expectations of our higher admissions standards."

Academic Affairs

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

Accreditation Progress Report:

The CBA Dean, Dr. Igwe E. Udeh and the CBA Coordinator of Accreditation Services, Dr. Frank Martin, have been compiling the Self Evaluation Report (SER) based on information and input from the four faculty-led AACSB accreditation subcommittees – MFFA (Missions, Facilities, Finance & Administration Committee); SARPD (Student Admission, Retention & Professional Development Committee); ITTM (Instructional Time & Talent Management Committee); and LGCA (Learning Goals, Curriculum, & Assessment Committee). The SER is due in April 2012, and a campus visit is expected by October 2012. Drs. Udeh and Martin were on campus throughout the 2011 Christmas holiday to collect, classify, and analyze data provided by the CBA faculty concerning their achievements in research, teaching, and service over a five-year period.

The MFFA steering committee has developed the initial outline of the 2012-2017 Strategic Action Plan which will be presented to the full MFFA Subcommittee for review and expansion. An initial review indicates that the college met all of its strategic goals for the 2006-2011 Strategic Planning period.

The ITTM and the MFFA subcommittees have collaborated in collecting faculty vitas prepared according to a

specified template to ensure consistency of information and ease of use by reviewers.

The SARPD subcommittee has provided detailed demographic data on CBA undergraduate and graduate students that should be helpful in preparing the SER reports. Effort is under way to assess the Fall 2011 performance of various student demographic groups.

The LGCA subcommittee has adopted a uniform syllabus template which was distributed to faculty for implementation. The review of Assurance of Learning data provided by faculty is in progress. The four Learning Goals adopted by the college are communication, analysis, technology, and ethics. Additionally, each degree program (ENTR, MGIS-U, MGIS-G, and PADM) is in the process of developing sub-dimensions and rubrics for assessing individual degree program learning goals.

CBA Building Electrical and data wiring for the Stock Market Trading lab as well as electrical and data wiring for the Tutorial Lab and Student Mentoring Center began on Thursday, January 25, 2011. Additional new furniture and equipment were delivered to the building. Interior and external finishing touches are ongoing at the building as of January 24, 2012. The contract for the Building was awarded to Stallings Construction Co (Mike Stallings, President) on February 4, 2010, at a cost of \$3,365,400. Ground was broken on March 24, 2010. Pradere Office Products of New Orleans, LA was selected to provide furniture for the new CBA building. The

contract was awarded on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Pradere has already taken steps to ensure that the furniture is delivered on a timely manner.

Journal Article Publication:
McNab, A.; Basoglu, K. A., Sarker, S., and Yu, Yanjun, "Evolution of Cognitive Trust in Distributed Software Development Team: A Punctuated Equilibrium Model," *International Journal on Networked Business*, (ISSN 1019-6781), 12 January 2012.

Conference Proceeding Publication:
Yanjun Yu, "Knowledge Sharing in Small and Medium Sized Chinese Global Software Development Firms: Transactive Memory Perspective," *Proceedings of IABPAD Conference, Orlando, FL, January 2-5, 2012*

Xuequn Wang and Yanjun Yu, "Moderating Effect of Individual Characteristics in Task-Technology Fit Model," *Proceedings of IABPAD Conference, Orlando, FL, January 2-5, 2012*

Conference Attendance &/or Paper Presentation/
Discussant :
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Academic Affairs

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

During the last meeting of SUNO's Collegiate Chapter of National Black MBA Association on December 7, 2011, new officers were elected for the academic year 2012-2013. The president is Nyisha Waltons, vice president is Ariel Estwick and secretary is Shirley Willis. The officers were sworn in during the meeting. The students also participated in the National Black MBA graduate chapter Christmas Social and Toys for Tots toy drive which was held on December 3, 2011 at M. Francis Art Gallery downtown New Orleans.

Dr. Louis C. Mancuso, Professor of Marketing, has launched the third edition of his pamphlet, *Self-Marketing*. This pamphlet is designed to assist students in developing their resume and interviewing techniques.

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 in January 24, 2012.

Louisiana Workforce Commission Incumbent Workers Training Program Social Service Contract:

Training activities for the Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP), which commenced on May 25, 2011, have been suspended for this quarter. Numerous phone calls and e-mails to the employer (RSI) and

the trainer (QSSI) were made during this quarter to establish a new start-up date. The IWTP has been mandated by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. SUNO-SBDMI applied and received funding for \$150,727. This funding is a foundational opportunity for SUNO to be involved in this Workforce Commission Initiative. The IWTP contract is designed to benefit business and industry by assisting existing employees' skill development and increasing employee productivity and company growth. Completion of this year long contract to do AS9100 Certification training for the employer will result in the creation of new jobs, retention of jobs that may otherwise may have been eliminated as well as increase in wages for the company's trained workers.

Office of Student Services (OSS) January 2012 Report
Ms. Timotea Bailey, Director of the Office of Student Services reported the following activities:
OSS pre-advised 6 of 7 2006 CBA Cohorts who are eligible for Spring 2012 graduation as of January 23, 2012. Additional effort is being made to locate the one remaining cohort and get him/her pre-advised.

OSS is actively supporting CBA's AACSB accreditation initiatives by compiling and providing various data on students as needed for AACSB's SER reporting.

College of Education & Family Studies:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Interim Dean
January 2012

Accreditation:

Interim Dean Louise Kaltenbaugh conducted two College of Education and Human Development Meetings.

Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh conducted a background check on new hire, Dr. Diane Bordenave.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus served as Chair on the search committee for CDFS assistant professor position, interviewing four (4) candidates for the position Jan. 4-5, 2012.

Grant Submissions:

As of December, 2011 Dr. Deborah Darby has enrolled 45 participants in the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program grant (BTOP). Southern University, specifically the College of Education & Human Development, serves a participant (provider), based on a grant through Portland State University and Goodwill Industries of New Orleans.

Dr. Darby provided initial BTOP training to available faculty and the student worker in our college. She also created a schedule for lab hours for BTOP training and has contacted persons who have expressed an interest in the program.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus is working on VITA Center funding for SUNO- College of Business and College of Education and Human Development (CoE & HD) in the amount of \$14,000 to support the promotion of financial freedom among college students and the greater New Orleans community

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones continues her work with the Board of Regents Undergraduate Enhancement Grant for Project

Academic Affairs

Males Acquiring Classroom Knowledge (M.A.C. K) Funded. 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).

Workshops, Conferences and Scholarly Activities:

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus submitted an abstract and a proposal to present on her dissertation research – Military Families - "Supporting Military Families through Research by Addressing the New Normal." for the Research Assn. of Minority Professors Conference in Houston, TX. on Feb. 2-4, 2012.

The CDFS faculty will be presenting at the Louisiana Assn. of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference "PIPED: Practicum Experiences in CDFS in Lafayette, LA on Feb. 25-26, 2012.

Professional Outreach to Students and Community: Interim Dean Louise Kaltenbaugh met with the Momentum Steering Committee to discuss response to Charter School Interview.

Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh met with Mr. Harry Haynes of Saving Kids Unlimited in order to plan for academic services (reading and mathematics tutoring) by CoE &HD teacher candidates to children in the program.

Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh met with Ms. Carol Lewis (Editor, Modern Parent Magazine) to continue discussion

regarding SUNO's CoE &HD support of the Parent Forum which is scheduled for March 3, 2012.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus attended the Mayor's Breakfast for the BSC Championship Game.

Dr. Mayo -Theus attended the New Orleans Faith Based Initiative on Crime in the City of New Orleans, LA.

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

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked with Families Affected by Incarceration about outreach efforts to discuss plans for 2012- 2013. Met with Maranda Shaw, Vision Today Productions in NO, LA. who is involved with the SUBR campus on this issue to see how CDFS/CoE & HD might become involved in this effort in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Save our Sons event in New Orleans, LA in January, 2012.

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

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Louisiana Sector of the Houston Texans Martin Luther King Program and also attended the Haiti Relief Coalition to support children and families in Haiti.

A library honoring the late Dr. Jean Pierre is being built to support children's literacy and a discussion has ensued concerning the possibility of hav-

ing CDFS/CoE &HD involved in this effort globally.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones continues her work on the 2011 Parent Power Forum Advisory Board collaboration with U. S. Department of Education and Modern Parents Magazine (Member).

Dr. Allen-Jones continues to serve as advisor to the Total Community Action Inc., Head Start Policy Council.

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

Other University-related activities:

The CoE &HD held its Fall 2011 Graduate Luncheon on December 9, 2011.

Dean Kaltenbaugh attended BoR and State Department of Education's meeting for information regarding comprehensive curriculum changes.

Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh attended the state-wide Deans' meeting (LACTE) in Baton Rouge.

Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh attended the following Meetings during the month of January: Honore' Center, EO Serve, and Faculty Development Committee meeting.

Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh attended the Pre-registration meeting and was available at the Gym during registration.

Dr. Vincent Johnson worked registration in the gym.

Dr. Johnson advised students both in the College of Educa-

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tion and Human Development and the Athletics department.

Dr. Johnson worked with Athletic Director to attain eligibility for athletics.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus discussed the ideas of training our Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS) students in owning their own businesses through the VITA Centers Initiative with SUBR Campus with Dr. Leon Simon.

Dr. Mayo-Theus discussed with Mark Ingram and Darren Sproles (New Orleans Saints) about speaking to our classes in February about the activities in the city targeting Mentoring during National Mentoring Month.

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked registration on Jan. 11-13, 2012.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones attended the College of Education and Human Development Faculty PLATO Training (December 1, 2011).

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the SUNO IRB Committee Meeting (Member, December 7, 2011).

Dr. Allen-Jones provided remarks for the COE & HD Graduation Celebration (December 9, 2011)

Dr. Allen-Jones advised over 25 students via e-mail, telephone and in-person.

All CoE & HD faculty members attended the College's Faculty Meeting on December 12, 2011.

All Faculty members attended the University Conference; the CoE & HD Faculty and their

respective departmental meetings on January 9, 2012.

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Seriousness Of Purpose



THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
TO THE
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

February 2012

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE: FEBRUARY 2012

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. Featured on TV Program, Legal Lines

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. was the featured guest on the weekly broadcast of "Legal Lines with Locke Meredith". During the program, Chancellor Pitcher fully discussed the Law Center's day and evening programs, enrollment, recent SULC national ranking in the US News and World Report, National Jurist magazine, and the Princeton Review. The Summer Abroad program was discussed as was the Marshall Brennan Program, the law clinic and its eight focus areas, recent admission to the American Association of Law Schools (AALS0; the diversity of our faculty, graduation numbers, bar passage—July 2011 highest rate in recent history and much more.

The 30-minute program airs at 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays on Cox 4.

***Professor Gail Stephenson Installed as President of Baton Rouge Bar Association,
at January Bar Luncheon***



BRBA President Gail Stephenson (right) with Judge Melvin Shortess (Ret.), who presided over the installation of officers, January 12. Past President Preston J. Castille, Jr. is standing in background

*Professor Gail Stephenson,
Director of Legal Analysis and Writing, was installed as President of the Baton Rouge*

Bar Association at the Bar Luncheon Thursday, January 12. Judge Melvin Shortess (Ret.) officiated the swearing in ceremony of the newly elected members of the BRBA Board of Directors, including Stephenson, President; Michael S. Walsh, President-elect; Darrel Papillion, Treasurer; Robert "Bubby" Burns, Jr., Secretary; and SULC Adjunct Professor Preston J. Castille, Jr., past president. The 2012 Directors at Large are Shelton Dennis Blunt, '91; Linda Law Clark; Jeanne Comeaux; Kyle Ferachi; Karli Glascock Johnson; and Amy Lambert.



Also during the luncheon, Preston J. Castille, Jr., presented one of the 2011 President's Awards to Vice Chancellor John K. Pierre, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Wittenbrink, and Kenneth Mayeaux for their service on behalf of BRBA on the CALSC Board of Directors as pro bono services were transitioned to the new pro bono legal services provider, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation.

Free Income Tax Return Preparation and More Provided During SULC's Earned Income Tax Credit Day

Free income tax returns were prepared and filed by trained tax preparers on Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Day, Saturday, January 28, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southern University Law Center.

SULC is a volunteer site for providing this free service. The returns are electronically filed and filers can receive a refund in 7 to 10 days.

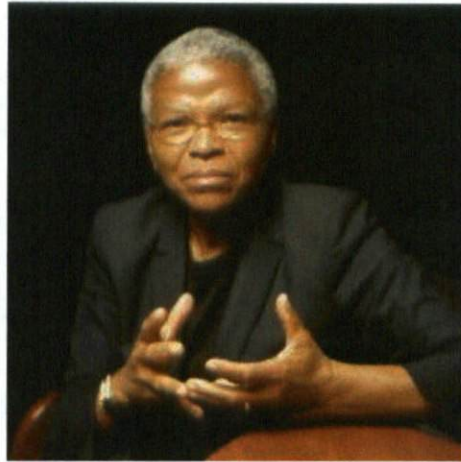
Also on EITC Day, taxpayers learned about individual development accounts that can help taxpayers use their refunds, along with matching savings programs to buy a home, complete their education, or start a small business. These services are organized by the SULC Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, the Capital Area Asset Building Coalition, a local group of non-profit organizations, financial institutions,

colleges and universities, social service agencies, and the Internal Revenue Service. All of the services are free, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Earned Income Tax Credit Day is a special day aimed at reaching a large group of people. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site at SULC will also be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m., through April 7. Interested persons may call (225) 771-3333 or (225) 771-2555.

Several other Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites will be open throughout the Greater Baton Rouge area. For information on these sites, call 211.

Former U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Opens SULC Spring Speakers Series



Professor Mary Frances Berry

Mary Frances Berry, former Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on the topic, "Making A Difference Where You Are: The Value and Challenges of Local Change Agents, as part of the 2011-2012 SULC Speakers Series.

The speech was held at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 2, in A. A. Lenoir Hall.

Berry has had a distinguished career in public service, including membership on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from 1980 to 2004, serving as chair from 1993-2004; and as Assistant Secretary of Education, in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) from 1977-1980. She has also served as Provost of the University of Maryland and Chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Professor Berry teaches History of American Law and History of Law and Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania. She also advises students in African American History.

The free lecture was open to the public.

A Debate on Values Set for February 15

A forum/debate between representatives of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) and Traditional Values will be sponsored by Professor Donald North, Johnnie Cochran Endowed Professor of Law and director of the Clinical Education Program on February 15.

The forum to be moderated by Professor North is set for noon, Wednesday, in 130, A. A. Lenoir Hall.

“It promises to be one of the most spirited discussions of issues both legal and social that affect an emerging generation,” North said.

The forum will address the questions: “Are you open minded or do you believe that there are some conservative standards worth protecting?” and “Is this a Civil Right or a war over values.”

Annual Journal of Race Gender and Poverty Symposium Set for February 23-24

The Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty will host its third annual symposium, “Registration of Juvenile Sex Offenders: A Civil Regulation or Criminal Punishment,” on Thursday-Friday, February 23-24.

The symposium, a forum for academicians, legal practitioners, community organizers, and activists to share ground-breaking legal scholarship will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, and at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, in 129 A. A. Lenoir Hall.

Featured speakers will include: Judge Kathleen S. Richey, Juvenile Court Judge Division A; the Rev. Roslyn Satchel Augustine, pastor, lawyer, writer/researcher, and international human rights advocate; Catherine Carpenter, professor of law, Southwestern Law School; Emma DeVillier, Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana Department of Justice; Meghan Harwell, staff attorney, Capital Defense Project of Southwest Louisiana; David R. Katner, professor of clinical law and Felis J. Dreyfous Teaching Fellow in Juvenile Law, Tulane University Law School; Hector Linares, professor of law, LSU Law Center; Wayne A. Logan, author and professor of law, Florida State University College of Law; Jacqueline Nash, associate professor of clinical education, SULC Juvenile Law Clinic; Nicole Pittman, attorney, Human Rights Watch; and Dr. Ted Shaw, licensed psychologist, Gainesville, Florida .

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Richard Harrison, symposium editor, rharrison@sulc.edu; (225) 678-1734.

SULC Sweeps ABA Torts & Insurance Practice Section Writing Competition



Ulmer

Scott

Levine

SULC swept the statewide ABA Torts and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Writing Competition, winning all three prizes.

The ABA asked each of the four Louisiana law schools to host a school-wide writing competition on negligence issues related to disasters. Vice Chancellors Russell Jones and John Pierre donated funds for prizes for the SULC contest. The three best papers from SULC were Artis G. Ulmer, III, 1-L, "The Infliction of Intentional Torts in Preparation for or in Response to a Natural Disaster"; Eric M. Scott, 2-L evening student, "An Overview of Professional Directors and Officers Liability in Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Planning"; and Shemarial Levine, 3-L, "Better Safe than Sorry: How to Prepare for a Natural or Man-Made Disaster."

The three best papers from each of the four Louisiana law schools were then entered into a statewide competition. The three papers submitted from SULC were selected as the statewide winners by the ABA. In addition to their cash prizes from SULC, Ulmer won \$250 for first place, Scott won \$150 for second place, and Levine won \$100 for third.

They were selected by a committee composed of SULC professors: Gail Stephenson, Chair; Bill Blais, Michele Butts, Linda Fowler, Paul Race, Tom Richard, Dena Sonbol, and Tracie Woods. The student winners were invited to attend the ABA CLE, "Disasters Caused by Negligent Acts," followed by a reception on Friday, February 3, 2012, at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, as guests of the ABA. Chancellor Freddie Pitcher and Prof. Race also attended the reception.

Ulmer's article will be published in an issue of the TIPS periodical, The Brief, and announcement of the awards will be posted on the TIPS and Thomson Reuters West websites.

State NAACP's Highest Award to Be Presented to Emanuel and Tureaud

Rachel L. Emanuel, Director of Communications and Development Support and A. P. Tureaud, Jr. were selected co-recipients of the Louisiana State Conference NAACP's Alexander P. Tureaud Black Citizenship Award. The award was presented at an annual awards ceremony on Saturday, January 28.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the award created to memorialize the work of A. P. Tureaud, Sr., the legendary Civil Rights attorney, not only in Louisiana, but also across the American South. The award, in the form of a medal, is the highest honor given by the State Conference.

*The award committee cited Emanuel and Tureaud for heralding the great career of Attorney Tureaud in their biography, *A More Noble Cause: A. P. Tureaud and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Louisiana*.*

On the Go

Vice Chancellor John Pierre has been confirmed as a member of the inaugural National Community Tax Coalition (NCTC) Board of Managers, NCTC, a division of the Center for Economic Progress, is a national network dedicated to strengthening economies, building communities, and improving lives through tax assistance and asset building activities. The board will support the work of the NCTC and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance.

Professors Michele Butts, Nadia Nedzel, and Dena Sonbol have been selected as deputy editors to assist on the 2011 International Law Year in Review, an academic journal published by the ABA Section of International Law in cooperation with SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas

Alumni News



The investiture for the Honorable Sheva M. Sims, '94, recently elected Judge of the Shreveport City Court, was held on January 27, in Shreveport City Court, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Scott Connors, '08, has been named the Sun Belt Conference's Assistant Commissioner for Compliance. In his position, Connors will oversee the league's compliance program and be responsible for all NCAA and Sun Belt Conference rules

education and interpretation. Connors was previously director of NCAA Compliance in the athletic department's compliance office at Tulane University.

Ted James, '06, is the only freshman legislator appointed to the Appropriations Committee of the Louisiana House of Representatives. James also will serve on the Judiciary and Natural Resources committees of the House. He was recently profiled in "People to Watch in 2012," published in the January issue of 225 Magazine.

Chauntis T. Jenkins, '98, a partner at the Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson Law Firm, practicing in the firm's New Orleans office, has been appointed by order of the Louisiana Supreme Court as Judge Pro Tempore of Division K-5 of Orleans Parish Civil District Court. Jenkins, whose investiture was held Wednesday, January 18, in New Orleans, fills the vacancy created due to the election of another SULC alumnus **Judge Herbert A. Cade, '76**, to Orleans Parish Traffic Court. She will serve through May 1, 2012, or until further order from the Court.

Latoya Robertson, '08, has joined Bank of America corporate legal department in Plano, Texas, as an attorney in the litigation review section. Robertson was most recently Law Clerk to Judge Don Johnson of the 19th Judicial District Court

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None

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On August 19, 2011, Drinkable Air published its First Quarter Report featuring the performance evaluation of Chameleon 60 Atmospheric Water Generator conducted by researchers at the Southern University Research and Extension Center.

Upon request from Drinkable Air Technologies for equipment evaluation, the Southern University Ag Center conducted a performance test from June to August 2011. The major goal of the company is to improve our environment with new technologies at affordable prices. Hence, the company designed and developed the Atmospheric water generator (AWG) Chameleon 60 that generates water from the humidity in the air, condenses, processes and purifies it into clean drinkable water. This environmentally friendly method of water supply has great potential to serve as an alternative method of water supply for humans as well as animals and plants, provided it is cost-

effective compared with other sources of water generators.

The system eliminates bacteria and purifies the water with an ozone process, which oxygenates the water. The potential will have high international demand particularly in developing countries with scarce drinkable water supply and during humanitarian relief situations.



Water Generator Machine at SU Ag Center

This study is limited to quality and quantity of water production and does not include mechanical and electrical issues that affect the equipment's reliability.

The objective of the study was to perform equipment performance test on the equipment with respect to quantity and quality of water produced and electric usage in terms of KWH consumed.

Performance test of Chameleon 60, AWG was carried out in Baton Rouge at the Southern University Ag Center campus. The unit was delivered by Drinkable Air Technologies (DAT) to Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) on June 6, 2011.

The equipment was placed on level concrete blocks and was connected to 220 volts electrical box and meter to measure the electric usage (KWH) for water production. Volume of water produced and KWH consumed were measured at different intervals (5 min, one hour, 12 hours and 24 hours). Daily hourly temperature and relative humidity were obtained from the Southern University weather station located approximately 300 ft away from the equipment. Water was collected in a graduated cylinder and 5 gal containers. For water quality analysis, filtered and unfiltered water samples were collected and analyzed at the Calligary Environmental Center.

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Drinkable Air

The summary results of the water quality analysis obtained from the Calligary Environmental Center focused on the performance evaluation of the Atmospheric Water Generator, Chameleon 60. The machine was rigorously tested and evaluated based on its water production capacity and electrical usage. Several additional improvements were made to the equipment during the course of the test. For the period between June and August 2011, the AWG, Chameleon 60 had the capacity to produce up to 77 gallon of water in 24 hours under Baton Rouge weather conditions.

Because of lower temperature and higher humidity at nighttime, the unit produced more water efficiently at night than daytime.

It was not possible to test the unit at lower humidity than 53%. Hence, it was recommended that the equipment be tested at lower humidity regions as well. Mathematical models that predict the water production as a function of humidity and temperature were developed. Water quality test results showed it was within the acceptable range levels. Since this way of atmospheric water harvesting has great potential for wide agricultural use, all research efforts will be made to explore other sources of energy besides electrical power to run the machine.

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The final report for the performance evaluation of Chameleon 60 Atmospheric Water Generator was generated by Yemane Ghebreyesus, Professor, plant science, Roosevelt Payne, Research Associate and Mila Berhane, Senior Research Associate on December 3, 2011.

For the full report, contact Dr. Yemane at yemane_ghebreyesus@suagcenter.com, 225-771-2242 or visit <http://www.drinkable-air.com/>

BROWN NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH

Dr. Adell Brown, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, SU Agricultural Center, has been named Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Dr. Adell Brown will replace Dr. Kirkland E. Mellad who retired from the position of Vice Chancellor for Research on December 31, 2011. Additionally, Chancellor Leodrey Williams formally appointed Brown to be the official designated person in charge in his absence.



Dr. Brown

During his initial meeting with the faculty on January 10, he informed them that his vision is for the Southern University Ag Center to become a major partner in providing innovative new discoveries to help drive the economic development in the state of Louisiana.

“Average is over, we have to outperform and increase productivity in order to survive,” Brown said.

SMALL RUMINANT ACE MEETING HELD AT SU AG CENTER

The annual small ruminant Ag Center Exchange (ACE) group met on December 15, 2011 at Efferson Hall, on LSU campus. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss small ruminant research and extension activities and to identify critical program needs for the future.

Professor Sebhatu Gebrelul, Animal Science, Associate Professor Renita Marshall, Animal Science, Professor Yemane Ghebreyessus, Urban Forestry, Lisa Gray, Research Associate, Eugene Runles, Farm Superintendent, and Linus Harleaux, Assistant Research Farm Superintendent, represented the Southern University Ag Center.

After a brief welcome and introductions by Dr. Jim Miller, Chair of the ACE group, Dr. Gebrelul reported the status of the *"Sustainable forage management practices through intensive sequential grazing system for cattle and goat production"* and discussed the goal, objectives and current activities.

Gebrelul also identified two pending projects; (1) *A systematic study of novel food pathogens, safety practices of small farmers, small processors and emerging markets for small ruminants*, AFRI/USDA and (2) *Mitigation of greenhouse (GHG) emissions in southern integrated beef-pasture system*, AFRI/USDA (Scaglia, G., LSU Ag Center, New Iberia) that the goat unit is collaborating in.

On behalf of Dr. F. Malekian, who was unable to attend the meeting due to other official engagement, Dr. Gebrelul also reported the goal, objectives and activities of the Capacity Building Grant entitled *"Nutritional content, antioxidant activity and safety of value-added goat meat products"*.

The Small Ruminant ACE agreed on the need for research to provide producers with information on improved practices to increase forage yields, species and varieties of clovers and stocking rates.

SMALL FARMER AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION HELD IN HOUSTON

The Southern University Ag Center-based Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute held its second training session at Prairie View A&M University in Houston, December 14-17. The group consisting of 31 attendees from 12 southern states came together for farm tours and classroom lectures.

The first stop was Yonder Way Farm, which began in 2006, when owners Jason and Lynsyn Kramer decided to live out their dreams of owning a farm.



Tour of the Yonder Way Farm



Their business goal is to be good stewards of the land by raising their animals free of confinement in a natural environment.

Classroom lectures included lessons such as team building, leadership, diversity, farming as a business, and creating a resource inventory.

SU AG CENTER STAFF ATTEND ANNUAL QUAD AREA EVENT

On December 15, 2011, Eual Hall, Business Development Specialist, and Wilbert Harris, Technical Support Specialist, Center for Rural and Small Business Development participated in the annual Quad Area Head Start Christmas Activity in Jackson, Louisiana. The aim of the event was Head Start children and their parents. More than 89 parents and 50 children were available for the program.

The Ag Center staff set up a booth to display information about our Center, including activities used to assist communities to improve the quality of education; small business owners in starting small businesses; promoting USDA/Rural Development programs and other rural development initiatives.



Event participants at the computer training session



The USDA, Rural Development program Director, Monica Griffin and her staff expressed appreciation for Southern University's presence and being prominently featured in the event, especially for the Mobile Computer Technology availability to event participants.

Many adults visited the mobile technology RV to see how it operates onsite, assisting with training for children, and adults, small business owners, small farmers, and other organizations. In bringing this mobile distance learning technology to the community and citizens of East Feliciana Parish, the SU Ag Center hopes to create impact by improving education and enhancing economic development.

YES Youth Celebrate the Season

Members of the Youth Educational Support (Y.E.S.) club visited the St. Helena Parish Nursing Home in December. The youth recited poems, sang Christmas Carols, and gave the residents fruits for a healthy snack. The youth also danced to the tune of "Silent Night." Angela Myles, St. Helena Parish Agent, SU Ag Center and Mrs. Addison, Health teacher at St. Helena Central Elementary supervised the event.



YES club members entertain nursing home residents



YES club members interact with nursing home residents

THE SU AG CENTER ENHANCES TRAINING OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS

The Southern University Ag Center has been sponsoring graduate research in urban forestry and agriculture for the past 10 years. Recently, two graduate students who conducted their research at the Center have graduated from SUBR and are employed at the Ag Center. They are Vanessa Ferchaud, Ph.D., Urban Forestry and Michaela Danzy, M.S., Urban Forestry, December 2011 graduates. Professor Yadong Qi served as their major advisor/professor. Qi is a joint scientist at SUBR and SU Ag Center.

Dr. Ferchaud's research yielded a dissertation entitled "Localization and identification of Flavonoids/phenolics in selected southern tree species relative to Ultraviolet -B protection."



L-r: Ferchaud, Qi and Danzy

"The research done by Dr. Vanessa has contributed new knowledge that enables us to have a better understanding of UV-B tolerance mechanism in Southern trees. Such information is useful for tree selection and forest management in forestry and urban forestry, as we continue to face the uncertainty in global climate change patterns," said Dr. Qi.

Danzy's research produced a thesis entitled "The effects of copper-carbon core-shell nanoparticles on three blue-stain fungi."

"Ms. Michaela's research has opened a brand new face of using nanotechnology to combat forest diseases," Qi said

Dr. Qi also stated that the research has explored the feasibility and effectiveness of the copper-carbon core shell nanoparticles in controlling blue stain fungi that are the major diseases causing death in southern pine.

Qi reported that the research results look very promising in sustaining the Louisiana urban forest. The USDA-NIFA awarded the funding for both projects to SU Ag Center through Project Director Yadong Qi

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SU Ag Center Experiential Learning Gardeners Celebrate Accomplishments

The MISS-LOU project held its 2011 Fall Experiential Learning Garden graduation on December 20, at the SU Ag Center. This group of dedicated youth worked hard to maintain the gardens while learning how to grow, prepare and eat healthy food. Stephanie Elwood, Extension Associate, organized the celebration of the young gardeners' accomplishments.



Student plants seeds



Students tend their crops

Bossier Parish Holds Moral Values Classes

While the call has been timely, few have attempted to define "Moral Values" or explain why it is necessary to teach them. On January 19, more than 55 inmates at the Caddo Correctional Center in the Second Chance Program attended a "Moral Values" workshop conducted by Katherine Ervin, SU Ag Center parent educator in Bossier Parish.

"Moral values, anger management and other values have been identified as key needs for the inmates because of their culture, the media and other violent acts that have influenced them. These classes will help them change their behaviors," Ervin said.



Inmates gather for classes



Through these classes, the inmates will become aware that something is wrong with their upbringing and education. The goal of these classes is to help the inmates realize that they must be responsible citizens; respect themselves and others; obey the law; have a concern for the common good and regard for truth and justice.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SU Ag Center Researcher Selected to Serve on International Board

Renita W. Marshall, Associate Professor of Animal Science at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, has been selected to serve on the editorial board for the American Journal of Animal and Veterinary Sciences (AJAV).



Dr. Marshall

Marshall requested the position of editor, and later received word of her acceptance to serve as a Contributing Editor for the AJAV board.

“It is a great honor for us to have such a distinguished researcher as you on our board of Editors”, said the publication team in the announcement letter.

The letter stated her role to include contributing material from herself or her institution, and region in the shape of research/review articles, short communications, technical comments, and editorials in each issue.

Her duties also include collecting research / review articles, evaluating and submitting them for publication. Accepted articles will be available at the Science Publications web site for unlimited data download.

Other current Board members come from diverse countries including Australia, Canada, Mexico, Norway, Slovenia, and United Arab Emirates.

Please visit <http://www.thescipub.com/editorialAJAVSsp> for further details.

SU Ag Center Parish Agent wins National Distinguished Service Award

Terrence Marshall, East Baton Rouge Extension Agent, won the National Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA).

The NACAA is a professional Extension organization, which makes Extension and agriculture stronger

by connecting peers to develop professionally. The goal of the association is to advance the professional status of Extension agents and specialists with agriculture-related Extension appointments. The organization serves to recognize professional excellence in Cooperative Extension nationwide.

<http://www.nacaa.com/>



SU Ag Center Faculty Served as National Conference Program Chair

Dr. Zhu Ning, Professor, Urban Forestry served as the National Conference Program Chair for the Society of American Foresters also, as an invited speaker in the at the International Arboriculture Summit in Hong Kong, November 2011.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

New Hire



Linda M. Batiste serves as Director of Finance, replacing Dr. Adell Brown, Jr., who now fills the posi-

tion of Vice Chancellor for Research, replacing Dr. Kirkland Mellad at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Batiste comes to us from the Baton Rouge Community College, where she served in the capacity of Assistant Professor, Accounting, responsible for planning, testing, developing, lecturing and implementing curriculum in accounting for associate degrees in business and in

accounting. She also coordinated and taught online curriculum in accounting.

Batiste is a native of Mansura in Avoyelles Parish, who holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Masters of Professional Accountancy degrees from Southern University A & M College, Baton Rouge, LA.



Lakeeshia D. Giddens, Program Director, e-Learning, Rural Mobile Training and Development Center, joined the Ag Center staff in January.

Her responsibilities include implementation and oversight of the e-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Center.

Prior to coming to the Ag Center, Giddens served in the Office of Media Relations on the Southern University-Baton Rouge campus, in the capacity of Administrative Assistant II.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13: Money Management training. Caddo Correctional Center, Bossier Parish. Katherine Ervin, 318-965-3746

Mar 1-3: 69th Annual Livestock Show. SU Ag Center Arena, Baker, Louisiana
For more information, contact Christie Monroe at 225-771-2242.

March 13: Nutrition Education Training for Extension agents, Ag Center. De'Shoyn York Friendship, 225-771-2582.

March 15 – 17: Louisiana Small Farmer Conference to be held at A. O. Williams Hall, Southern University Ag Center, Baton Rouge. The theme of this year's conference is "Building Capacity of Louisiana's Small Family Farms." For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-2242

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