

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Bayou Classic Committee)

Friday, September 21, 2012

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the August 24, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
 - 2.) Athletics Committee
 - 3.) Facilities and Property Committee
 - 4.) Finance and Audit Committee
 - 5.) Personnel Affairs Committee
 - 6.) Bayou Classic Committee
 - C. Resolutions
 - D. Re-assignment of administrative oversight responsibilities for the Bayou Classic from the Southern University System to Southern University – Baton Rouge
6. Informational Items
 - A. System President's Report
 - B. Campus Chancellors' Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, August 24, 2012
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 Rev. Mallery Callahan.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Warren A. Forstall

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were tendered by members of the SUBR Faculty Senate and other Faculty Members in opposition to Item 6B: System President's Report-Transformation Assessment Process.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACITON ITEMS

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Atty. Dinvaut, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried. Atty. Dinvaut and Mr. Hendricks voted nay.

Item 5A: Minutes of the June 29, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the June 29, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Item 5B: Committee Reports and Recommendations

1.) Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the revised proposal for the B.S./M.S. in Mathematics/Physics Degree program at SUBR, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that SUSLA's request to change 1.) the Certificate of Technical Studies in Web Development to the Certificate of Applied Science; and 2.) the Certificate in Computer Information Systems to the Certificate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that SUSLA's request to formally suspend the Faculty Load Policy, as reflected in the Academic Policies and Procedure Manual and in the Faculty Handbook, for one Academic Year (Fall 2012 and Spring 2013) be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that candidates for degrees at the 2012 Summer Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Baton Rouge be and they are hereby ratified.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that termination of the following Academic programs at Southern University – Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

- M.A. Degree in Mass Communications
- Ph.D. Degree in Special Education

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Braxton, in the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to table consideration of the President's recommendation of Dr. Esmail's termination until the September Board meeting in order for Attorneys Woods and Washington to deliberate further on this matter.

2.) Athletics Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletic Committee, that the Continuation of Employment/Contracts for the following Head Coaches at SUBR, as named below, be and they are hereby approved.

- Mr. Roger Cador, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year; an annual base salary of \$125,000, plus additional remunerations as described in the agreement.
- Mr. Roman P. Banks, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year; an annual base salary of \$115,000, plus additional remunerations as described in the agreement.
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- Ms. Karen Couvillion, Head Bowling Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 20, 2014, at an annual salary of \$42,000, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.
- Ms. Nancy Marshall, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at an annual salary of \$49,000, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.
- Mr. John Knighten, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at an annual salary of \$44,400, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the repurposing of the Student Athletic Track Fee at SUBR, effective for the 2012-2013 Academic year, as the Student Athletic Facility Fee and to continue to be collected and purposed for general athletic facility construction renovation, particularly those required for compliance with NCAA General Equity and Title IX Compliance, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the FY 2012-2013 Athletics Budgets for SUSLA and SUBR be and they are hereby approved.

SU-Shreveport	\$ 431,144
SU-Baton Rouge	\$8,099,075

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the SUBR Comprehensive Intercollegiate Ticket, Parking, Tailgating, and Related Activities Policy be and it is hereby approved.

3.) Facilities and Property Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Facilities Master Plan for Southern University – Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Southern University – Baton Rouge, in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, thereby meeting the eligibility requirements for the potential receipt of Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds, be and it is hereby approved.

4.) Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the fee increases for vehicle registration and parking violations on the SUBR Campus be and they are hereby approved.

<u>Fee</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Student Vehicle Registration	\$ 25	\$ 45
Faculty Vehicle Registration	\$ 25	\$ 45
Unregistered Vehicle	\$ 30	\$ 30
Handicapped Ticket	\$150	\$200
Wrong Zone Ticket	\$ 30	\$ 30
Fire Lane Ticket	\$ 30	\$ 30
Boot Fee	\$ 50	\$ 50

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request from Southern University – Shreveport to increase parking fees from \$10 per academic school year to \$30 per academic school year be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the repurposing of the Student Athletic Track Fee at SUBR, effective for the 2012-2013 Academic Year as the Student Athletic Facility Fee and to continue to be collected and purposed for general athletic facility construction renovation, particularly those required for compliance with NCAA Gender Equity and Title IX Compliance be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that Summer 2012 Tuition Discounts/Fee Waivers for SUBR Employees and/or Dependents in the amount of \$4,796.50 be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that 2012-2013 Budgets BA-7 #1 and BA-7 #2 be and they are hereby approved.

SU and A&M College	\$75,562,567
SUNO	\$ 19,271,224
SUSLA	\$ 12,431,982
SULC	\$ 12,915,444
SUAREC	\$ 8,038,132
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BA-7 #1 reflecting the Southern University System's share of a Legislative mandated Office of Group Benefits Reduction in the amount of \$680,273

BA-7 #2 to increase SUSLA's spending authority as a result of a 10% tuition increase allowed for meeting the LA GRAD Act performance criteria.

Special Meals and Miscellaneous Travel Budgets for FY 2012-2013

Board of Supervisors	\$40,000.00
Chancellors	
SUNO	\$30,000.00
SUSLA	<u>\$45,000.00</u>
Total	\$115,000.00

Unrestricted Fund-Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers	\$2,838,074
Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers – Direct Charges Budget	\$ 247,436
Human Resources Shared Services	\$1,110, 694

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Beverage Agreement by and between the Southern University Board of Supervisors and Coca Cola Bottling Company – United Gulf Coasts, LLC be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that Chancellor Leodrey Williams be and he is hereby authorized to spend \$350,000 from the Pari-Mutuel Restricted Account Number 901106 to cover the SU Ag Center's shortfall that will result from the reduction in State appropriations for FY 2012-2013.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that Chancellor James Llorens be and he is hereby authorized to enter an extension of the current Cox Communication Contract on a month-to-month basis until the completion of the request for proposal process for evaluation and selection of a provider for a new contract.

5.) Governance Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the following Policy Statement regarding the employment of former SU Board Members be and it is hereby approved.

No former member of the Board of Supervisors, including the student representative, shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission, contract with, be considered for employment in any capacity by, or be appointed to any position by the Board. This prohibition shall apply to all campuses, programs, budget units, or other entities that fall under the jurisdiction or supervision of the Board of Supervisors.

There shall be an exception to this policy for the student representative for positions that are exclusively limited to currently enrolled students within the Southern University System. These positions shall include student work-study, graduate assistantships, student internships, teaching assistantships, clinical residences or other positions directly related to a student 's financial aid or program of study.

The Board's Office shall provide a copy of this policy to an appointed (or elected) member of the Board of Supervisors prior to him taking his oath of office.

Authority: La.Rev.Stat.42:1121

6.) Personnel Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, on the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that continuation of employment/contracts for Head Coaches at SUBR, named below, be and they are hereby approved.

- Mr. Roger Cador, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year, at an annual base salary of \$125,000, plus additional remunerations as described in the agreement.
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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the required search for the System Vice President for Human Resources be waived and the President's appointment of Mr. Lester Pourciau to the position, effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 at an annual salary of \$98,000 be and it is hereby ratified.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Atty. Michael Garrard as Visiting Professor at the Southern University Law Center, effective August 20, 2012 to May 10, 2013. At a salary of \$100,000 for the period be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mrs. Smith,

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- Mrs. Ethel Mae Gaines-Moore
- Dr. Byron Belvitt
- Mr. Mitchell Iheanacho
- Mr. Freddie Langley, Sr.
- Mrs. Olivia Bethley
- Ms. Sandra R. Dixon

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Bayou Classic Update
No discussion.
- b. System President's Report Transformation Assessment Process

President Mason defended his actions towards centralization of major campus functions and the holding of Town Hall meetings across the state. He advised that his actions were in response to the serious financial straits where the options to address are either raising funds or reducing expenditures. He also declared his support for Campus autonomy.

Several members expressed their opposition to the President's plans towards centralization and the Town Hall meetings.

Atty. Dinvaut observed the absence of funds for recruitment, and the absence of goals and performance measures in documents submitted to the Board. She advised that other issues will not matter if sufficient resources are not allocated to increase enrollment.

Speaking in support of the President's plan, Mr. Hendricks advised the Board to look closely at the data which clearly supports the need for action to address University's current financial plight.

c. SUS Small Business Development Initiative Strategic Plan (DRAFT)

Mr. Will Campbell, Director of the SU Small Business Development Program at SUBR, reported on the University's latest initiative, through its campus programs, that will provide a comprehensive menu of services to Louisiana's entrepreneurial communities.

d. SUS Trademark and Licensing Website

Board Members were advised of the upcoming Trademark and Licensing Website that will enhance the University's fundraising efforts.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Mire requested the purchase and installation of a new microphone system and e-readers in time for the September 2012 Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Academic Affairs Committee

9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 24, 2012

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, Dr. Eamon Kelly.

The invocation was given by Rev. Mallery Callahan.

PRESENT

Dr. Eamon Kelly, Chairman
Mrs. Ann Smith, Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Marc Guichard
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Atty. Patrick Magee
Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

The Chairman and members of the Board welcomed Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor, Jay Dardenne, to the meeting. Mr. Dardenne expressed his pleasure at being afforded an opportunity to attend the meeting. He encouraged all in attendance to join in activities celebrating Louisiana's Bicentennial this year.

Mr. Dardenne attended the Board meeting at the invitation of Board Member Tolbert.

AMENDMENT:

Deleted -- Item 5A: Tenure and Promotion Recommendations, SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were received from members of the SUBR and SUNO faculty and others in opposition to the following items:

5C: Termination of selected Academic Programs, SUBR

5G: President's recommendation regarding Dr. Ashraf Esmail's Grievance, SUNO

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A: Tenure and Promotion Recommendations, SUBR
Deleted.

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee recommends Board approval of the items listed below.

Motion carried unanimously.

B: Revised Proposal for the B.S./M.S. in Mathematics /Physics Degree Program at SUBR

C: SUSLA's request to change 1.) the Certificate of Technical Studies in Web Development to a Certificate of Applied Science; and 2) the Certificate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems

E: SUSLA's request to formally suspend the Faculty Load Policy, as reflected in the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual and in the Faculty Handbook, for one academic year (Fall 2012 and Spring 2012)

F: Ratification of Candidates for Degrees at the 2012 Summer Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Baton Rouge.

C: Termination of Selected Academic Programs, SUBR

Chancellor Llorens requested to table his recommendation to terminate the School of Architecture in order to allow for further discussion on the matter.

Board Member Lawson urged the Chancellor to obtain faculty input in whatever decision is made regarding the School of Architecture.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee recommends to the Board, the termination of the following Academic Programs at Southern University – Baton Rouge.

- o -M.A. Degree in Mass Communications
- Ph.D Degree in Special Education

Motion carried unanimously.

G: President's Recommendation regarding Dr. Ashraf Esmail's Grievance, SUNO

Atty. Tracie Washington, Counsel for Dr. Ashraf Esmail, requested the Board to defer action on the President's recommendation. She reported that the Administration failed to conduct a full and thorough investigation of Dr. Esmail's case; and, SACS had registered opposition to the University's action in regards to this matter. Dr. Esmail also urged the Board to direct a further investigation into his grievance before acting on the President's recommendation.

Responding, Chancellor Ukpolo advised that the Administration's recommendation regarding Dr. Esmail's employment at SUNO resulted from SACS' Recommendation and Review, where eleven SUNO faculty members' credentials were found to be unacceptable.

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Braxton, to table this item until the September Board meeting in order that Attorneys Woods and Washington can deliberate further on this matter.

Atty. Woods is to tender a report on their deliberations to the Committee at the September meeting.

Motion carried . Mr. Hendricks and Mrs. Smith voted nay.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS UPDATE, SUBR

During his report, Chancellor Llorens identified a number of strategies that were implemented by SUBR to meet its Fall 2012 enrollment goal of 6,700 students.

Board member Patrick Bell reported on his recent donation to provide needed financial assistance for SU Students.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Personnel Affairs Committee
Friday, August 24, 2012
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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 Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Mr. Marc Guichard
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire

ABSENT

None

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Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

AMENDMENTS:

Deleted:

Item 5B: Continuation of Interim Appointments, SUBR

- 1.) Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost
- 2.) Associate Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of Honors College, SUBR

Item 5E: Revision of System Organizational Chart to replace Vice President for Institutional Advancement with at Vice President for external Affairs (Executive Session may be required)

Item 5F: Appointment of Vice President for External Affairs, SUS (Executive Session may be required)

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were tendered by Officers by the SUBR and SUNO Faculty Senate and a member of the SUBR Faculty in opposition to Item 5C. Ratification of Appointment of the Vice President for Human Resources at the System level; and, the issue of the centralization of Human Resources, Finance, Informational Technology and Enrollment Management areas.

Several members spoke in support of the centralization issue and others spoke in opposition. At the request of Atty. Clayton, the Chancellors stated they had no opposition to centralizing Human Resources, but opposed centralization of the other key areas.

Atty. Clayton requested the Board Chairman to hold a Board Mini-Retreat to receive input from the Chancellors and Faculty on the issue of centralization.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

5A. Continuation of Employment/Contracts for Head Coaches, SUBR

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Atty. Dinvaut, the Committee recommends Board approval of the Continuation of Employment/Contracts for Head Coaches, SUBR as listed below:

- Mr. Roger Cador, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year, and an annual base salary of \$125,000, plus additional remunerations as described in the agreement.
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- Mr. John Knighten, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at an annual salary of \$44,400, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.

Item 5b. Continuation of Interim Appointments, SUBR

- 1.) *Executive Vice Chancellor/ Provost*
- 2.) *Associate Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of Honors College*

Deleted.

Item 5c. Ratification of Appointment of the Vice President for Human Resources, SUS

Noting the absence of the required search, the Committee questioned the Administration's process used in the appointment of a person to fill the System Vice President for Human Resources' position.

Attorney Winston DeCuir, Jr. advised that the Board could waive the search requirement and act on the recommendation from the President.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee recommends to the Board to waive the required search and ratify the President's appointment of Mr. Lester Pourciau as System Vice President for Human Resources, effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, at an annual salary of \$98,000.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 8 yeas: Forstall, P. Bell, Braxton, Dinvaut, Hendricks, Kelly, Smith, and Mire; 2 nays: Clayton and Guichard; 0 abstentions

Item 5d. Appointment of Visiting Professors, SULC

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Attorney Dinvaut, the Committee recommends Board approval of the appointment of Attorney Michael Garrard as Visiting Professor at the Southern University Law Center, effective August 20, 2012 to May 10, 2013, at a salary of \$100,000 for the period.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Finance and Audit Committee
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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

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Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
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Mr. Marc A. Guichard
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

None

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BOARD COUNSELS

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS:

Add Item 5e(a) 2012-2013 Special Meals Budgets

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were offered in regards

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Fee Increases

- 1.) Vehicle Registration and Parking Violations, SUBR
- 2.) Parking, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the increase in vehicle registration and parking violation fees for Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective

<u>Fee</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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Boot Fee	\$50	\$50

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from SUSLA to increase parking fees from \$10 per academic school year.

Motion carried.

B. Repurposing of the Student Athletic Track Fee, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the repurposing of the Student Athletic Track Fee at SUBR, effective for the 2012-2013 Academic Year the student Athletic Facility Fee and continue to be collected and purposed for general athletic facility construction renovation, particularly those required for compliance with NCAA General Equity and Title IX Compliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5C: Athletic Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Summer 2012 Tuition Discounts/Fee Waiver for SUBR Employees and/or Dependents in the amount of \$4,796.50.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5E: FY 2012-2013 Operating Budgets

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the 2012-2013 Operating Budgets, BA-7# 1 and BA-7 #2.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chancellors	
SUNO	\$30,000.00
SUSLA	\$45,000.00
TOTAL	\$115,000.00

Item 5F: Coca Cola Beverages Contract, SUBR

Item 5G: Use of Pari-Mutuel Funds, SUAREC

Item 5H: Amendment to Cox Cable Service Agreement, SUBR

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

- The Beverage Agreement by and between the SU Board of Supervisors and Coca Cola Bottling Company – United Gulf Coast, LLC
- Authorization to Chancellor Leodrey Williams to spend \$350,000.00 from the Pari-Mutuel Restricted Account # 901106 to cover the SU Ag Center's shortfall that will result from the reduction in state appropriations for fiscal year 2012-2013.
- Authorization to Chancellor James Llorens to enter an extension of the current Cox Communication Contract on a month-to-month basis until the completion of the request for proposal process for evaluation and selection of a provider for a new contract.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Financial Status Report, as of June 30, 0212
- B. Report on SU Audit Findings, Systemwide

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the reports.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Facilities and Property Committee

Friday, August 24, 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, Chairman
Mr. Willie Hendricks, Vice Chairman
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
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 and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA),
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Facilities Master Plan, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Facilities Master Plan for Southern University – Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution approving 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, SUBR

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the SUBR 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution, in accordance with the Federal Disaster Act of 2000, thereby meeting the eligibility requirements for the potential receipt of Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Priority Projects Update

During his report, Mr. Endas Vincent, Director of Facilities Planning, provided a status of the priority projects listed below:

SUBR

- F.G. Clark Activity Center Parking Lot
- Dormitory Demolition
- University Place

SUNO

- University Center

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Athletics Committee

Friday, August 24, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
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
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
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.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA),
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following:

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Continuation of Employment/Contracts for Head Coaches, SUBR

- Mr. Roger Cador, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year, and an annual base salary of \$125,000, plus additional remunerations as described in the agreement.
- Mr. Roman P. Banks, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year, and an annual base salary of \$115,000, plus additional remunerations as described in the agreement.
- Ms. LaSandra Pugh, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, with an option to extend the agreement by one additional year, an annual base salary of \$100,800, plus vehicle stipend of \$5,000 to address gender equity and, additional remunerations, as described in the agreement.
- Mr. Jeff Conyers, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 at an annual salary of \$44,000, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.
- Ms. Nancy Marshall, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at an annual salary of \$49,000, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.
- Mr. John Knighten, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at an annual salary of \$44,400, which includes a gender equity salary adjustment of \$2,800.

B. Repurposing of the Student Athletic Track Fee, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the repurposing of the Student Athletic Track Fee at SUBR, effective for the 2012-2013 Academic Year as the Student Athletic Facility Fee which will continue to be collected and purposed for general Athletic Facility construction renovation, particularly those required for compliance with NCAA Gender Equity and Title IX Compliance.

C. FY 2012-2013 Athletics Budgets for SUSLA and SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the FY 2012-2013 Athletics Budgets for SU Shreveport and SU Baton Rouge.

- o SU Shreveport \$ 431,144
- o SU Baton Rouge \$8,099.075

D. Comprehensive Intercollegiate Athletics Tickets, Parking, Tailgating, and Related Activities Policy, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Dinvault, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Comprehensive Intercollegiate Athletics Ticket, Parking, Tailgating and Related Activities Policy for SUBR, with the following changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

-Incorporate language to reflect -

- Political candidates will be permitted to purchase tailgating space;
- Tailgating will be allowed following the games;
- Portable generators will **not** be allowed in permit parking areas, except for medical reasons.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Dr. William Broussard, SUBR Director of Athletics, provided an update on activities currently being implemented the Administration to enhance the Intercollegiate program financially. He specifically referenced a partnership that has been forged between the University and "Go Jags" Gear for the sale of SUBR paraphernalia.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Responding to an inquiry from Board Member Clayton, Dr. Broussard advised that he would comply should the Board direct him to assume administrative oversight responsibility for the Bayou Classic.

Atty. Dumas called the Committee's attention to action taken by the Board at its January 2011 meeting that placed all responsibilities for athletics fundraising and activities at the campus level. He advised that the Board's Bylaws were not being followed relative to the Bayou Classic.

Atty. Clayton and Rev. Tolbert requested the Board Chairman to hold a joint meeting of the Athletics and Bayou Classic in September to recommend the assignment of the Bayou Classic to the Southern University –Baton Rouge.

Board Chairman Mire agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Governance Committee

Friday, August 24, 2012
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Chairman
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
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 Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA),
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSELS

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed Policy Statement regarding the Employment of Former SU Board Members

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the policy governing the employment of Board Members following service on the Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: P. Bell, Hendricks, Braxton, Kelly, Magee, Tolbert and Mire; 1 nay: Dumas

Policy:

No former member of the Board of Supervisors, including the student representative, shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission, contract with, be considered for employment in any capacity by, or be appointed to any position by the Board. This prohibition shall apply to all campuses, programs, budget units, or other entities that fall under the jurisdiction or supervision of the Board of Supervisors.

There shall be an exception to this policy for the student representative for positions that are exclusively limited to currently enrolled students within the Southern University System. These positions shall include student work-study, graduate assistantships, student internships, teaching assistantships, clinical residences or other positions directly related to a student's financial aid or program of study.

The Board Office shall provide a copy of this policy to an appointed (or elected) member of the Board of Supervisors prior to him taking his oath of office.

Authority:

La.Rev.Stat.42:1121

Prior to the above action, the Committee members noted specific language in the policy that is not included in the State Ethics Rules. The Committee was advised that new language can be added by the Board to address issues on which Ethics Rules are silent.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

Chancellor's Report



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

College of Education Earns NCATE's "Nationally Recognized" Status

Southern University's College of Education has received notice from the National Council for Teacher Education that its Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership has earned the "Nationally Recognized" designation, the highest ranking that NCATE awards programs in its jurisdiction.



NCATE is a non-profit, non-governmental alliance that accredits 632 colleges of education across the country. The "Nationally Recognized" designation is based upon NCATE's evaluation of the program's performance over the last three-year period.

All seven standards set by NCATE were met without conditions. This is rare, since some may have required clarification even at a nationally recognized level. The report cited strong evidence of candidate knowledge of content, pedagogical and professional knowledge, and capacity to affect student learning.

The report concluded that the university effectively uses assessment results to guide the improvement of the program.

Dr. Roy L. Jacobs, the late chair of the department, is credited with being a pivotal player in the success of the findings. Jacobs died earlier this summer.

Dr. VerJanis A. Peoples, dean of the College of Education, said, "Dr. Jacobs' vision, commitment, and consistent action lead to this signal accomplishment. Dr. Jacobs routinely told me that we were going to achieve this standard. His focus never moved from the goal he set for himself, his faculty, and his students. It is this commitment which will continue to give Southern the capacity to be the leader in educational accomplishments in Louisiana."

SUBR Now Offers Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Southern University's new Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree was recently approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents. The degree program is effective immediately on the Baton Rouge campus.

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree program is housed in the College of Education and will enable students to develop competencies across a range of disciplines as selected by the students as they prepare for various career tracks.

The degree provides a high-quality, comprehensive liberal education that meets the diverse needs of current and future SUBR students. The program is designed to maximize college credit through a cross-disciplinary focus and enable students to combine their previous academic and work experiences in two or three distinct disciplines.

Such rigorous integration of knowledge from two or more disciplines allows for faster degree completion than a traditional major requiring many additional hours in one specific field.

The program embraces the opportunity for students to design a course of study that meets their personal and academic objectives and furthers their professional growth.

There are five academic concentrations from which a student may select to declare a pathway to a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies: Community and Health Services, Arts Management and Technology, Applied Science and Technology, Global Leadership and International Studies, and Individualized Concentration.

For each pathway candidates must complete 43 hours of general education requirements, five hours of program requirements, 57 hours of pre-set concentrations.

The program consists of a total of 120 credit hours.

Dozens sign up at SUBR Voter Registration Drive

Dozens of Southern University students took advantage of a student-sponsored voter registration drive on Wednesday and registered for the fall elections.



The voter registration effort was held in the courtyard of the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union. Students lined the area to receive the registration documents.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sponsored the event. It was one of several activities that have been part of Welcome Week 2012 on the Baton Rouge campus.

SU Students Perform Clean-up in Scotlandville Area

Miss Southern University Erin Rogers and Student Government Association President Willie McCorkle recently led dozens of SU students in a clean-up effort in the Scotlandville community.

Rogers helped rake grass and pick up trash along Scenic Highway and Godchaux Street. McCorkle, a self-proclaimed "city boy," was on a riding lawnmower cutting and raking grass, also at a lot on Godchaux.

Students representing Greek-lettered organizations and athletics also helped with cleanup activities at Scotlandville High and Ryan Elementary.

The student groups that participated in the cleanup effort included:

Jag University Ambassadors (coordinators)
The Office of Student Orientation/Outreach & Leadership
Development (S.O.L.D.)- coordinated event with the Mayor's Love Your Block initiative
First year students class of 2016
Student Government Association
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Omega Psi Phi
Phi Beta Sigma
SU Football Team
Delta Sigma Theta
SU Marching Band
Residential Life Assistants
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

The effort was part of a partnership with the Mayor Kip Holden's "Love Your Block" initiative. The community service event was one of several activities of SU's Welcome Week.

SUBR Student Health 101 September Newsletter Now Available

The SUBR Baranco-Hill Student Health Center is the proud publisher of the SU Health 101 on-line monthly. The September issue is now available at <http://readsh101.com/subr.html>

This month the topics are:

Eat Well on Campus

Can campus food taste good and be good for you?

Find out how.

Budgeting for the Year Ahead

Tips for budgeting, saving and spending – and still having fun.

Room to Study

Creating space to concentrate and study more effectively . . . no matter where you're living.

Preventing Violence in Your Community

How students work to prevent violence – and what you can do to help.

UCookbook: Healthy Fruit and Veggie Smoothie

Fitness: The Benefits of Yoga

This health newsletter is just one more service that is provided to the SUBR Community by the University's Student Health Center.

Calling All Student Ambassadors!

The Office of Student Orientation Outreach and Leadership Development is looking for a "few good students" who are interested in becoming "Vice Ambassadors." These students must enjoy performing various community service activities; serving as leaders for all freshman orientation activities; working especially with "Welcome Week" activities; engaging in leadership development activities; and, recruiting high school students through Jag Track.

Interested students should e-mail their 2012 Fall schedules to the Office of Student Orientation Outreach and Leadership Development at su@subr.edu.

The SUBR Student Ambassadors have been active on the Baton Rouge campus for several years. During the orientation period for incoming freshmen and during the registration period for all students, the assistance of the Student Ambassadors has been invaluable. Students who benefit from the services of these individuals seem to truly relate to and appreciate the work of this very special group of students.

SUBR Student Among Five Individuals and organizations to be Honored at LCHE Fund Raising Gala

On September 8, 2012, the Louisiana Center for Health Equity (LCHE) honored three individuals and two organizations for their support and contributions in furthering the mission of LCHE. That mission is to address the increasing disparities in health care across Louisiana. The organization also represents the interest of health equity by promoting the elimination of health disparities caused by poverty, lack of access to quality health care and unhealthy environmental conditions with a focus on wellness and community health.

The SUBR student who was honored during the September 8th fundraising gala is Reginald Burrell, Jr. Mr. Burrell is a graduating senior from Huntsville, Alabama. His major is Rehabilitation Services. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Collegiate 100 Black Men, SU Men's Federation and the Southern University Student Rehabilitation Association.

Others that were honored included Senator Sharon Weston-Broome, Ms. Diana Hargrove-Roberson of New Orleans, BREC, Inc. and Untied Healthcare. The fundraising gala was the second annual event of LCHE held at the Baton Rouge Gallery for Contemporary Arts.

New Drum Major gets Ready for Season Openers

Kelan Norman will be feeling a few butterflies. He is the new drum major for the Southern University Marching Band, the Human Jukebox. All eyes in Mumford Stadium will be on him.

Yes, the crowd definitely is going to notice when Norman's name is announced over the PA system. Fans have been accustomed to hearing Tevin Rashad Coleman's name echo throughout the stadium.

And they knew Coleman could perform the signature move for which Southern's drum major is best known, "The back bend," Norman said. "I can do it. I worked with three former drum majors to get in shape before the tryouts."

Tryouts were in the spring, and Norman knew that he had only one shot at this. He is a senior this year, and his plan is to earn his degree in civil engineering and graduate in the spring.

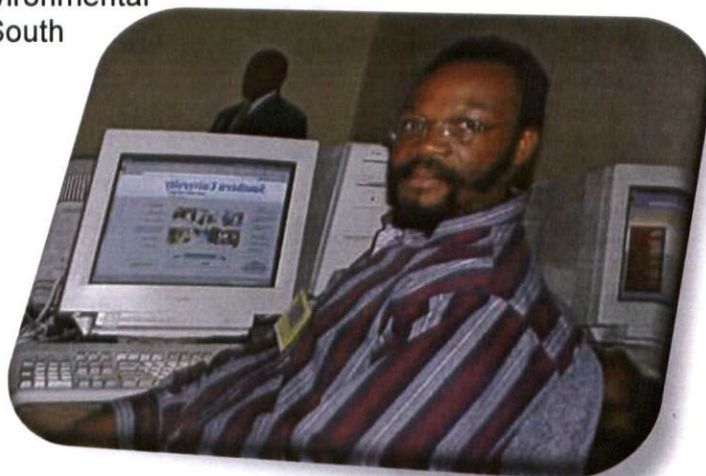
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SU's Gray Named Chapter President of Toxicology Group

Dr. Wesley Gray, professor of Chemistry and the Walter Dumas Endowed Professor of Environmental Toxicology, is the president-elect of the South Central Chapter of the Society of Toxicology (SOT) for 2013-2014.

SOT is a professional and scholarly organization of scientists from academic institutions, government, and industry representing the great variety of scientists who practice toxicology in the U.S. and abroad.

The South Central Chapter provides a forum for collaboration and scientific exchange between SOT members and toxicologists working in the five-state region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and western Tennessee. Dr. Gray has been a member of SOT since 2004 and has held several leadership positions before being elected president of the South Central Chapter.



He has served on the group's Education Subcommittee, South Central's Leadership team as vice-president, and a member of Toxicologists of African Origin interest group. Over the past several years, Dr. Gray and his students have presented their research at both regional and national SOT meetings.

Media Relations Update

Aug. 20, television stations **WBRZ Ch. 2** and **WAFB Ch. 9** did stories for their evening news shows on the special "Safe Jaguar" program sponsored by the University Police Department. The stories focused on the police department's outreach to students. There was food, entertainment and the participation of law enforcement agencies from the surrounding areas.

SUBR Chancellor Dr. James Llorens was a guest on the Monday, **Aug. 20**, **WBRZ-TV Ch. 2** 2une-In morning show. He talked about the future of the Baton Rouge campus.

On Aug. 21, Southern University students were included in an article in *The Advocate* newspaper about students returning to college campuses at Southern University and LSU.



Also on **Aug. 21**, **WVLA Ch. 33** aired a story about the improved registration process and how students were complimenting the University on the positive changes. Dr. Brandon Dumas was interviewed for the story along with several students.

On Aug. 25, *The Advocate* published a feature story on the Dancing Dolls in the magazine section. The story focused on several Dolls, including Casey Greggs, the granddaughter of legendary SU band director Isaac Greggs.

On Aug. 27, *The Advocate* published a story about second and third-graders at Southern University Lab School getting lessons in the legal world from representatives of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

On Sept. 5, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 and WAFB-TV Ch. 9 covered the unveiling of the cover of the companion book of the Yellow Pages phonebook. A photo of Southern University's mound is on the cover. The book will be distributed to appropriately 171,000 customers, with an estimated actual viewership of some 500,000 people.





September 2012

Dear SUNO Friends and Family,

The beginning of each new semester is usually filled with its own unique challenges, and this year we faced a particularly daunting one in the form of Hurricane Isaac. Prior to the storm making landfall, SUNO's Hurricane Preparedness team made extensive preparations for the safety of the physical plant and most importantly, our students. I was in regular communication with our leadership in Baton Rouge as well as the administrations of the University of New Orleans and Delgado Community College. Once it became apparent that Isaac was a true threat to the New Orleans area, our plan was quickly put into action.

Our primary task was the safe transportation of more than 60 students from University Housing to the Southern University at Baton Rouge campus along with a number of staff members. Chancellor Llorens and the entire SUBR community welcomed our students and made a difficult situation much easier. Once they were secured, our attention was turned to the campus itself. I, along with

Facilities Management Director Shaun Lewis and Operating Engineer Derrick James remained on campus throughout the event, taking up residence in the Student & Faculty Housing facility.



Thankfully, Southern University at New Orleans sustained only moderated damage even after days of heavy winds and rains and we were able to provide constant updates to the SUNO community, keeping a staff scattered throughout the region constantly connected. Once it was safe to do so, University personnel set about getting the campus prepared as quickly as possible for the continuation of classes and normal business operations.

This effort was significantly impacted by the penetration of water into the gymnasium, particularly the

Comptroller's Office. Additionally, the Banner System, a major component of our information technology, was compromised. ITC personnel worked diligently in order to have the system fully operational by Friday, September 7th. Unfortunately, many of our students were negatively



impacted by a delay in the processing of refunds, but we thank them for exhibiting patience while the repairs were made. Again, the University made it a priority to keep them informed of the progress of the situation as it unfolded.

Other storm-related issues, including the disabling of the elevators

on the Park Campus and additional damages are being assessed under Mr. Lewis' leadership and we have already made contact with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials. The University is also examining its disaster response and preparing for the latter stages of the hurricane season.

ACADEMIC IMPACT

Naturally, losing more than a week of classes had an adverse affect on our academic calendar. Based upon the recommendations of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, David Adegbeye the following changes have been made to the Fall 2012 academic calendar:

- The final day for students to pay all fees as well as to apply for Spring Graduation was moved to Friday, September 14.
- Fall Convocations will be held on Monday, September 24.
- The Mid-Semester examination period will now last from Saturday, October 20 through Friday October 26.



Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner for Higher Education addresses the Fall 2012 University Conference.

- Mid-Semester grades are now due to the Registrar on Monday, October 29.
- The Final Day to Drop Classes or Withdraw from the University is now Friday, November 9.

NEWS, NOTES and HIGHLIGHTS

UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Our faculty and staff attended the Fall 2012 University Conference on Monday, August 13th. It is a great opportunity to have our entire team together with a shared purpose, as well as the chance for new members of the staff to meet with returning members as we lay out our goals, opportunities and challenges for the coming year. This semester we were honored to have Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner for Higher Education as our keynote speaker. His support for the University and our mission was evident in his address. The audience also received SUNO's 2011-2012 Annual Report, our Strategic Plan Update and heard presentations from a variety of administrators along with representatives of the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association.

THE RENAMING OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

As the oldest building on the Southern University at New Orleans campus, the Administration Building could be characterized as the heart of SUNO. In that regard, it is only befitting that it is has now been renamed for the man, who for so many years was its soul. In the brief time since the passing of Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, Chancellor Emeritus, there had been much discussion regarding a suitable tribute to the man who guided this University from its infancy, and remained a presence



On Monday, August 13, 2012 the SUNO Administration Building, was renamed in honor of the University's first chancellor, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.



Elton C. Harrison, close friend of Emmett Bashful.

within its halls even after he no longer sat in the Chancellor's seat. Friends and family of Dr. Bashful, along with much of the University community were on hand to witness the unveiling of the letters on the façade of what will now be known as the Emmett W. Bashful Administration Building. The renaming of the structure in his honor is a permanent reminder of the contributions of a beloved educator, leader and friend and should keep the name and legacy of Dr. Bashful alive for generations to come.

FALL ENROLLMENT

SUNO continues to climb closer to our pre-Katrina enrollment. As of Friday, September 7, the University projects an enrollment of 3,407 students for the Fall 2012 semester. This number represents a more than 5% increase over last year's figures. Included in that count are nearly 300 first-time Freshman and 12 new international students, both Freshmen and transfers. Final numbers for the semester will be available after September 14, the final day for students to pay their fees.



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DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

MUSEUM STUDIES

This month, Dr. David Riep continued working on a documentary film entitled "South Sotho Arts and Artists." He also contacted the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa in order to pitch an idea for a publication/exhibition on a set of historical photographs on South Sotho cultures.



Dr. Sarah Hollis

M.A. Museum Studies welcomed a new adjunct for the Fall Semester, 2012. She is Ms. Toni Kiser, the Registrar at the National WWII Museum here in New Orleans. She holds the M.A. in Museum Studies from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is teaching the Introduction to Museology class. Dr. Sara Hollis, along with Ms. Soko Ocampo, held a Wax Batik Workshop for the Beecher Memorial Church Quilt Group all afternoon on August 18th at the church on Miro Street in the 7th Ward.

Dr. Riep, Dr. Hollis, and Ms. Kiser will be meeting classes in museums over the course of the fall semester as appropriate to the courses they are teaching. On Saturday, August 25th for instance, Dr. Hollis's Exhibition Design class met at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Dr. Riep met with his Wednesday evening Museum Education class at the W.W. II Museum on September 5th.

Dr. Riep continued working on the preliminary stages of the LaBOR grant entitled "Strengthening MA in Museum Studies Program Arts Faculty, Students and Curricula through Researching Artifact Exhibition Methods." Presently, he is waiting for the approval of a sub-contract with Xavier University (with Dr. Yu Jiang). He started implementing parts of the proposed work plan by holding a meeting between Museum Studies students and the faculty at Harney Elementary School, where the display and use of African art were discussed.

Dr. Hollis is working on updating a paper she wrote about quilting during slavery based on the WPA interviews conducted during the depression. Dr. Hollis is preparing for an exhibition of her work at the J.W. Marriott as part of their ongoing series of artist exhibitions to be held in March. She will be showing works in new media she is exploring. She attended the exhibition



Dr. David Riep

of new works by Ms. Cynthia Ramirez there in August. Dr. Riep is waiting to receive final edits/approval for two pending publications with the University of KwaZulu Natal Press and African Arts Magazine.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The Self Study submitted to CAHIIM (Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education), was accepted. The program has secured sites at St. Elizabeth Hospital at Gonzales, LA and Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Ten students in the program are slated for graduation in 2012 and many of them have already been offered jobs upon graduation. The director, Ms. Andrea Mignott (pictured right), and coordinator of the program, Ms. Laura Douresseaux, attended the faculty Development Institute at Orlando, Florida in July 21-2012.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar and Dr. Rachid Belmasrou

Attended the Developmental Education/Co-Requisite Delivery Conference from the Louisiana Board of Regents and Complete College America at Pennington Biomedical Research Center on August 6, 2012.

Dr. Murty Kambhampati

Five of his research interns (Mr. Van Tu Vu, Ms. Briana Lee, Ms. Jasmin Jenkins, Mr. Terrel Brumfield, and Mr. Jerry Yost) have successfully completed their assigned ten week long projects (at SUNO, Dowling College, and Brookhaven National Laboratory) and made presentations at their respective host institutions at the end of summer 2012. Briana Lee and Van Tu Vu's abstracts have been accepted to make presentations at the International Conference of Environmental Health at Jackson, MS (September 16-18, 2012). A group coordination has been initiated with two of his colleagues, Drs. Atteia Bashir and Quincy Quick to monitor student performance in Biology 124 classes as a part of assessment piece for future SACS accreditation. An S-STEM proposal has been submitted in collaboration with Drs. Joe Omojola and Carl P. Johnson to NSF.



Dr. Solomon Adekunle

Attended National Human Genome Research Institute Summer Workshop in Genomics at the NIH Center in Bethesda, MD from August 6 - 10, 2012.

Dr. Illya Tietzel

Mr. Gawain Kiffin presented his summer research under the mentorship of Dr. Illya Tietzel (pictured left) in regard to the EPSCoR Supervised Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) award LEQSF-EPS(2012)-SURE-63 entitled "Detection of alkB1 Gene in Unknown Intestinal Microbes of Fish After the BP Oil Spill" on July 27th 2012 at the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience meeting of the Department of Natural Sciences at SUNO.



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Seriousness Of Purpose



THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
TO THE
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SUPERVISORS

September 2012

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2012

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SULC Represented at Minority Job Fair

Several Law Center personnel, including Career Services Director Michelle Jackson accompanied Chancellor Pitcher, Jr. to Dallas recently to attend the annual Sunbelt Minority Recruitment Fair and program. To comply with administrative responsibilities, SULC is required to attend the job fair, year to year the Law Center's contingent of students at this Fair is sizable.

Chancellor Pitcher, commenting on the engagement, said, "our meeting in Dallas provided a platform to share the exciting news of our progress in the areas of enrollment, national publication rankings, and the continuous growth of your evening division, study abroad program, law clinic, and other initiatives."

A Promise Kept

Honoring a Commitment to giving back—Alejandro "Al" R. Perkins, '04, an associate of Hammond & Sills, recently presented a \$5,000 check to SULC. The check honors a commitment by Perkins to help to ensure that others have access and opportunity to an excellent legal education. "Consider giving, if you feel that you have benefited from your SULC education, as I think most of us do," he said.



Recent Additions to SULC Administration (2012-2013 Academic Year)



As the 2012-2013 Academic year begins, the Southern University Law Center is pleased to introduce several additions to its administrative staff in Enrollment Management, Law Library, Financial Aid, and Academic Support Programs.

'Andrea Joshua Lee has joined SULC as assistance vice chancellor in the office of Enrollment Management.

With eight years of records management experience, Lee was formerly employed at Southern University-BR campus, where she was interim university registrar from 2008-2012 and associate registrar from 2005 to 2008.

A two-time graduate of Southern University A & M College, Lee earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Secondary Education in 1984 and an M.Ed in Administration and Supervision in 2007.

John Jensen is an assistant director for technical services in the Law Library.

Jenson comes to the Law Center from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) David A Clarke School of Law, where he was employed as acquisitions librarian for five years.

Jenson is a 2007 graduate of the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo.

Calaundra Clarke is financial aid program manager in the Office of /financial aid. Clarke comes to SULC from Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC), where she was employed for more than nine years as director of financial aid from 2005-2012 and the BRCC Accounting and Finance Office from 2002-2004.

A graduate of Southern University A&M College, Clarke earned a B.A. in History in 2002 and M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision in 2005.

Her career awards have been exemplary service by the Advisory Committee to the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC), 2010 Outstanding Staff

of the Year, and Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Leadership Development Institute (LDI) Graduate, 2007.

Angela P. Mason, Esq., a 2007 cum laude SULC graduate, is an academic counselor with the Office of Academic Support Programs.

During her tenure in law school, she was a member of the Moot Court Board, and maintained an academic scholarship. Since graduating from law school, Mason has experience various aspects of private practice including personal injury law, successions, and family law. She also served in the Personal Attorney Involvement Program for Capital Area Legal Services and worked as an adjunct instructor at Baton Rouge Community College, providing classroom as well as one-on-one instruction and tutoring to paralegal students in the courses of legal research and legal writing.

Mason, a 2004 LSU graduate, is a member of Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alumni News



Monique Edwards, '86, general counsel/privacy officer for the Family First Medical Clinic, a family practice located in Plaquemine, Louisiana is a member of the Baton Rouge Area Leadership Class of 2013. The leadership program has selected a varied group of participants representing several areas of the Capital Region's business, civic, and non-profit communities.

Edwards is one of several local attorneys who is a member of this class. She is a former assistant secretary for the Office of Mineral Resources of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and secretary of the State Mineral and Energy Board.

2010 SULC Distinguished Alumnae, Edwards also served as executive counsel to the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, where she advised on policy, administration and operational functions.



From left, Cleveland Patterson, Harold Cradic, 201 and LaKeisha Ford

Cleveland M. Patterson, III, '12, was awarded the American Bar Association/Law Student Division (ABA/LSD) Gold Key Award at the ABA Annual Meeting on August 4 in Chicago, Illinois.

The Gold Key award is the highest honor given by the law student division and was awarded to Patterson for his service, dedication, and leadership as the Law Student Division Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates during the 2011-academic year.

"SULC prepared me to serve on the LSD and I consider this an award for SULC," Patterson said, as he wrapped up his national duties as the ABA/LSD delegate. He also was chosen to sing the national anthem at the LSD Assembly. SBA president LaKeisha A. Ford and SBA/ABA representative Harold Cradic of SULC attended the meeting, which was held August 2-7.

SULC was also nominated as a finalist for the 2012 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) National Award.



Crii Spears-De Leo, '12, a finalist in the Presidential Management Fellowship, has accepted an appointment with The Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Spears-De Leo, a native of Carson, California, will begin working with the Children, Families, and Aging Division on August 27. The PMF program is a flagship leadership development program at the entry level for advanced degree candidates. Created more than three decades ago by Executive Order, the program attracts and selects the best candidates possible to develop a cadre of potential government leaders. It provides some sustenance during the first years of employment

and encourages development of leadership capabilities. The PMF program teaches a spirit of public service, ultimately encouraging and leading to a career in the government.

Ireyan J. Clark, '03, former assistant city attorney at New Orleans City Hall, has been accepted in Vermont Law School's LL.M. Program in Environmental Law.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None

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Curtis Chisley, SU Ag Center Meat Specialist, and Orlando Phelps, Training Officer USDA, AMS undertook a food safety training trip to Armenia under the USDA Technical Assistance Project, July 16-27, 2012. The training team met with Mr. Levon Gyulkhasyan, Agricultural Specialist, USDA, Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative and Sergey Chakhmakhchyan, Animal Health and Food Safety Coordinator, CARD Food and Safety Project and discussed the importance of food safety in meeting the quality needs of consumers.

This project is a partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, and Southern University in the United States and the Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development in Armenia.



L-r: Chisley, Levon, Phelps



Chisley, left, conducts training



Chisley lectures trainees

In Armenia, farmers do not pool their resources to reduce cost but generally work individually because of past conditions under Russia. Also, there is a general lack of trust among cooperative members; therefore farmers have difficulty paying dues to the cooperatives. And they do not use extension programs to assist farmers at the local level.

The goal of the training mission was to demonstrate the impact that training will have on moving the country to a consistent food safety program by improving the sanitation and handling of meat. The majority of the meat is still produced by “backyard” vendors. It was reported that at one time, 10 companies in Armenia were using the HACCP concept but this number is now down to zero due to the cost associated with maintaining HACCP requirements. Discussion included the farm credit program, and the number of farmers and processors who are taking advantage of the loan program.

The Armenian Government is working toward developing quality control standards and enforcing them. However, this was not achieved over the period of the project as expected.

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Armenia training continued

Until a consistent system is put in place, the livestock and meat industry may continue to pose a risk to the public through live animal diseases and meat consumption in the country. CARD has purchased and moved into a new facility, and increased the staff number to over 40. It has received a grant from DOD to

help eradicate Brucellosis and also hired several veterinarians to administer the new Animal Health program. The new facility includes an organic store to expose Armenians to certified organic products and equipment supply store to help farmers and processors acquire material locally.

Note: CARD is Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development; CADI is Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative; DOD is Department of Defense (DOD); and HACCP is Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points.

SU Ag Center Professor Emeritus Part of Haiti Micro-Enterprise Success Story

In Haiti, where the unemployment rate is estimated at 40.6% and much of the country is food insecure, empowering rural farmers to develop their own small agro-enterprises is a win-win approach. Haitians can create their own job opportunities rather than waiting for them to be created, while also filling gaps in the agricultural markets and improving food security.

Makouti was established in 2004 for this reason. It supports more than 1,000 producers of a wide-variety of agricultural products. Partners of the Americas' Farmer-to-Farmer Program, funded by USAID, sends US specialists to Haiti to provide guidance and technical training. The agribusiness was born through the vision of Haitian producers coupled with

the guidance of these specialists. Rabbit production is an example of one type of micro-enterprise promoted by this project. Rabbit production is an ideal activity for Haitian farmers since it is less feed-intensive than other types of animal production. Rabbits are easy to manage by anyone and do not require much space; the reproduction cycle is short; and rabbit meat is higher in protein than other meats.

The project has been so successful that recently the joint Makouti and Farmer-to-Farmer project in Haiti was entered into an online competition on the World Bank Jobs Knowledge Platform, which aims to collect and share practices for job-creation and entrepreneurship project with the possibility of winning a cash prize.

Dr. James McNitt, professor emeritus, has contributed immensely to this project. He is highly excited about the impact of the project.

"I was one of the first rabbit "NGO experts" to work on the rabbit project during my four 2-week trips in the early 2000s," said McNitt.

The main objective of the Haiti Micro-enterprise Project is to promote rural small business development through capacity building of micro-entrepreneurs. This is achieved through an innovative collaboration with the Haitian cooperative agribusiness, Makouti Agro Enterprise.

View a video of the project at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTBzAlow9qc>.

To read the full story, visit [Job Knowledge](#).

CRSBD Provides Training for Rural Communities

On July 31, the E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Center (E-Learning Center) in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center held business development training on the 'Major Steps for Starting a Business,' in Wilson, Louisiana, at the Second Baptist Church of Wilson. The training which was initially scheduled to be held inside the E-Learning Center, had to be moved inside the Church due to the large number of participants.

August 4, CRSBD staff members Wilbert Harris and LaKeeshia Giddens provided an introduction to technology, starting a business and home ownership assistance training to the adults attending the 2nd Annual Back to School Explosion on Saturday, at the Zion Travelers Baptist Church in New Roads, La. The event was sponsored by the Pointe Coupee Community Resource Center, Inc. and the CRSBD's participation was part of a partnership between the CRSBD and members of the Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (BOLD). Mr. Harris conducted the introduction to technology at the Church and was assisted by Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, SU Ag Center Assistant Specialist of

CRSBD staff members LaKeeshia Giddens and Wilbert Harris welcomed and introduced participants to the E-Learning Center. Outreach Specialist Eual Hall conducted the training of the major steps of starting a business. The participants and pastor of the church were very appreciative to receive the information and requested that the staff come back in the future to conduct more business development training sessions for the rural community.

Community and Economic Development.

Ms. Giddens conducted the introduction to starting a business and home ownership assistance training in the E-Learning Rural Mobile Training and Development Center at the new church building. The training participants expressed their appreciation for the assistance to the citizens of Pointe Coupee Parish and requested additional training sessions. The CRSBD will work with the Pointe Coupee Community Resource Center, Inc., other community organizations and leaders and BOLD participants to bring more business development and technology trainings to rural parishes.



Wilbert Harris, left, addresses class



Participants inside the Mobile Training Center at "Back to School" event

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CRSBD training

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On August 13, CRSBD staff members Eual Hall and LaKeeshia Giddens spoke to the Town of Independence City Council about the services available through the Center for Rural and Small Business Development and its E-Learning Center during the town hall meeting. The council welcomed the CRSBD's offer to conduct business development training in the Town of Independence and thanked the Southern University Ag Center for having an interest in assisting the rural community.



Ms. Giddens and Mr. Hall address city council

The E-Learning Center was also on hand for individuals to tour and receive information on how to

start a business as well as the forms and applications to legally start a business. Attendees also received information on the USDA's housing assistance programs and the SBA's Small Business Resource Magazine. The event was covered in the August 15 edition of the *Daily Star Newspaper*. CRSBD plans to hold more business development training sessions in Independence in the coming months.

August 21, the CRSBD hosted a Home Ownership Seminar in the Roseland Town Hall in Roseland, Louisiana. United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development Single Family Housing Specialist, Wanda Holmes and USDA Area Director Mack McCranery were also available to address seminar attendees about the USDA's 502 Home Buying and 504 Home Loan and Grant programs. CRSBD Business Development Outreach Specialist Eual Hall answered questions that at-

tendees asked about the application process and qualifications for both programs. The seminar met with an overwhelming response and many of the attendees expressed their gratitude to the CRSBD for educating the community on home buying assistance available for low-income and elderly individuals. The CRSBD will return to the Town of Roseland on September 20 to assist individuals who have problems completing the pre-application.



Mr. Hall answers questions from event participants

On August 23 the CRSBD held a Non-Profit Organization Start-Up Workshop at Magee's Temple Church of God in Christ in Franklinton, Louisiana. The workshop, which was conducted by CRSBD E-Learning Center Program Director, LaKeeshia Giddens, provided participants with information, forms and applications needed to legally establish a non-profit and 501 (C)3 organization in the state

of Louisiana. CRSBD Business Outreach Specialist Eual Hall provided information on the Center for Rural and Small Business Development and the E-Learning Center. The attendees expressed their appreciation for having the E-Learning Center conduct the non-profit training in their community.



Hall and Giddens interact with group

CoC Network Educates, Empowers Constituents across the State

Regardless of Louisiana's hot and humid temperatures during the summer months, regional coordinators with the SU Ag Center's Communities of Color Network (CoC) were busy educating, empowering and equipping constituents on the dangers of tobacco use and how to seize control over this killer. The month of August was no exception. Numerous tobacco educational awareness activities were conducted in various regions throughout the state to impact lives and promote healthier, tobacco-free communities of color.

In Baton Rouge, **Frankie Poland** participated in the Youth Summer Camp held at True Light Baptist Church and conducted a presentation on Secondhand Smoke. The youth learned about the dangers of this issue through Poland's in-

Shawntell Lewis-Harrell was in the midst of the event of the summer at the Coughlin-Saunders Performance Arts Center in Downtown Alexandria. As hundreds attended the Marantha Seventh Day Adventist Church's Xtreme Praise Anniversary Celebration, Harrell setup an educational booth display illustrating the harmful effects of tobacco usage and secondhand smoke exposure. In addition to showcasing various visuals, Harrell disseminated tobacco education to various ages in hopes of

Shirley Simon joined the faculty at Southern University, New Orleans in welcoming students to the campus during Freshman Orientation. During her activity, Simon was able to reach a large number of students, many of whom admitted their nicotine addiction and willingness to quit smoking as a result of information shared via an educational awareness booth display.

teractive delivery and group discussions. As a reminder of what was learned and a small token of appreciation, CoC Network t-shirts were distributed to those who were actively engaged in the session.

empowering attendees through tobacco education that could result in saving numerous lives. The church is a participating entity of the 100% Tobacco-Free Church Initiative – an initiative geared toward implementing tobacco-free policies in faith-based organization within African-American communities.

Simon crossed paths with a member of the campus media, Laron Mathieu, Editor-in-Chief of the *Observer* Newspaper, who shared positive feedback and reviews from countless students praising the efforts of CoC Network in their lives.

Following that activity, attendees were encouraged to view various visuals illustrating the effects and consequences of secondhand smoke exposure.



Xtreme Praise participants pose at CoC display booth

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Urina F. Holt brought tobacco education awareness to students with the Southern University, Shreveport's Upward Bound Program in DeSoto Parish. Holt engaged youth in a discussion surrounding the health hazards caused by tobacco usage, as well as, potential dangers of secondhand smoke exposure, which many admitted they are currently being exposed to within their surroundings. As a method of encouraging participation and assessing their knowledge, attendees completed a questionnaire that solicited feedback on this topic. Statistics and data were shared concerning the overwhelming negative impact of tobacco, particularly in the African-American community, and how Big Tobacco strategically markets and advertises to communities of color. As a result of the session, students were

better equipped to share knowledge obtained with their peers, community, familiar surroundings, and family members.

LaTonya Owens was welcomed as a part of the Back-to-School Bash at Wright Elementary School in Tallulah. Surprisingly, many students, faculty, staff and parents were unaware of various illnesses and diseases caused by tobacco usage such as rheumatoid arthritis, halitosis, osteoporosis and atherosclerosis.

However, most were informed about common health issues including cardiovascular deterioration resulting from a heart attack, lung cancer and brain damage caused by a stroke. As they entered the facility, attendees received tobacco educational literature, shared personal stories with

Owens about how their lives or those of loved ones were negatively impacted by tobacco use. Many were able to discover possible life-saving information concerning this preventable killer.



Back to school participants visit CoC display booth

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Dr. Zhu Ning, Professor, Urban Forestry, served as a speaker and presented a paper titled

“Assess Impacts of Elevated CO₂ on Physiological Processes of Selected Urban Trees and Shrubs” at the International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. At the conference, Ning also served as a

moderator for a session on “New Technologies in Tree Risk Assessment.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18-22: National Small Farm Conference. Memphis, Tennessee. For further detail, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

September 25: Second Chance training, 1pm – 3pm at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. For further details, please contact Tiffany Franklin at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Second Chance training, 1pm – 3pm at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. For further details, please contact Tiffany Franklin at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

October 24 – 27: Session 5 Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC. Contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

December 1 – 5: Session 6 Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute, PAWC / Tuskegee, AL, Contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.