

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)

Friday, January 6, 2012

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and A & M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

AGENDA

Swearing in New Board Officers for 2012

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the December 16, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - 1.) Finance and Audit Committee
 - 2.) Facilities and Property Committee
 - C. Resolutions
 - D. Approval to delegate authority to the Southern University System President to approve a plan to improve Public Higher Education in New Orleans in compliance with Legislative ACT 419
6. Informational Reports
 - A. System's Report
 - B. SUBR Recruitment update
 - C. Honore' Center update
 - D. Campus Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 16, 2011

2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and A & M College

Baton Rouge, 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 Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Student Member
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 6C: REPORT ON GOVERNANCE COMMISSION ACTIONS

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments in opposition to Item 5C were tendered by SUBR Faculty Representatives --Drs. Diola Bagayoko (Senator) and Sudhir Trivedi (President). A letter from SUBR faculty member, Alonzo Johnson opposing Item 5C, was also shared by Dr. Trivedi. The FS representatives advised the Board that the proposed Retrenchment and Reorganization Plan for SUBR had not been provided to the Faculty Senate in time to allow for adequate review and input by the faculty. The Board was asked to postpone action on the proposed plan at today's meeting and to receive input from the Faculty and other interested parties via public hearings held by the Board.

In response to an inquiry by Board Member Lawson, the Board was advised by Chancellor Llorens of the SUBR Faculty Senate President's membership on the University's Retrenchment/Reorganization Committees.

Rev. Tolbert also indicated that he solicited from the Faculty Senate President the recommendations of the SUBR faculty on the proposed Plan. The President's response was emailed to members of the Board.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, SUNO Faculty Senate President, noted that the Selective Admissions Policy mandated by the Board of Regents for Louisiana's four-year public colleges and universities is directly attributable to the current low enrollment on the SU campuses. He recommended that the Board officially oppose the continued implementation of the Policy on the Southern University Campuses.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 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 November 25, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the following Committee reports and recommendations 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 following faculty promotions at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and they are hereby approved.

- Dr. Fatemeh Malekian – Associate Professor to Professor
- Dr. Renita Marshall – Assistant to Associate Professor

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Kirkland E. Mellad as Vice Chancellor Emeritus for Research at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center, effective upon his retirement on December 31, 2011, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the SUSLA Administration's request to offer the new Certificate of Applied Science Program in Central Sterile Processing Technician be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the SU Systemwide Policy for Awarding Credit for Military Service Experience, 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 informational report on the status of Campus Priority Capital Projects, as of December 5, 2011, be and it is hereby approved.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Adell Brown, Jr. as Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research at the SU

Agricultural Research and Extension Center, effective January 3, 2012 at an annual salary of \$117,338 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, effective July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 at a pro-rated annual salary of \$113,800 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 Settlement Agreement between G.E. Capital Information Technology Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Ikon Financial Services and Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report included an informational update on the financial status of SU System entities, as of November 30, 2011. Further details are in the Committee's report.

C. 2011-2012 RETRENCHMENT AND REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR SUBR

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the 2011-2012 Retrenchment and Reorganization Plan for Southern University and A&M College be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

D. RESOLUTIONS

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

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

- Mrs. Ella Bennett Crawford
- Dr. Allen A. Copping
- Mr. Arthur Robertson
- Mr. Benjamin W. Mount
- Dr. Leonard C. Barnes

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORT

A. System's Report

President Mason made the following report for the SU System.

- The National Demonstration Project on Black Men which is the Five Fifths Agenda for America (FFAA), has received the following grants:
 - Open Society - \$100,000
 - Lumina - \$50,000
 - ETS - \$50,000Two grants are pending:
 - Kellogg - \$100,000
 - Kresge - \$75,000
- The Legislature has appropriated \$500,000 to implement the Honore' Center. To date, a Director and an administrative assistant have been hired, faculty has been identified, and the ground work for the first class in June has been laid. A test cohort will be identified during the Spring 2012 semester from the students enrolled at SUSLA, who are offered developmental courses on SUNO's campus. The holistic learning theories will be tested.
- SUSLA/SUNO partnership allows SUSLA to offer developmental courses on SUNO's campus and on-line.
- The EO Serve contract has been executed, and the ground work has started to offer on-line courses system-wide no later than the Fall.
- The 1880 Society, headed by Dr. Darnell Peterson and Mr. Collis Temple, is seeking members who will make an immediate contribution to Southern University in the amount of \$1,000 and pledge \$5,000 over the next five years for a total of

\$6,000 from each member. The Society's goal is to identify 1,000 members who will give \$1,000 and pledge \$5,000 over the next five years. Everyone pledges the same amount, only the first 30 who give will be considered the founding members. Dr. Kelly gave a check for \$1,000, and pledged \$5,000 over the next five years.

B. Campus Reports were presented orally and/or in writing. Details are on tape.

C. Governance Commission's Report

Mr. Bell provided an update on action by the Louisiana Commission that is reviling and will make a recommendation regarding the future governance of higher education in the State.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The Board's 2012 meeting schedule January-June was distributed.

The Board's appreciation was expressed to Attys. Gaines and Jefferson for their services as members of the Board. Attys. Gaines and Jefferson will be sworn in as members of the Louisiana Legislature on January 9, 2012.

Chairman Mire announced that a ceremony will be held at a later Board meeting to formally recognize these outgoing Board members.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Academic Affairs Committee
1:30 p.m.
Friday, December 16, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

Present

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chair
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly, Vice Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
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 and Tony Moore
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), James Llorens (SUBR)
Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following:

- A. Promotions at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center
 - Dr. Fatemeh Malekian – Associate Professor to Professor
 - Dr. Renita Marshall – Assistant to Associate Professor
- B. The appointment of Dr. Kirkland E. Mellad as Vice Chancellor Emeritus for Research at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center, effective upon his retirement on December 31, 2011
- C. SUSLA Administration's request to offer the new Certificate of Applied Science Program in Central Sterile Processing Technician.
- D. The Policy for Awarding Credit for Military Service Experience, SU Systemwide

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the meeting was adjourned.

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Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, December 16, 2011
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. - Chairman
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. PRIORITY CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the status of priority capital projects on the Southern University campuses, as of December 5, 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Personnel Affairs Committee
Friday, December 16, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

Present

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), James Llorens (SUBR)
Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

**A. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND VICE
CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, SUAREC**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Adell Brown, Jr. as Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research, at the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center, effective January 3, 2012, at an annual salary of \$117,338.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Athletics Committee
Friday, December 16, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Baton Rouge, 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 Sumner, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were offered by Mr. C.J. Guidry in opposition to Item 5A. Mr. Guidry extended an invitation to Committee members to appear on his local radio talk show --The Jaguar Journal -- to express their views on the issue of the day.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Bell, the seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the continuation of employment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics at SUBR, effective July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 at a prorated annual salary of \$113,800.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Finance and Audit Committee
Friday, December 16, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

Present

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of 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. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN G.E. CAPITAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INC. AND SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY – BATON ROUGE

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Settlement Agreement between G.E. Capital Information Technology Solutions, Inc. d/b/a IKON Financial Services and Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT, SU SYSTEM ENTITIES

Vice President Appleton provided an update on the financial status of the SU System budget entities, as of November 30, 2011. He noted that all entities are on track to end the concurrent fiscal year in the black; however, a mid-year reduction of \$50 million is expected in state appropriations to higher education. The SU System's share of that reduction is expected to be \$2.9 million.

In response to an inquiry from Atty. Clayton, the Committee was advised that the Retrenchment and Reorganization Plan that is being recommended for Board approval does not reflect the impending mid-year cut to SUBR; and that, additional cost reductions will have to be implemented to ensure SUBR's budget is balanced for the current fiscal year.

Atty. Forstall observed that an increase in student enrollment is the solution to the problem of the dwindling resources at SUBR. Atty. Forstall offered his financial support to assist SUBR in its student recruitment effort.

Mrs. Smith suggested that student recruitment should be a united effort among all University constituents.

Mr. Sumner concurred and suggested the coordination of a Board of Supervisors' Recruitment Campaign. Board Chairman Mire appointed Mrs. Smith to lead that effort.

Other insight provided by Committee Members suggested the need for the following initiatives by the Administration --

- Establish thresholds that will ensure that crucial University programs and services are maintained

- Make an argument to the Governor and Legislature to lessen or eliminate budget cuts and thereby give the University an opportunity to grow.
- Increase fundraising activity on the part of Senior Executives in order to enhance private and governmental financial resources to the University
- Consider establishing accountability measures for University Recruiters to justify their continuing employment in those positions.

The Administration was directed to provide the following reports to the Board --

- Monthly updates on Student Recruitment Activities
- Quarterly updates on Research and Grants Funding

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Southern University and A&M College Recruitment Update

Since our last SU Board of Supervisors meeting on December 16, 2011, SUBR has made some major changes in the Office of Recruitment and Admissions and in the Office of the Registrar. Both units are critical to the success of the University's recruitment efforts. Successful recruitment is critical to the overall success of the University in all areas and at all levels. The University's position is so strong in this regard that an administrative decision has been made to separate all responsibilities related to admissions from all responsibilities related to recruitment. Such a change frees the individual responsible for the recruitment arm to concentrate solely and exclusively on recruitment efforts only. Accordingly, effective January 3, 2012, SUBR has appointed a new Director of Recruitment, Ms. Michelle Hill. The University has also appointed an individual to serve as both Registrar and Director of Admissions, Mr. Arthur Gillis. This dual position represents two areas that are directly related. The individual who has been appointed to this position served in the same dual position for eight years at his last institution of employment. In addition, he also served for 13 years as consultant to higher education institutions in the area of communication information technology. So, he is thoroughly familiar with fulfilling the responsibilities associated with this dual appointment. Again, because it was critical that we fill these positions as quickly as possible, the effective date of appointment is January 3, 2012.

The Office of the Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor has already completed a comprehensive recruitment plan. The development of this plan was data driven, evidenced based and outcome oriented. The new Director of Recruitment and the new Registrar and Director of Admissions are charged to implement every aspect of the plan and involve every sector of the University and the Southern University Alumni.

SUBR's Recruitment Plan includes the following:

- Top ten feeder schools by parish
- Top twenty-five schools (Fall 2010)
- Ten-year trend for top states
- Projected first-time freshmen (FTF) for Fall 2012 based on new admission criteria
- Challenge: To identify, recruit, admit, enroll 500 more FTF than were admitted in Fall 2011 to reach target of 1000 new FTF for Fall 2012
- Other sources for increased enrollment:
 - △ Graduate School
 - △ Summer School
 - △ Transfer Students

- △ Intense retention strategies
- △ Pre-college students (Dual enrollment)

SUBR has taken the first two major steps – (1) hiring new key recruitment personnel, and (2) developing a workable recruitment plan. The newly appointed leaders of this effort must now aggressively and effectively work the plan utilizing everyone – Board, administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Timelines for achieving certain goals and objectives and the identification of individuals/units to provide leadership for achieving these goals/objectives are now being established. Future updates will be provided regarding activities and strategies implemented, number of participants and outcomes of strategies/activities implemented.

All of the University's recruitment efforts will be significantly enhanced by the full implementation of BANNER, improved University website and all other technological improvements to be completed by early spring.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Seriousness Of Purpose



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

January 2012

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE: JANUARY 2012

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. Hails July 2011 Bar Passage... Highest Rate in Recent History

"My heartiest congratulations are extended to May 2011 graduates. They obtained a bar passage rate of 69.88 on the latest State Bar Examinations," said Chancellor Pitcher. This rate is the highest earned in recent history by SULC graduates.

The passage rate of all SULC graduates taking the July exam was 62.20 percent and the passage rate of those graduates taking the exam for the first time was 66.29 percent, according to the Louisiana Supreme Court's Committee on Bar Admission.

These statistics place SULC well within compliance with the American bar Association (ABA) Standard 301 on Bar Passage. This standard requires the Law Center's bar passage rate to be within 15 percent of the state's average. The passage rate for all those tested in Louisiana was 71.73 percent and the first-time passage rate was 74.75 percent.

The Law Center's compliance with the ABA standard has consistently improved, according to Chancellor Pitcher.

"This improvement can be directly related to the Law Center's Supplemental Bar Review program," he said.

While SULC is incredibly proud of its graduates, he continued, the institution is preparing its current students for the recently implemented change to the method by which the Louisiana bar examination will be graded.

This change to the bar exam will make admission to the practice of law more difficult. Law Center administrators and faculty have met with all of its graduating seniors to discuss their preparations for the upcoming exams. "The faculty and administrators are committed to the continued enhancement of the SULC bar passage rate," Chancellor Pitcher stated.

SULC Recognized as Tops in Preparing Students for Public Service

SULC has been ranked among the top 15 law schools in preparing students for public service, according to preLaw Magazine and National Jurist Magazine.

The magazines are recognizing 61 law schools in five different categories: government, prosecutor/public defender, state judicial clerks, federal clerks, and public interest. SULC ranks in government and state judicial clerks.

Rankings are determined by looking at employment data, curricula and standard of living for three of the categories. Standard of living is a calculation that includes debt, loan forgiveness options, salary and regional cost of living. For state and federal judicial clerkships, the magazines relied solely on employment placement data.

The complete lists will be published in the January issue of National Jurist and the Winter issue of preLaw magazine.

SULC 2012 Hooding Ceremony Set for January 13

Fall 2011 graduates of the Southern University Law Center will be recognized in a Hooding Ceremony at 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2012, in 129-130 A. A. Lenoir Hall. This special Hooding Ceremony does not take the place of Commencement. All graduates will continue to have their degrees conferred at Spring Commencement. The 26 candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree are:

*Dorian Bailey
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Jeremy Ryan Gathe
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Adrienne Danielle Rachel
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Matthew B. Billodeaux
Opelousas, Louisiana*

*Natoria Denise Hubbard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Wendy Ramnarine
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Casandra M. Boyd
Hammond, Louisiana*

*Lisha Charlene Landry
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Clinton Bradley Schexnayder
Houma, Louisiana*

*Jake. D. Buford
Shreveport, Louisiana*

*Christopher Brandon Lear III
Lacombe, Louisiana*

*Terrence Jamal Senegal
Rayne, Louisiana*

*James Anthony Caruso, Jr.
Lafayette, Louisiana*

*Amanda LeeChelle Liotto
Prairieville, Louisiana*

*Brady Skinner, III
New Orleans, Louisiana*

*Benny D. Council
Slidell, Louisiana*

*Terry L. McGlothen
Opelousas, Louisiana*

*Sholone A. Williams
Austin, Texas*

*Lori Melinda Crawford
Atlanta, Georgia*

*Lekiesha James McKarry
Geismar, Louisiana*

*David Wilson, IV
Winter Haven, Florida*

*Sabrina Marie Effron
Marrero, Louisiana*

*Saxon Jubrill McKnight
Kingstree, South Carolina*

*Lana Marie Woods
Covington, Louisiana*

*Nathan Folse, Jr.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Ejenenorb NChor Okom
New Orleans, Louisiana*

Grant Awarded to Fund Bankruptcy Clinic

The Southern University Law Center has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Pro Bono Committee of the American College of Bankruptcy and the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation to fund a Bankruptcy Clinic in the Clinical Education Program.

The award will be used to purchase bankruptcy filing software and laptop computers for the clinic.

Office of Career Counseling

OCI/Off Campus Referrals

Employer registration has begun for our spring 2012 On Campus Recruitment/Resume collect program. To date, the following employers have registered for the program:

*Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson
Entergy Service, Inc.
Irwin Fritchie
Taylor Porter
Terry Butcher & Associates*

*February 22
March 8
February 28
February 23
March 6*

Office of Academic Support Programs and Academic Counseling

Academic Enhancement Program

During the fall, progressive exam writing exercises were provided in contracts, torts and criminal law. These exercises allowed students opportunities to apply and develop their exam writing and study skills. On the average each student completed four (4) hypotheticals.

Academic Assistance Seminars

Academic Assistance sessions in these subject areas were held for students in November: basic civil procedure, contracts, criminal law, and torts. These weekly sessions included one-on-one tutorials and small group conferences. The assessment sessions included exam taking techniques; study skills; time management, legal analysis, case briefing; issue, rule, analysis, conclusion (IRAC) workshops; and legal concept reviews.

On the Go



Profs. Domengeaux and Stephenson

*Southern University Law Center was well represented at the Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 2, 2011. Among those who presented were John Marshall School of Law **Professor Brandy Owens Domengeaux, '05**, and **SULC Professors Herbert Brown, '08**, and **Gail Stephenson**. Professor Michael Oeser, who taught at SULC from 2007-2008 and now teaches at John Marshall, also presented.*

Work of Student Author Published

An article by second-year student Adam Creppelle has been published in *Facing South*, the online magazine of the Institute for Southern Studies. The institute was founded in 1970 by veterans of the Civil Rights movement and has established a national reputation as an essential resource for grassroots activists, community leaders, scholars, policy makers, and others working to bring lasting social and economic change to the region. The article, "Louisiana's Houma Indians Fight for Federal Recognition," can be accessed at <http://www.southernstudies.org/2011/11/louisianas-houma-indians-fight-for-federal-recognition.html>

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None

Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

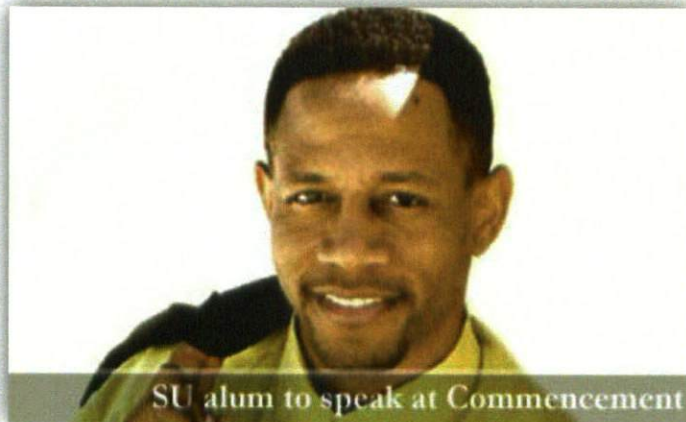
Chancellor's Report

James J. Llorens, SUBR



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Southern University Graduate and Vice President of IBM Serves as Commencement Speaker



The SUBR Fall 2011 Commencement Exercises featured one of its native sons as the Commencement Speaker. Derrick V. Warren, a Vice President and Senior Global Program Executive at IBM, returned to his Alma Mater to share his experiences and to otherwise encourage and advise the class of fall 2011 regarding the

challenges that lie ahead. Derrick Warren is a wonderful role model for our students and he is an excellent example of what an individual can achieve with preparation, determination, dedication, enthusiasm and resolve.

A native Louisianian and a proud graduate of SUBR's Department of Computer Science, our speaker took advantage of every opportunity that the University provided to maximize his growth and development while on campus. From class president to being a member of the famed SU Marching Band to serving as Student Government Association President, to graduating from Southern University with

honors, Derrick Warren continues to make us all proud, as he currently serves as an IBM Executive who has traveled and worked at home and abroad.

He was enthusiastically received by the graduates, their families and friends, members of the community and the entire SUBR Family.

Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV) Submits Application for Scotlandville Community Garden Park

Southern University continues to expand its relationship with the community, especially with the immediate Scotlandville community. Its latest project is related to an application that was submitted to Pepsi for \$50,000 to support a Community Garden Park in Scotlandville. The effort is being led on campus by the Center for Social Research. This is a competition where the winners will be determined by which proposed project receives the most votes from the public sector.



The Center for Social Research is to be commended for the consistent level of involvement that the Center demonstrates with the citizens of Scotlandville.

SUBR Students Gear Up for Summer Internships

J. P. Morgan Chase and Company has already sent out at least four exciting opportunities for summer internship opportunities. The four areas are:

- Operations Summer Internship Development Program
- Technology Summer Internship Development Program
- Corporate Summer Internship Development Program
- Finance Summer Internship Development Program

The deadline for the above internship applications is January 15, 2012. This information has been disseminated campus-wide. There will certainly be many other internship opportunities for SUBR students throughout the academic year and for the summer months.

SUBR's School of Nursing Receives Board of Regents Approval to Implement New Program

The Board of Regents (BOR) recently lifted its two-year moratorium on creating new degree programs. In its meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, the Regents approved three new doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) programs at Southern University, LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and a joint degree offering with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Southeastern Louisiana University.

In an article written by Jordan Blum of *The Advocate*, Blum indicated that Regents Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs Karen Denby said that the DNP degree represents a new national trend in jobs that take nursing research and develop the data into new practices within the industry. "It's more focused on translating academic research to practical care," Dr. Denby said.

Blum's article goes on to say that the Southern degree will be a hybrid of on-line and in-class learning/instruction, while the UL-Lafayette and Southeastern degree will have an on-line focus and the LSU version will be mostly classroom and clinical work.

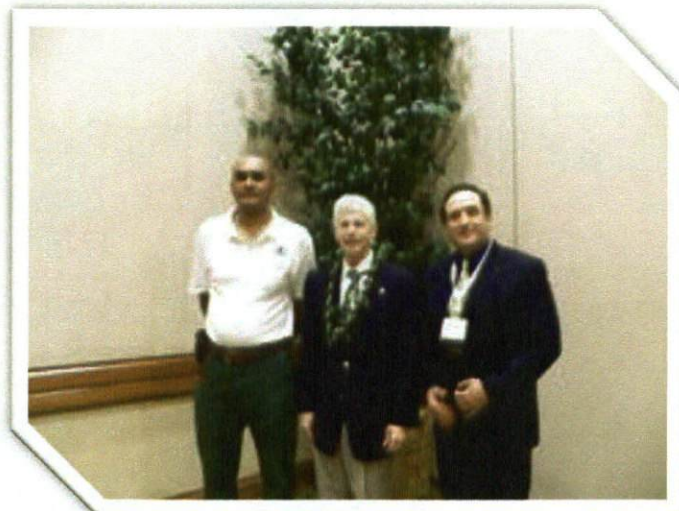
According to Commissioner Purcell, while these three DNP programs might appear to be duplicative, the health-care industry has heavy workforce demands that justify the approval of the three programs.

Commendations are extended to the School of Nursing for this latest accomplishment, as it continues to be a premier program serving the needs of the state and nation.

SUBR Signs Agreement With USDA Forest Services

Southern University and its Urban Forestry Program have signed an agreement with the United States USDA Forest Service to enhance urban forestry education on the Baton Rouge campus. The statement below was first heard on NBC TV WVLA 33.

The agreement was signed by USDA Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, during the National Forestry Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii in November.



Tidwell praised Southern's Urban Forestry Program for its 20 years of contribution to the nation and the workforce, saying the program is a model for the nation.

"This program at Southern is an excellent example of how we're being able to reach out and attract some different people to get engaged and involved in forestry in all aspects of forestry...and I look forward with us being able to move forward with this kind of rejuvenation of a longstanding partnership with Southern University," said Tidwell.

The agreement states that the USDA will assist Southern in attracting undergraduate and graduate students in forestry and related natural resource science fields, provide students with employment opportunities, tuition assistance, paid internships and books. Students will also receive job placement assistance after earning their Masters or doctoral degrees.

SUBR Physics Professor Received Major Honor

Southern University professor James Matthews has been named a fellow by the American Physical Society, one of the world's largest organizations of physicists.

Matthews holds a joint appointment as a professor of physics at Southern and at Louisiana State University.

Matthews earned a BS in physics from the University of Michigan and a PhD in physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 2010, Matthews was elected co-spokesperson for the Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray Observatory in the Mendoza Province in Argentina. The Observatory is studying ultra-high energy cosmic rays, the most energetic and rarest particles in the universe.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

December 2011

Chancellor's Report

Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D.

SUNO
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY at NEW ORLEANS

Chancellor's Report

SUNO's reaffirmation for accreditation made official

As you know, SUNO was officially informed that its accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) at the SACSCOC annual meeting held in Orlando, Florida. The meeting was held from December 3rd to December 6th. This confirms SUNO's compliance with SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation*.

This finding demonstrates SUNO's commitment to academic excellence and providing students with a high-quality education. SUNO and the entire Southern University System community are ecstatic about this accomplishment! Satisfying all requirements for reaffirmation during a grueling three-year process, which includes the preparation of numerous reports covering every aspect of our operation and an on-site review by a team of reviewers appointed by SACSCOC, represents a testament to the perseverance and teamwork of our students, faculty, staff and administrators, many of whom are new to SUNO as of the past six years.

As I recall assessing the devastation of our campus caused by Hurricane Katrina six years ago, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that our institution would attain reaffirmation meeting all standards in light of the devastation, even though I knew that we were up to the challenge. Our stakeholders are overwhelmed with joy in celebrating this moment in SUNO's history.

In addition to the compliance certification report, which demonstrated how SUNO met the core requirements, comprehensive standards, and Federal requirements of SACSCOC, you also recall that the University was required to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan. Still in motion, our *E-Focused!* plan outlines a long-term course of action for institutional improvement with special attention to student learning. SUNO's plan calls for an improvement in the technology available for online teaching and ensuring that students and faculty are competent in the use of technology applicable to online classes. This explains the laptop and iPad loaner programs we have done for our students in addition to technological additions to the campus such as expanded wireless



Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D. (center) at the SACSCOC conference in Orlando, Florida with (l. to r.) Dr. David Adegboye (Academic Affairs), Mrs. Gloria B. Moultrie (Community Outreach/University Advancement), Ms. Ada Kwanbunpumpen, and Atty. Wesley Bishop (Academic Affairs).





SUNO Coronation audience was learning that the well-spoken young lady learned the language by teaching herself one English word per day while in high school.

"It was pretty difficult," she recalls with a chuckle. "There are so many words in English that look a certain way but are pronounced another way; and there are others that are pronounced a certain way but don't look anything like the way they're pronounced."

So motivated and focused was Idania, that she had a plan for excelling on the four-year college level. She exercised the option to first attend Delgado Community College to allow her more time to perfect her English. She successfully completed the English as a Second Language program at Delgado, then moved on. Her success in learning English propelled her to land a position as a Spanish translator and outreach worker.

In the spring of 2010, Idania joined the Southern University at New Orleans family where she immediately became active on campus. Her involvement on campus includes Students for the Prevention and Education of Substance Abuse (SPESA) where she currently serves as vice president after serving as Miss SPESA in 2010-2011. Idania is also a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council where she currently serves as vice president as well as the Communication Club and the Psi Chi Honor Society. Miss SUNO is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Zeta Theta Chapter.

In May 2012, the Psychology minor will receive her undergraduate degree. Immediately after graduation she plans to pursue her Master of Social Work. Idania's plans also include receiving a doctorate degree and becoming the owner and operator of her own rehabilitation center for newly released detoxification patients.

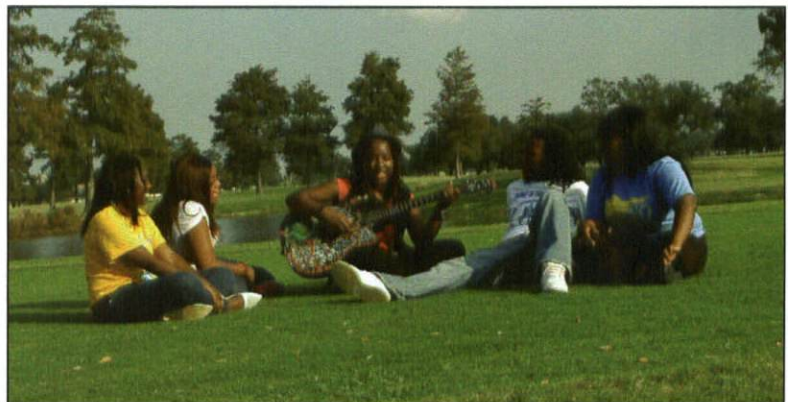


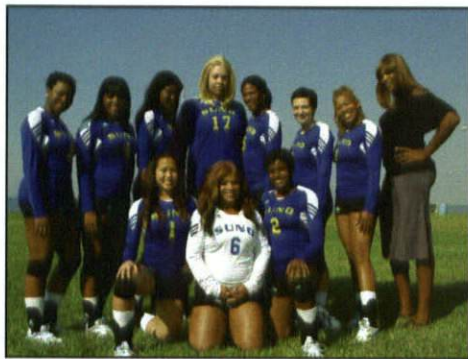
Miss SUNO 2011-2012 inspires University community

Idania Suazo is a beloved student. The senior Substance Abuse Counseling major's calm demeanor and charming Honduran dialect have become her signature, but she gained a new set of fans upon the reading of her biography at the 2011 Homecoming Coronation. That night, the SUNO family learned that Idania's popularity is no accident.

A native of Tegucigalpa, Idania is the daughter of Mr. Natividad and Mrs. Josefina Suazo. It was at the age of fifteen that she moved to the United States where she began her American secondary education at Warren Easton High School. There was a minor problem, however. With Spanish being her native language, Idania knew very little English. What "wowed" the

Idania Suazo (left) participates in a photo shoot with (l. to r.) Candace Harris, Blessing Tangban, Darrell Tobias, and China Emilien for SUNO's marketing campaign. Photo by Eddie Francis.





The 2011 SUNO Lady Knights volleyball team consists of (standing l. to r.) Shenei Allen (jr.), Gabrielle Carter (so.), Arrienne Gray (sr.), Sabrina Scott (fr.), Zipporah Washington (so.), Stephanie Buhl (fr.), Trenice Smith (so.), Coach Naomi Washington, (kneeling) Jennie Pham (fr.), Shametria Gonzales (so.), and Christal Kay Hollins (fr.). Photo by Eddie Francis.

Lady Knights finish best season yet

SUNO's volleyball team capped a 20-11 season, which included three milestones. It was the Lady Knights' first 20-win season, Coach Naomi Washington reached 30 wins in her young head coaching career, and SUNO defeated two NCAA opponents along the way. Although the team did not win the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) Tournament, they overcame a third seed to reach the finals while defeating their biggest rival, second-seeded Dillard, in the semi-final round.

The season began with a disappointing loss to New Orleans (UNO), but the Lady Knights quickly rebounded. During an eight-game winning streak, SUNO defeated their first NCAA opponent, Alcorn State in The Castle, and later defeated the Lady Braves on their home court. Later in the season, the Lady Knights would play their best game and avenge their earlier loss to UNO on *their* home court.

The Lady Knights had two All-GCAC selections in freshman outside hitter Christal Kay Hollins and sophomore outside hitter Zipporah Washington, the sister of Coach Washington. Hollins and Washington would later earn spots on the GCAC All-Tournament team, as

well. One of the unsung heroes on the team was Sabrina Scott, a 6'4" middle blocker who dominated the GCAC Tournament. The team only had one senior, so Coach Washington expects to have a strong foundation on which she can build a championship squad for 2012.

More from SUNO Athletics

Coach Elston King is in search of career win number 200 this season. As the 2011-2012 basketball season got underway, Coach King's career wins stood at 196-140. As of "press time" Coach King earned two wins, so he needs two more to reach the magic number. It is likely that he will reach his 200th win on the road in January.

Monicah Jempkemboi, a junior on the University's cross country and track and field teams, once again earned All-GCAC Cross Country honors and qualified for the NAIA national championship. Jempkemboi, who was selected GCAC Runner of the Week twice, is a native of Kapsabet, Kenya.

SPESA presents "house warming" gifts to Crescent House for Christmas

Students for the Education and Prevention of Substance Abuse (SPESA) donated items to the Crescent House Healing & Empowerment Center on December 9th on SUNO's campus. The donation is part of the organization's Adopt-a-Knight program. Crescent House, a shelter for victims of sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence, will be moving into a new facility; so members of SPESA voted to help the shelter through the donation of everyday items such as cookware, blankets, eating utensils, etc. Representatives of Crescent House were on hand to receive the donations.

The day also served a bittersweet purpose, as SPESA donated a check to the family of Michael Barrilleaux, who lost his battle with cancer earlier in the semester. Barrilleaux, who earned his undergraduate degrees in Substance Abuse Counseling and Psychology from SUNO in 2010, started the Adopt-a-Knight program. His mother and

Robert Fazekas, the president of SPESA, along with Deanne Bowman (middle), program director of Crescent House Healing & Empowerment Center. Also pictured are (left) Ebony Baker and (right) Dianne Hookfin, also of Crescent House. Photo by Eddie Francis.



A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

New television ad introduced

In preparation for the spring, SUNO introduced a new television commercial. The ad features students Ariel Estwick and Torrence Thompson, both providing testimonials about the advantage of a Southern University at New Orleans education. The spot was conceived, cast, directed, voiced with the editing process managed by SUNO Public Relations. Cox Media produced the advertisement. To view the commercial, log on to www.youtube.com/sunoknights.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Tue, 1/3

**SUNO at Tougaloo, 5 pm (DH)

Sat., 1/7

**SUNO at Dillard, 5 pm (DH)

Mon., 1/9

University Professional Conference,
9 am

University Gymnasium

Tue., 1/10

Orientation & Registration for
New Freshmen, 8 am
University Gymnasium

**SUNO at Xavier, 5 pm (DH)
New Orleans, La.

Wed., 1/11

Registration for Returning Students,
8 am

University Gymnasium

Fri., 1/13

**SUNO vs. Philander Smith, 12 pm
(DH)
Dillard



Anner Arce, senior forward for the Knights, rises for a shot versus Concordia College-Selma as junior guard Clyde Moore (#10) and freshman guard Kevin Dukes (#21) look on. Conference play begins for the Knights and Lady Knights on Tuesday, January 3rd in Mississippi against Tougaloo. The first "home" game will be in the Dillard Tournament on Friday, January 13th versus Philander Smith. Photo by Eddie Francis.

Sat., 1/14

**SUNO vs. Edward Waters, 1 pm (DH)
Dillard

Mon., 1/16

**SUNO vs. Fisk, 12 pm (DH)
Dillard

Tue., 1/17

FIRST DAY OF CLASS

Sat., 1/21

**SUNO at Philander Smith,
6 pm (DH)
Little Rock, Ark.

Mon., 1/23

**SUNO at Fisk, 5:30 pm (DH)
Nashville, Tenn.

Wed., 1/25

SUNO at Spring Hill, 7 pm (WBB)
Mobile, Ala.

Tue., 1/31

**SUNO vs. Dillard, 5:30 pm (DH)
The Castle

* Exhibition Game

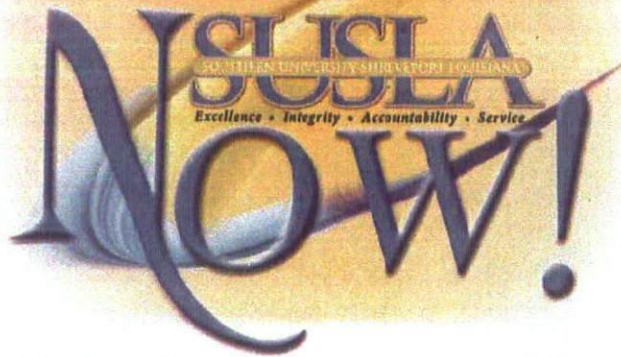
** Conference Game

DH = Doubleheader

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS**



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor



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2011 Fall Commencement

Southern University at Shreveport held its 2011 Fall Commencement on Saturday, December 10th in the Health and Physical Education Complex (Gymnasium). One-hundred eighty eight (188) students received associate degrees and/or certificates. Special guest speaker was Mrs. Jacquie Hood Martin, owner of J. Hood & Associates, a boutique firm that offers professional, personal and educational coaching and training.



Jacquie Hood Martin
2011 Commencement Speaker

During her tenure with the City Colleges of Chicago, Mrs. Hood Martin was named Cambridge Who's Who Education Professional of the Year 2010-2011. Hood Martin holds two Master's degrees and is a 2012 Doctoral degree candidate. She resides in Washington D.C. with her husband, Senior Political Analyst, CNN Roland Martin.

The Commencement Ceremony for the Fall 2011 Commencement was filled with excitement, especially with the dynamic address by Minister Jacquie Hood Martin, Executive and Christian Life Coach, author, and trainer.

Jacquie Hood Martin challenged the graduates to define themselves and move from this point to accomplish all their goals. She said "This is your defining moment - 12-10-11, December 10, 2011." Graduates were listening intently as she motivated them to reach for the highest goals and use this moment as a stepping stone to the future.

Chancellor Ray Belton presented a plaque of gratitude to Mrs. Martin.

After the ceremony, Martin spent time visiting with graduates and Upward Bound students during a book signing event.



Chancellor Belton and SUS Board Member, The Honorable Samuel C. Tolbert presented Mrs. Martin with plaque of appreciation.

Quick Snapshot of Commencement Activities

Dr. Orella R. Brazile, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chancellor Belton presented the associate degree in Accounting to Timothy Dyas, Fall 2011 Student Marshall.



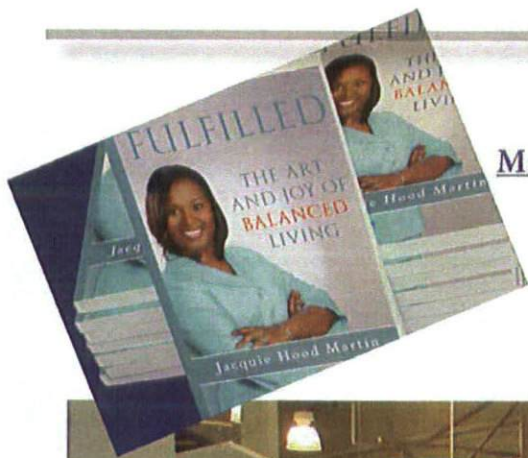
(Pictured l to r): SU System Representatives - Mr. Ernie Hughes, Executive Director-SU System Foundation, Mr. Walter Tillman, Executive Assistant to the System Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Sharon F. Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Former Caddo Parish Schools Superintendent, Ollie Tyler and Benjamin Pugh, Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration.



Fall 2011 Graduates



Faculty, family members and community supporters during commencement activities



Martin's Book Signing



Faculty, staff and students lined up to get an autographed copy of Jacquie Hood Martin's book.

School of Nursing New Initiatives

It was a phenomenal year for the School of Nursing. A Certified Nursing Assistant Program was initiated in summer 2011, with 42 students successfully completing the program along with their Certifying Exam (100% pass rate). SUSLA also received approval from the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to develop a Licensed Practical Nursing program. A site visit is expected in early spring, with plans to admit a maiden cohort during the summer term.

The Registered Nursing program graduated a record number in fall 2011. A total of 70 students successfully completed the program, making them eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Exam-RN (NCLEX-RN). Last year's 52 graduates achieved a 95.54% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN, while 2010 graduates achieved a 100% pass rate. Program graduates have consistently scored in the 90th percentile on the exam since program inception.

With the acquisition of the Allen Building, the School of Nursing will be able to double enrollment in the Registered Nursing Program. A twice per year admission cycle will also be initiated.



Dr. Sandra Tucker
Dean of School of Nursing

Nursing and Law Schools Due to Open in Fall 2013

Southern University-Shreveport's School of Nursing and Louisiana College's Judge Paul Pressler School of Law will be three blocks from each other and within walking distance of other downtown revitalization efforts such as Shreveport Common.

The educational component of downtown's gentrification means there will be more businesses, cultural events and energy than there have been in recent years. "There will be a lot more people on the street," said Liz Swaine, executive director of Shreveport's Downtown Development Authority. "When these schools open, there will be people looking for places to eat and to shop. It just energizes downtown."

More space, more nurses. After about 2½ years, the SUSLA nursing school will expand and move into a building adjacent to the school's Metro Center campus. The Allen Building, at McNeil Street and Texas Avenue, was purchased by the Louisiana Board of Regents and Willis-Knighton Health System for \$387,000. SUSLA received \$3 million to renovate it.

So far, the renovations have been slow since the school has to go through state procedures to hire an architect. The SUSLA project is on the agenda of the architect selection committee's next meeting. Once hired, a contractor likely will be selected in much the same manner, said Theron Jackson, assistant to SUSLA Chancellor Ray Belton.

The building will house 100 to 150 students in several nursing programs. Those include two new ones — certified nursing assistant, which started this summer, and licensed practical nursing, which is set to start in summer 2012.

With more space and additional programs, there will be more students than there has ever been, nursing school dean Sandra Tucker said. SUSLA's nursing school began in 2005 with 70 students. Now, 300 students apply each year for 70 spots.

"We're expanding the number of students in each program, and that's exciting," Tucker said.

SUSLA Students Designed Mars Rover NASA



Derrick Henderson and Chris Nugent are enrolled in the SUSLA Aerospace Technology program. They worked together as part of NASA's Aerospace Scholars program to create a robotic space-rover that could possibly go to Mars. Chris Nugent said, "We actually completed our prototype rover, and it did two tests runs and it performed pretty well." Henderson said he's proud of what's they've accomplished with such a leading force in scientific research. "It's NASA. It's somewhat intimidating, but if you apply your mind, you can definitely get it accomplished," said Henderson.

If you want to apply to the National Community Scholars Aerospace Program, visit this link: <http://ncas.aerospacescholars.org/home>

Crowning Ceremony of Miss SUSLA

Jonshonique Lashountenea Taylor, a native of Mansfield, was crowned Miss Southern University at Shreveport during a coronation ceremony Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 pm in the Physical Education Complex. Her theme was "A Fairytale Night With the Queen".

During this enchanting evening glamour, beauty and royalty were revealed. Presentation echoed with dancing, great music, vocal entertainment, and of course the reveal of Miss Southern University at Shreveport.

Visiting royalty from the Baton Rouge and SUNO campuses also participated in the homecoming week of activities.

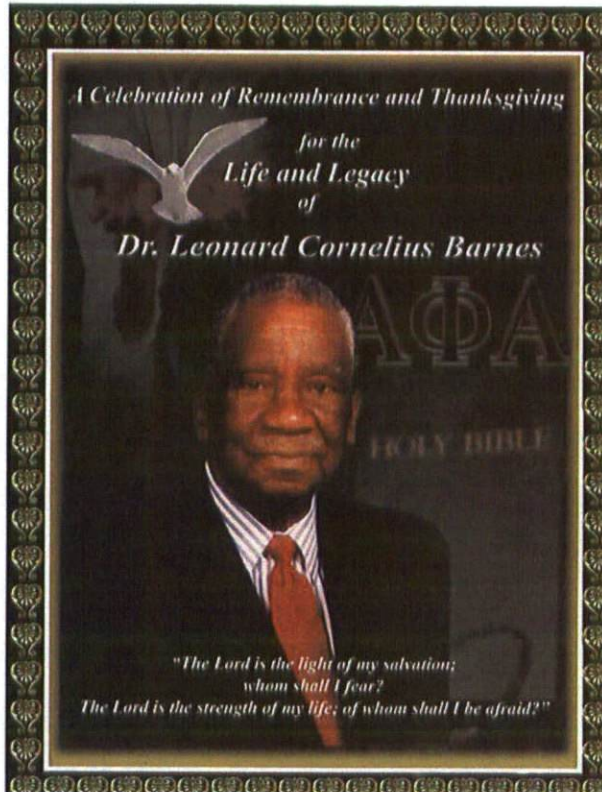


Dr. Belton with Miss SUSLA during presentation ceremony.

2011 SUSLA and SUNO Royalty



Miss SUBR and Miss SUSLA with Royal Courts.



Former Chancellor, Education Giant Passes

He was 89 years old. Dr. Barnes had the distinction of being the longest serving Chancellor in SUSLA history, serving from 1970-1987.

Leonard Barnes had an amazing life, filled with the kind of personal and professional achievements that make legends: As an athletic coach for Booker T. Washington High School, Dr. Barnes stressed that academics always came first, and that "extracurricular activities, including football, were secondary." This attitude earned him a reputation as "the coach who didn't play when it came to grades."

As a community advocate, Dr. Barnes helped develop and implement the plan to desegregate Caddo Parish Schools, in an effort to help "balance the scales" of education in Shreveport and surrounding areas.

As an education cheerleader, Dr. Barnes also served on the Board of Directors of Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges.

Though these accomplishments were impressive, none were as impressive to others as the love and respect Leonard had for his wife of over 60 years, Doretha.

While many in the African American community are

saddened by his passing, remembrances of Dr. Barnes are nothing short of appreciation for his character and generosity of spirit.

Local businessman and community advocate Craig Lee had this to say about the legacy Leonard Barnes leaves behind: "[He was] one of my real good partners. I was enamored by his wisdom, and I appreciated his intellect, and his great personality." "And, most importantly," Mr. Lee continued, "He LOVED his wife."

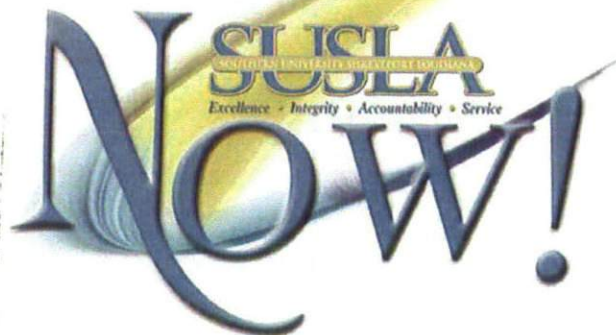
Dr. Barnes' Family Hour was held December 2, at Antioch Baptist Church in Shreveport and his funeral service December 3, 2011 at Galliee Baptist Church in Shreveport. Southern University at Shreveport main campus hosted the repast in the Leonard C. Barnes Administration located 3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

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L-R: Chancellor Williams, VC Eubanks, VC Brown, VC Mellad, Bridget Udoh, and Randy Mellad—seated



L-R: Son Randy, Mellad, Mrs. Celia Mellad, and Maria, granddaughter.

Dr. Kirkland E. Mellad began his professional career in 1974 as an Assistant Professor of Animal Science in the College of Agriculture at Southern University. He received his B.S. degree in Animal Science in 1970 from Tuskegee University, the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Dairy Science, specializing in reproductive physiology, from The Ohio State University in 1972 and 1974 respectively.

Mellad rose to the ranks of Associate Professor in 1978 and full professor in 1981. Over the years, he has ascended to numerous administrative positions to include Chairman, Department of Animal Science; Associate Research Director, Associate Dean, Division of Agricultural Sciences; Dean and Research Director, College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences. In 2003, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center appointed him the Vice Chancellor for Research.

He has been an ardent supporter of the Annual Livestock Show. His contributions in this regard range from dairy superintendent to membership on the advisory council.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Mellad has received several awards and recognitions. He has published extensively in leading professional journals and he has distinguished himself as a leader in several professional organizations such as the 1890 Association of Research Directors and the American Society of Animal Science. He is an active member of various professional societies including the American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Animal Science and the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

Dr. Mellad has a distinguished record of accomplishment in animal science research with special emphasis on bovine reproductive physiology.

Mellad has published extensively in leading scientific journals. During his tenure at Southern University, he has received several million dollars in grants from private and governmental agencies.

As Vice Chancellor for Research, he administered an annual research portfolio that has grown from \$1.7 million in FY 2003 to more than \$4 million in FY 2011. As an administrator for research, Dr. Mellad spent an inordinate amount of his time on enhancing the research infrastructure of the Ag Center while creating opportunities for enhanced student and faculty development.

He is married to his wife Celia and they are the proud parents of two sons, Randy and Jason and the proud grandparents of granddaughter, Maria.

Dr. Mellad celebrated his retirement on Dec. 8 and retires effective December 31, 2011.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AG CENTER SPOTLIGHTED IN NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

The Southern University Ag Center was spotlighted in the December issue of the *Organic Insider* Newsletter, published by USDA National Organic Program (NOP). The spotlight followed a September visit to Louisiana by Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator of USDA's National Organic Program (NOP). During his visit, Dr. C. Reuben Walker, program leader, animal science, gave McEvoy a guided tour of the SU Ag Center. Walker serves as one of 15 National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) members, and succeeds Professor Owusu Bandele who served on the board from 2000-2005. The federal statutory board advises the Secretary of Agriculture on Organic policy. The Board meets twice a month to address organic agriculture issues.



Dr. Reuben Walker

The National Organic Board's *Organic Insider* newsletter mentioned SU Ag Center on page 1 and spotlighted it on page 11 of the December issue. The spotlight focuses on the Center's organic and sustainable agriculture production activities. The *Organic Insider* has a wide readership of approximately 3,500 internationally.

The full article is available online at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5090466>.

SU AG CENTER SELECTED TO SERVE ON BEEF TASK FORCE

The National Center for Foreign Animal Disease Defense (FAZD) Center recognized the need for healthy cattle on all levels of production, thus it formed a beef task force earlier in 2011. The group dubbed "Beef Species Specific Education Resource Team (SSERT)" consists of industry researchers and professionals. Their goal is to present advice to keep diseases out of herds across the country.

The final step in the process was to have producers and animal professionals evaluate the publica-

tions for content and clarity. On November 27, 2011, the SU Ag Center held an evaluation meeting for producers and professionals for publications that will be distributed throughout the U.S.

Members of the beef SSERT include: Renita Marshall, DVM, Lisa Gray, research associate, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center; Ondieki Gekara', Ph.D., University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Cooperative Extension Program; and Tyrone Miller, Ph.D., Tennessee

State University Cooperative Extension Program.

Marshall and Gray were mentioned in the Livestock News section of the November 2011 issue of *Agri-View*, in connection with herd health and beef biosecurity practices. The article is entitled "Herd health hinges on beef biosecurity practices."

The full story is available online at: <http://www.agriview.com/news/livestock/>

SU AG CENTER STAFF ATTEND MEETING OF THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION

The American Evaluation Association (AEA) held its 2011 Annual Conference November 1-5, 2011 in Anaheim, California. The AEA is the parent association of all evaluation associations in North America. The conference targeted evaluation professional all over the world which include private practitioners, and evaluation personnel from industries, non-profit organizations, governments, educators, advocacy groups, international NGOs, etc. The theme of the 2011 conference was "Values and Valuing". This year's conference was really crucial given the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA) is making it mandatory for actual evaluation plans and reports to be included in progress reports beginning FY 2011. This way, USDA/NIFA is seeking to ensure that resources utilized for research, extension, and teaching have value-adding impacts and can consistently be measured. Pre-conference workshops were

held for two days and conducted by experienced professionals and practitioners including personnel from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Center for Disease Control (CDC), published academicians, and mega evaluation corporations such as Westat and Battelle.

According to the AEA statistics, "With 2719 registrants for Evaluation 2011, our attendance was up just over 7% from 2010. International registration was up even more. With 383 delegates coming from around the world, the international attendance increased 37% over last year to represent 14% of the total. There were 2336 registrants from the United States, and 133 from Canada, with 16 other countries having five or more delegates present. It was exciting to meet new colleagues from near and far and to see efforts in international outreach coming to fruition."

Bridget Udoh, communications specialist and Oscar Udoh, coordinator for planning and evaluation, SU Ag Center, attended and participated at the conference in Anaheim. Numerous sessions were held relating to evaluation and measuring outcomes/impacts. Several sessions also dealt with issues such as the value of evaluation input for strategic planning in extension, evaluation capacity-building, valuing extension impacts in community well-being, cultural competence in evaluation, measuring student achievement: issues and implications for education evaluation, etc. Other presenters shared their knowledge on best practices on subjects relating to international evaluation, impact reporting, networking for effective performance measurement, management in the midst of dwindling resources, diversity and building to ensure evaluation cultural competence using AEA Guiding Principles, etc.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ST. HELENA PARISH YOUTH ATTEND CHALLENGE CAMP

Angela Myles, area youth agent for St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes, accompanied youth from St. Helena Parish to the 4-H Challenge Camp held at Tickfaw State Park in Springfield, LA on November 15-17, 2011. The Camp is one of the most valuable experiences a young person can have. It is an opportunity for them to learn team-building, decision-making, communication, and conflict resolution skills through practical application in the great outdoors. Youth practiced living together as a group, getting along with others and appreciating people with different interests and backgrounds.



Mya Gordon, JaMya Watson, Daranae Griffin, Kaledra Self, Brianna Jacque, Kyvan Trout, Stanley Hughes, Tyah Gordon and Trevian Tanner

Of the 65 campers, nine came from St. Helena Parish. They learned how to work as a team, communicate better with their peers, make decisions and enhance interpersonal relationship skills.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3, 2012: Second Chance Class, East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Please contact Tiffany Franklin for further detail at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

January 10, 2012: Second Chance Class, East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Please contact Tiffany Franklin for further detail at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

January 17, 2012: Second Chance Class, East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Please contact Tiffany Franklin for further detail at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

January 18 - 22, 2012: Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute, Southern University Ag Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-2242

January 24, 2012: Second Chance Class, East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Please contact Tiffany Franklin for further detail at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

January 31, 2012: Second Chance Class, East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Please contact Tiffany Franklin for further detail at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

February 4, 2012: Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Baton Rouge, LA. For further detail, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-2242