

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Student Affairs Committee)

Friday, September 6, 2013

Southern University Shreveport
3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Shreveport, 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 16, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 1. Academic Affairs
 2. Personnel Affairs
 3. Finance and Audit
 4. Facilities and Property
 5. Athletics
 6. Student Affairs
 - C. Resolutions
6. Informational Items
 - A. System President's Report
 - B. Campus Reports
 - C. **EO-Serve Update/Advertisement (requested by Atty. Clayton on 09.04.13 @ 7:15 p.m.)**
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, August 16, 2013

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

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

Present

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Chairwoman
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Vice-Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Ms. Simone R. Bray
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Dr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

Absent

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

University Personnel Attending

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

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the June 28, 2013 regular meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors and the July 26, 2013 Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Rev. Gant, and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of June 28, 2013 and the minutes of the July 26, 2013 Executive Committee meeting be and they are hereby approved.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Mr. Mire, and seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried.

1.) Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that SUBR's Administration recommendation to bestow the title of Professor Emeritus upon retired professor, Dr. Verraraghava R. Bachireddy at Southern University - Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the request to approve the Appeal of Termination of Dr. Dong Sheng Guo, is deferred to the Board Counsel and SUBR Administration, 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 recommendation to appoint Dr. Monique Guillory-Winfield as System Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at an annual salary of \$150,000, effective September 1, 2013, with tenure in the Southern University-Baton Rouge College of Education, Arts, and Humanities in the Department of English, World Languages, History and Mass Communications be and it is hereby approved.

Atty. Clayton voted nay.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Southern University-Baton Rouge Administration recommendation to approve the Settlement Agreement for Dr. Damien Ejigiri, be and it is hereby approved.

2.) Personnel Affairs Committee

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the recommendation to eliminate the position of System Vice President for Institutional Advancement, effective November 1, 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

Atty. Clayton voted nay.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000, be and they are hereby approved.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CAMPUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Special Assistant to the Chancellor	SUBR	\$85,000	New Appointment
Director of School Accountability	SU Lab School	\$76,000	New Appointment (Cont'd)

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	SUBR	\$155,000	New Appointment
Assistant Professor Business Entrepreneurship	SUNO	\$70,000	New Appointment
Associate Vice President for Financial and Treasury Services	SUS	\$110,000	New Appointment
Vice President for Academic Academic and Student Affairs	SUS	\$150,000	New Appointment
Director of Community Development	SUS	\$90,000	New Appointment
Vice President for Human Resources	SUS	\$120,000	Salary Adjustment
Director	SUAREC	\$71,500	Salary Adjustment
Director/Nurse/Practitioner/ Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/ Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator	Student Health Center	\$104,500	Salary Adjustment
Physician	Student Health Center	\$73,002	Salary Adjustment

3.) Finance and Audit Committee

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request to approve the EO-Serve Amendment for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

Atty. Clayton voted nay.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request to increase Student Health Fees from \$100 to \$150 per semester, effective Fall 2013 at SUBR and SULC, 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 SUBR's Administration request to approve the Cox Cable Contract (36 month Bulk Video Contract with an option for two (2) one year renewal), in the amount of \$21,000, 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 Allocation of one-time money for the Southern University System, 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 SUBR's Administration request to utilize up to \$600,000 of prior year funds to renovate and repair Residential Housing Facilities, be and it is hereby approved.

4.) Facilities and Property Committee

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Small, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that SUNO's Administration request to approve the proposal for Outsourcing of Housing Facility Management for RFP for Student Housing Management Services, 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 request to approve Capital Outlay for FY 2014-2015 through FY 2018-2013, System-wide, 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 request to approve Five Year Capital Outlay Requests and Budget, System-wide, 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 Right-of-Way and Servitude Agreement for Genesis Pipeline for Southern University Property be deferred at its next meeting, be and it is hereby approved.

- 5.) **Athletics Committee**
- 6.) **Executive Committee**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the recommendation to approve Southern University System revised Proposed Travel Policy for Athletics, be it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that the new position, Board of Supervisors Relations and Coordinator at a salary range of \$50,000 to \$60,000 will be advertised with the appropriate job description and qualifications and filled by September 1, 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

C. **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences to the families named below be and they are hereby approved.

- Mr. David Harrison
- Mr. Nikiyah Westerfield
- Donald Alexander

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System President's Report

President Mason reported on the following highlights from the SUS Statewide Town Tour:

- Town Hall meetings were well attended and receptive
- Board Member Hendricks attended all the Town Hall meetings
- Board Member Mire attended the Town Hall meeting in Lake Charles, LA
- Board Member Tolbert donated \$5,000 to the Faith-based Scholarship Fund
- Chairman of the SU Alumni Federation Chapter in Shreveport, donated \$5,000 to the 1880 Society

Continuing, the President stated that this is the second successful year of the Honore' Class with 11 students in the second class. He also met with the U. S. Secretary of Education, stating that they will work to help implement a national demonstration of the Five-Fifths Agenda for America.

President Mason also shared information received from the Legislature Leadership, Chair of the Education Committees, stating there may be fewer cuts to higher education next year, and Presidents are working with them to develop plans and roles of higher education to help secure the future of State of Louisiana.

B. Campus Reports

Monthly updates were given by the campus Chancellors. Details can be found on the Board's website and on tape.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Academic Affairs Committee
9:00 a.m.
Friday, August 16, 2013
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. Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Chairman
Mrs. Ann. A. Smith, Vice Chair
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Rev. Joe. R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Mike A. Small
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut – Ex Officio

ABSENT

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the hiring of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs candidate:

- Dr. Thomas Miller, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, spoke in opposition to Item 6C and in opposition to granting tenure to the candidate.
- Dr. Diola Bagayoko, Professor, spoke in opposition to Item 6B and 6C.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Sujuan Boutte, Interim Executive Director from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), visited the meeting at the invitation of Board Member Lawson. Dr. Boutte gave a short video on the program by LOSFA. Dr. Boutte stated that Southern can benefit a great deal using this program with tracking students from 8th grade, and this will help with retention rate. Dr. Boutte did state that Southern was the only post-secondary school to pull together information provided by LOSFA.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Approval of Recommendation to bestow the title of Professor Emeritus upon retired professor, Dr. Verraraghava R. Bachireddy, SUBR

On motion of Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mike A. Small, the committee approved and so recommends to the Board, title of Professor Emeritus to Dr. Verraraghava R. Bachireddy.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Request approval of Appeal of Termination of Dr. Dong Sheng Guo, SUBR

Atty. Tracie Woods provided an overview of the appeal. Dr. Guo was assisted in presenting his appeal by his attorney, Andy Marshall. Chancellor James Llorens responded to the appeal. There was a lengthy discussion that ensued.

On motion of Atty. Clayton seconded by Mr. Braxton, the committee deferred action of the appeal to allow the lawyers time to negotiate and bring the appeal back to the board.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Recommendation to fill the position of Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, SUS

President Mason recognized and introduced Dr. Monique Guillory-Winfield, candidate for the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. President Mason stated that Dr. Winfield was selected by the Search Committee and he feels that she will be great for the job. Dr. Winfield shared her gratitude to the board and stated that she is fully committed to carry out the position.

On motion of Dr. Eamon Kelly, seconded by Mr. Mike Small, the committee approved the recommendation to fill the position of Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs with tenure in the SUBR College of Education, Arts and Humanities in the Department of English, World Languages, History and Mass Communications.

The motion carried. Atty. Clayton voted nay.

D. Approval of Settlement for Dr. Damien Ejigiri, SUBR

On motion of Rev. Joe Gant, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mike Small, the committee approved the settlement and will appoint Dr. Ejigiri, Dean of Graduate School.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Personnel Affairs Committee
9:00 a.m.
Friday, August 16, 2013
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. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Darren Mire, Vice Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Rev. Joe. R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut – Ex Officio

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Eamon Kelly, seconded by Rev. Joe Gant, Jr., the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Thomas Miller, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, spoke in opposition to Item 5B granting tenure to the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Elimination of the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement, effective November 1, 2013

President Mason stated reasons for eliminating the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement and shared information on the newly created position, of Director of Community Development.

Motion carried. Atty. Tony Clayton voted nay

B. Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000

Motion carried. Mr. Calvin Braxton voted nay.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Dr. Eamon Kelly, the meeting was adjourned.

Finance and Audit Committee
Friday, August 16, 2013
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Willie E. Hendricks.

Present

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks - Chair
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly - Vice-Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Mike A. Small
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex-Officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

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

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Small, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Deleted: Action Item 5D: Request approval to increase Student Health Fee, SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Diola Bagayok, SUBR Professor and Chair of Physics, spoke in opposition to Item 5A.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: REQUEST APPROVAL OF EO-SERVE AMENDMENT, SUS

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the EO Serve Amendment for the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: REQUEST APPROVAL OF TO INCREASE STUDENT HEALTH FEE, SUBR

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from SUBR to increase Student Health Fees from \$100 to \$150 per semester.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: REQUEST APPROVAL OF COX CABLE CONTRACT, SUBR

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from SUBR to approve Cox Cable contract.

AGENDA ITEM 5E: ALLOCATION OF ONE-TIME MONEY, SUS

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, the request of the allocation of one-time money for the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5F: REQUEST TO UTILIZE PRIOR YEAR FUND TO RENOVATE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Braxton and seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, the request from SUBR to utilize prior year funds to renovate Residential Housing Facilities.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Interim Financial Report, as of June 30, 2013 SU System Entities

A status report was given by Vice President Kevin Appleton.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, August 16, 2013
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Walter Dumas.

Present

Mr. Walter Dumas - Chair
Mrs. Ann A. Smith - Vice-Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaute, Ex-Officio

Absent

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Lester Pourciau
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Leodrey Williams (SUAREC) and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5A: APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR OUTSOURCING OF HOUSING FACILITY MANAGEMENT, SUNO

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Proposal for Outsourcing of Housing Facility Management at Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: APPROVAL OF CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS FOR FY 2014-2015 THRU FY 2018-2019, SUS

AGENDA ITEM 5C: APPROVAL OF FIVE YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS AND BUDGET, SUS

On motion of Mr. Mire and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following:

- Capital Outlay Requests for FY 2014-2015 through FY 2018-2019, SUS
- Five Year Capital Outlay Requests and Budget, SUS

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5D: APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SERVITUDE AGREEMENT FOR GENESIS PIPELINE FOR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, to defer this action until its next meeting, the Right-of-Way and Servitude Agreement for Genesis Pipeline for Southern University Property.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

The Committee received the following informational report, given by Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning.

- A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campuses (July and August 2013)

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Athletics Committee
Friday, August 16, 2013
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Darren G. Mire.

Present

Mr. Darren G. Mire - Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.- Vice-Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex-officio

Absent

None

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5A: REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TRAVEL POLICY FOR ATHLETICS, SUBR

Dr. William Broussard, SUBR Director of Athletics, presented the proposed revisions to the current SUBR Travel Policy for Athletics.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Southern University System Proposed Travel Policy for Athletics.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty. Dumas requested that the Board formally recognize, at its next meeting, the SU Laboratory School Track and Field Team, winners of the 2013 Class 1-A State Championship.

Rev. Gant extended commendations to Mr. Roman Banks, Head Coach of the SUBR Men's Basketball Team, for the team's participation in the exhibition games in Canada.

Mr. Lawson recognized Board members Clayton and Braxton for their continuous support and financial contributions to the SUBR Athletics Program.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge



Chancellor's Report



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

"Chancellor's Notes" - News from the Chancellor's Desk

In the Friday, August 16, 2013 *"Chancellor's Notes,"* the Chancellor welcomed the faculty, staff, administration and students back for the Fall 2013 Semester. He welcomed new freshmen and first-time students into the Jaguar Nation. Dr. Brandon Dumas, the Residential Life Team and student organizations were also congratulated for their assistance in guiding freshmen and first-time students during freshman orientation.

The Chancellor mentioned that the University had welcomed more than 30 students from Brazil who would be attending classes at SUBR. The students will be enrolled in Engineering and English as a Second Language classes. This is part of an aggressive effort to attract more international students to the Baton Rouge campus.

Dr. Llorens then congratulated the men's basketball team and Coach Roman Banks on winning two games, so far, on the Canada tour. The team was scheduled for a third game later that week and won that game to complete an undefeated road trip.

Research Colloquium hosted by College of Business

Southern University's College of Business hosted a research colloquium which was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 11:00a.m. in room 214 of T.T. Allain Hall. The seminar was entitled *"Role of Information and Communication Technology in Facilitating Peaceful India-Pakistan Relations to Promote Global Prosperity."* The guest speaker was Dr. Pankaj Phadnis, a current SU professor and Post-Doctoral Fellow in the College of Business.

Prior to heading Abhinav Knowledge Services, a research based socially responsible company that focuses on issues of women and children, Dr. Phadnis had 30 years of corporate experience in multinational, public sector and family-owned companies. He is a mechanical engineer, master of management strategy and has authored several history books.

SUBR's Executive Vice Chancellor Verjanis Peoples Chosen for Prestigious Education Accreditation Team



Dr. VerJanis A. Peoples, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs has been selected to participate in the prestigious Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) site visiting teams. Dr. Peoples will be a member of one of several CAEP's site visiting teams that recommend the final accreditation decisions for more than 100 educator preparation providers each academic year. In selecting Dr. Peoples, CAEP President James G. Cibulka said in a letter to SU Chancellor Dr. James L. Llorens, "You should be proud that this individual meets the intellectual, academic, and personal demands that are required to be a member of CAEP's site visitor team." CAEP's focus is to advance excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen pre-K through 12th grade student learning.

Dr. Peoples was recently named Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at SUBR. She had been dean of SUBR's College of Education and a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She has a Ph.D. from Kansas State University in the area of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Peoples is a certified Louisiana Board Examiner with the Louisiana Department of Education and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. She also serves as a reviewer for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, a professional organization for teacher educators.

Dr. Kamran Abdollahi Appointed to National Forestry Advisory Board

Southern University Professor, Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, has been appointed to the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC).

Dr. Abdollahi is program leader in Urban Forestry on the Baton Rouge campus. The appointment is for two years.

As a NUCFAC member, Dr. Abdollahi will work with a 15-member group charged with advising the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture on the status of the nation's urban and community forests and related resources. The Council seeks to establish sustainable urban and community forests, by encouraging communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources.

The Council will also help develop a national urban and community forestry action plan, evaluate the implementation of the plan, develop criteria and make recommendations annually to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share program.

Southern University's Dr. Patrick F. Mensah named Fellow by American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Dr. Patrick F. Mensah, a professor in Southern University's Department of Mechanical Engineering, is now a "Fellow" in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The ASME recently elected him to the prestigious position. Dr. Mensah is one of only 3,205 Fellows out of the 117,504 ASME members. The Fellow designation is a distinction and must be nominated by one's peers. Dr. SU-Seng Pang, a professor in LSU's Department of Mechanical Engineering, nominated Mensah for the "Fellow" designation. Professor Mensah said he is, "humbled and honored to be recognized as a Fellow of ASME by my peers in the organization, particularly since only about 2.7 percent of ASME's members worldwide are recognized as Fellows."

Being elevated to a Fellow recognizes the member's outstanding engineering achievements. ASME Fellows have had 10 or more years of active practice and at least 10 years of active corporate membership in ASME. Dr. Mensah added that being recognized as a Fellow highlights "the outstanding engineering education and research activities at Southern University... giving needed exposure to the outside world and hopefully will enable us to attract excellent students into our programs." The vision of the organization is "to be the essential resource for mechanical engineers and other technical professionals throughout the world for solutions that benefit humankind."

ASME is a not-for-profit membership organization that fosters collaboration, knowledge sharing, career enrichment, and skills development across all engineering disciplines, toward a goal of helping the global engineering community develop solutions to benefit lives and livelihoods.

Southern University Lab Earns SACS Accreditation

The Southern University Laboratory School has been awarded continuing accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

The school received the all-important accreditation at the recent AdvanceED Accreditation Commission meeting.

SU Laboratory School Director Dr. Ronnie Harrison said, "With the continuous increase in student enrollment, coupled with SACS re-accreditation, this is even more proof that the Lab School is taking positive steps forward to offer a quality education for our students. Also, it validates that Southern Lab instructors are using effective teaching strategies in the delivery of instruction to our students."

Agreeing with Harrison, Dr. Verjanis Peoples, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern University said, "The SACS stamp of accreditation validates that SU Lab School is high quality with reputable programs and highly competitive students, faculty and staff."

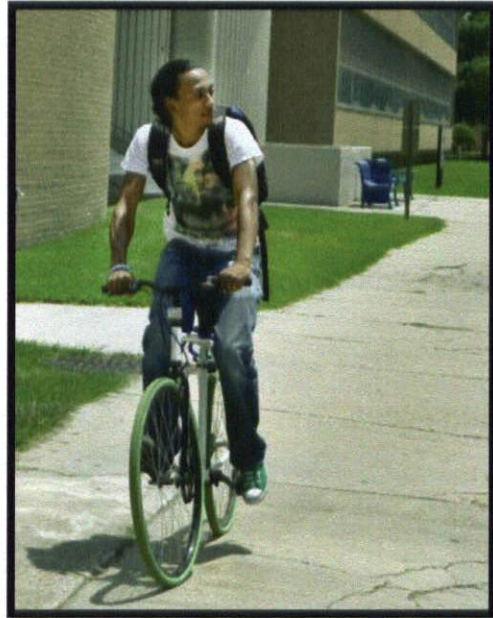
SACS CASI accreditation is recognized across state lines, which not only eases the transfer process as students move from accredited school to accredited school but also assures parents that the school is meeting nationally accepted standards for quality and successful professional practice.

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, the parent organization of SACS CASI, said, "SACS CASI accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. Southern Lab is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement."

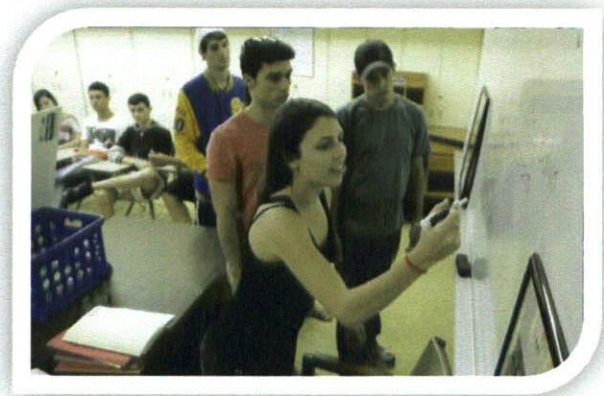
MEDIA RELATIONS UPDATE

On August 1, *The Advocate* published a story about Southern University's effort to rebuild enrollment. The story, based on an interview Chancellor James L. Llorens had with the newspaper's editorial board, focused on the expected increase in freshman enrollment.

On August 2, *The Advocate* published a story about Southern's graduation and included a profile of Jewell Simon, a graduating student, who was diagnosed with epilepsy which stopped him from driving. He was so determined to graduate that he completed his final semester at Southern riding a bicycle on a daily 40-mile round trip each day.



Also, on August 2, **WBRZ-Ch. 2** profiled a Southern graduate who entered and successfully completed college after overcoming incredible odds. While a high school student, he applied for scholarships and received a Bill Gates scholarship. He applied for the scholarships because he didn't want his grandmother, who was rearing him, to be concerned about how he would finance college because she was suffering with cancer.



On Monday, August 19, *The Advocate* newspaper published a story about Southern University's effort to bring Brazilian students to the Baton Rouge campus. The story detailed the first days of the 36 new students attending Southern.

Also, on August 19, **WAFB-TV Ch. 9** aired a first-day-of-school story for its morning show with five segments featuring Southern University between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. The story included interviews of SU students along with Chancellor James L. Llorens and Athletic Director William Broussard.

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

September 2013

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2013

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Southern University Law Center Welcomes 2013 Incoming Class at Orientation

Associate Justice John Weimer, III, of the Louisiana Supreme Court; Richard K. Leefe, Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President; and Barry H. Grodsky of the LSBA Committee on Professionalism addressed the 2013 incoming class during the annual Southern University Law Center (Day Division) Orientation on Thursday, August 15, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the SU Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union. It continued on Friday in Lenoir Hall. Orientation for the Evening Division was held at 5 p.m. on Thursday in Lenoir Hall. The Academic Enrichment Program was held on Saturday, August 17 for evening students.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., SBA President Shari Trahan, and SULC faculty, staff, and alumni greeted the new students, who also participated in the Student Orientation on Professionalism, conducted by the LSBA Committee on the Profession.

Chancellor Pitcher said the class is a diverse, talented group of students, well equipped to settle into law school studies and later meet the needs of a broad clientele.

The 250 entering law students for fall 2013 were selected from a pool of approximately 772 applicants. The students are from 22 states and from 88 colleges/universities.

The highest GPA is 3.96 and the highest LSAT score is 160. The average age is 28. The male/female ratio is 48/52 and the diversity is 59 percent African American; 37 percent Caucasian; and 4 percent other.

2013 Alumni of the Year Honored in Miami, Florida



TESTAMENTS TO SULC's ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY-KEYS TO THEIR SUCCESS--The 2013 Alumni of the Year gave inspiring messages of heart-felt appreciation to SULC during the Alumni Breakfast, July 31, in Miami, Florida. Pictured from left are Shante Y. R. Wells, '00, and Alex Washington, '99, of the Washington & Wells Law Firm, Shreveport, Louisiana; Judge Reginald R. Corlew, '92, of Florida's 15th Judicial Circuit Court; and Trina Alexander Eaddy, '98, of Philips North America, Bethesda, Maryland.

SULC Students Team Up with Touro Law Students to Help Long Islanders Affected by Hurricane Sandy



Eubanks

Frazer

Green

Hemphill

King

Lee

SULC students Quinn M. Eubanks, Diangleo S. Frazer, Summerian L. Green, Kyla Hemphill, Theresa M. King, and Iriane Lee, along with Prof. Donald North, director of clinical education, arrived at Touro Law Center, in Central Islip, New York, on Sunday, August 4, to spend a week at Touro Law's Disaster Assistance Clinic to help victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Touro Law students have visited the Gulf Coast every year since Hurricane Katrina to provide disaster relief. This service trip of students from Southern Law marked the first time that students from the Gulf Coast will visited the New York area to provide similar assistance.

According to Touro Law Center Dean Patricia Salkin, "This (service) highlights the fact that law students are committed to advocacy and helping those in need."

Lee, a second-year student stated, "Over the years, people from across the world have left their families, schools, and jobs to assist in revitalizing cities along the Gulf Coast. We are extremely excited about the volunteer opportunities Touro Law has provided us to help others in need."

“In any capacity, we are willing to assist the residents of Long Island in rebuilding their confidence and assessing their legal needs.”

Following orientation, SULC students joined Touro Law’s efforts in the field as part of a Legal Needs Survey and Outreach project, assisting with research of difficult hurricane-related questions and more.

Touro Law opened the Touro Law Center – Hurricane Emergency Assistance and Referral Team (TLC-HEART) just days after the storm to provide help, referral and assistance to storm victims.

Summer Intern an Asset in Sun Belt Conference Headquarters



The Sun Belt Conference has partnered with Southern University Law Center in providing a unique opportunity for one law student to gain experience in an NCAA Division I conference office setting.

Third-year student Alonzo Jackson began working as a summer intern in the Sun Belt Conference headquarters in June and has been an integral part of the compliance efforts of the conference. Jackson has helped manage the National Letter of Intent (NLI) program and interpret NCAA Bylaws to assist Sun Belt member institutions. “Being a member of the Sun Belt Conference staff has shown me a side of collegiate athletics that many people have never even thought about or do not strive to be a part of,” Jackson said.

“I have been fortunate to be the first student from Southern University Law Center to be selected to work at the Sun Belt Conference, which is an honor and privilege within itself,” he said.

Early in 2013, Sun Belt Conference Commissioner Karl Benson and Assistant Commissioner Scott Connors, ’08, developed the concept of creating a yearly summer internship and chose to use SULC’s pool of future professionals for the program.

According to the Commissioner, Jackson has been “a great addition to our staff this summer and brings a ‘can do’ attitude to work every day.”

“Looking back at my wonderful time at SULC, I always asked myself if I could change anything, what would it be? The answer was simple; I thought the school needed more internship opportunities for those of us who wanted to work in athletics,” said Connors.

Connors believes interns like Jackson will come in with real talent and as a result “they’re going to open some eyes and shine some light on the great things happening at SULC.”

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., in welcoming the partnership said, "this is a great opportunity for students to draw on legal skill while continuing to be a sports enthusiasts. We look forward to a long association with the league and taking advantage of this distinct opportunity offered by the Sun Belt Conference.

On the Go

Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell continues her anti-solitary-confinement work, serving as a student guide expert for materials that are posted on the PBS website in conjunction with the national airing of "Herman's House," a documentary based on the case of Herman Wallace, the Angola 3 member who has spent 41 years in solitary confinement (also known as closed cell restriction in Louisiana). The study guide can be found at: http://www.pbs.org/pov/film-files/dg_hermans_house_action_discussion_file_0.pdf. The national broadcast of "Herman's House" aired on PBS, July 8. To learn more about the film, visit: <http://www.pbs.org/pov/hermanshouse/>.

Professor Herb Brown's interview on College Admissions and Affirmative Action aired statewide, Friday, July 12, and Sunday, July 14, on LPB's "Louisiana: The State We're In." The segment is also online at: www.lpb.org/swi

Professors Gail Stephenson and William Blais attended the Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 26-28, 2013. The theme of the conference was "'Doing It Our Way': Learning from Our Programmatic Differences and Similarities."

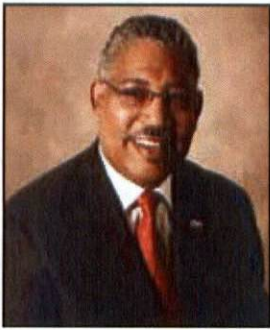
Third-year student Drake Lewis won third place in the Louisiana State Bar Association's Environmental Law Essay Contest for his paper titled "Sackett v. EPA: A Much Needed Lily Pad for Hopping Through the Muddy Waters of the Clean Water Act." Lewis received a check for \$1,250 as his prize.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Change

None



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor

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SUSLA's Annual Fall Training Institute..... A Focus on Customer Service

"At Your Service: Our Commitment to Excellence, Integrity and Accountability" was this year's Fall semester theme. The day was energetic and filled with interesting presentations, good discussion along with a spirit of optimism regarding growth and promised opportunities for Southern University at Shreveport.

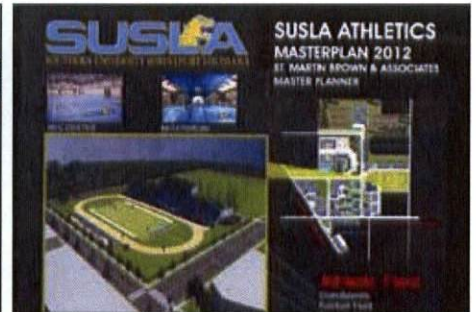
After warm greetings from the Student Government Association President, Emmanuel Sims and the Faculty Senate President, Professor Clifford Collins, Dr. Belton provided the annual state of the campus address. This year Chancellor Belton highlighted the core values and provided clear examples of our adherence to each core value as demonstrated by our reaffirmation efforts, accreditation of required academic programs, national ranking amongst college peers, completion of building projects according to the master plan and "no financial findings". The Chancellor provided updates on upcoming capital projects to include:



Surface Parking for MLK Campus



Proposed New Classroom Bldg. (NCR)



Intramural Sports Center / Field



Rendering of Proposed Daycare Facility



School of Nursing



SUSLA Gateway Project

Updates were provided on the SU System Transformation Plan, SUConnect and SUSLA's new organizational structure.

The Chancellor announced the University's aim to recommend increases in faculty overload and adjunct pay and the anticipation of a one time salary supplement for all full time employees.



Proposed Metro Parking Garage



Workforce Training & Technology Center

Finally, Dr. Belton challenged the SUSLA family to remember our commitment to service and noted the importance of customer service "with a smile" and that we would focus this year's annual training in part on customer service.

CUSTOMER SERVICE PRESENTATION: “The Only Difference Between A Good Day and A Bad Day Is Your ATTITUDE”!



Dennis Brown

Mr. Brown believes “The only difference between A GOOD DAY & A BAD DAY is your ATTITUDE!”. He explained that positive attitude differs from positive speaking by simply one word—ACTION! In fact, he says that “attitude is feeling, belief, and passion, and if we stir up those ingredients in the bowl of life—oh how sweet our days will be!”

Dennis, who grew up the youngest of five children in a three room “shot-gun” house in central Louisiana, credits his parents and his belief in God as the most influential factors in his own life’s success.

As an honors graduate from Southern University, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with a degree in accounting, he combines his business training and experience as an accountant and businessman to ensure that his seminars and speeches increase the bottom-line performance for his clients.

He differs from other motivational speakers and trainers because of his great anecdotes based presentation on true life experiences that both entertain and inform his audiences with his ultimate goal being to “motivate others to elevate their thinking and take action to improve themselves.” His professional, straightforward, yet folksy and easy to understand manner endears him to his audiences.

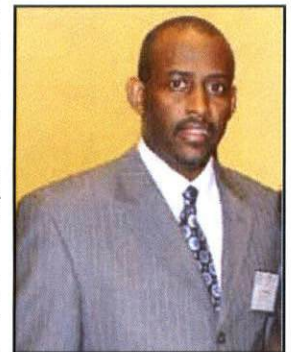
The guest presenter for the day was motivational speaker, Dennis Brown, owner of Destiny Investment. Mr. Brown stirred the audience with his hands on approach to training that focused primarily on ones “attitude”. His quirky quotes and interactive appeal were well received by the university community. Having been in operation for over twenty years, Destiny Investment has a rich history in helping companies to increase the performance of its’ clients with its understanding that it all begins with ones “attitude”. Destiny Investment will be conducting additional workshops throughout the year with each academic division to continue the Chancellor’s focus of customer service for upcoming school year.

In addition, there were presentations about SUSLA’s newly adopted Minority Participation Enterprise program by Darrin Dixon, Director of Small Business Programs, Communities of Color smoking cessation program by Urina F. Holt, Regional Coordinator for Communities of Color and a Live Text (institutional effectiveness initiative) orientation for faculty along with various divisional meetings.

The division of Community and Workforce Development (CWD) facilitated the training institute under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Janice B. Sneed and Mr. Darrin Dixon.



William Strother, Director of University Communication / Public Relations served as Moderator for Fall Faculty / Staff Institute. Sharp is pictured with Urina F. Holt, Regional Coordinator for Communities of Color



Darrin Dixon
Director
Small Business Programs

The program sponsors for breakfast and lunch were the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for Colleges and Careers (PARCC) along with the Southern Teachers & Parents Federal Credit Union.



Chancellor Belton and Vice Chancellor Sneed during question and answer session

Fall Faculty / Staff Institute Sponsors



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SUSLA Hosts Business and Community Development Center Training



In collaboration with the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, ACCION Louisiana, and the City of Shreveport, the Business and Community Development Center offered workshops to the small business community that included taxation and effective marketing principles. Each two hour session provide participants with information that was crucial to business success. Steven Gilbert, owner of Gilbert's Barber and Beauty, LLC, stated that these workshops have "opened his eyes to how important it is to keep accurate accounting of his revenue to stay in good standing with his taxes and for future growth." These are the first of a series of workshops that the University will organize for the benefit of the business community.

SUSLA HOLDS 2013 SPRING ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATION

By Beverly Parker

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) held its 2013 Adult Education Graduation Ceremony Friday, May 31, at the Jesse Stone Science Lecture Hall at its Martin Luther King Jr. Campus. The ceremony was a most memorable occasion for the eleven students who received their General Education Diploma (GED). The graduates were: Leroy Beard; Ida Brown; Jamarcus Buggs; Mengion Carr; SerDarius Davenport; Lanesha Hall; Isaiah Hampstead; Michael Hollingsworth; Terrie Johnson; Tika Sheppard; and Claude Sparks. The keynote speaker was Mrs. JoAnn Warren Brown, Division Chair and Director of Respiratory Therapy at SUSLA.

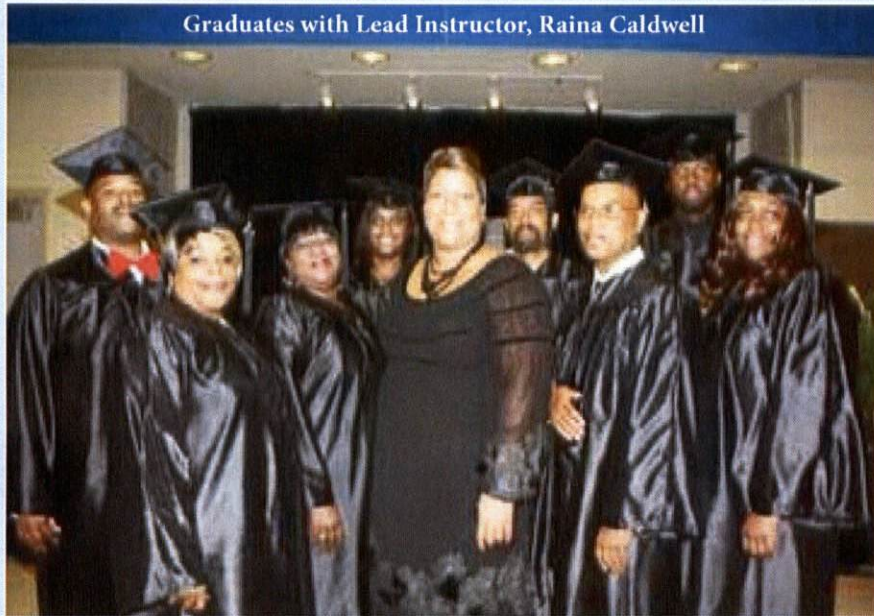
One of the many highlights of the 2013 winter and spring graduations is the father-daughter duo who were both enrolled in SUSLA's Adult Education Program. Fifty-year-old Claude Sparks and his daughter, Ikisha Sparks Williams, both found success through SUSLA's Adult Education Program. Explaining how it all happened, Mr. Sparks said, "In early 2012 Ikisha and I both decided to find a school where we could get our GED. At first, I was planning to attend another school, but Ikisha found out about SUSLA and wanted to enroll there. Because SUSLA provided transportation for students, and I was having car trouble, I decided to follow her. We signed up on the same day and were placed in separate classrooms. As time went on, Ikisha wound up in the same classroom as me. Ikisha passed her test in early January 2013 and marched in the winter graduation in February. I took my test and passed it early enough to be a part of this graduation. It was a great experience going to school with my daughter because it gave me a greater incentive to complete the program. I'd been in several GED programs while living in California, but it

was SUSLA and their support where things just worked out for me. Now that I have my GED, I plan to pursue my ministry and ultimately start my own church. My daughter is now enrolled at SUSLA as a freshman student, and what I want for her is to go further in life and finish college ... I hope to go to college one day myself."

Another student, 59-year-old Michael Hollingsworth, said "I have a 10-year-old daughter, and if I want her to get her education, then I needed to be an example and get mine too. My little girl was my incentive for going back to school. I owe a lot to my teachers for all of the help I received." His daughter was at the ceremony to witness her dad achieve his goal.

Aside from providing basic skills instruction, the Adult Education Program, in conjunction with the Department of Intake and Supportive Services, assists students in acquiring meaningful career pathways after graduation. As students are preparing to take the GED examination, they also attend life skills training daily. The purpose of life skills is to help students learn to cope in everyday society and to overcome barriers to their success such as transportation to class, domestic violence, family dysfunction, employment, housing, childcare, etc. Many students have been aided through the help of the Intake Department's case managers who continue to work daily to assist every student who needs help.

The Adult Education Program continues to enjoy success. As of August, 15 additional students took the GED test and passed. These students are enthusiastically waiting for the month of December when they will have an opportunity to march down the graduation aisle. There is every reason to believe that the number will be doubled by graduation time. Several of the graduates have applied and been accepted in the freshman class of SUSLA. Now, that's real success!!



The Graduation Committee was comprised of the following: Sherry Taylor, Dennis Holmes, Tangela Betford, Raina Caldwell, Angelia Turner, Deborah Jacques, John Patterson, Davy Carley, Chandra James, and Beverly Parker. The Adult Education Program is a department under the division of Community and Workforce Development headed by Mrs. Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor.

“Homeownership: The Achievable American Dream”

Southern University at Shreveport’s Community Development Department held an event for National Homeownership Month in the Johnny L. Vance Student Center. The purpose of the event was to highlight the importance of pursuing the American Dream of buying a home and to place the spotlight on some of those who have achieved that dream. Guest speakers, Tracey Graham of the City of Shreveport SEED Program and Terri Hines of the Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport, explained the importance of homeownership and supportive programs that are offered for first-time homebuyers and existing homeowners.

The first step in homeownership is becoming educated through approved classes and meeting with a certified homeownership counselor. Under the direction of Vice Chancellor, Janice B. Sneed, SUSLA offers homeownership classes, counseling, and down-payment assistance to first-time homebuyers. Classes are open to the public

(regardless of income) for free. After the class, clients then follow-up with counselors to review their spending plan and credit report. An action plan is also developed during the meeting that guides them on the path to becoming mortgage-ready.

Through funding received from the Department of Health and Human Services, the City of Shreveport, and other community partners, SUSLA has provided down-payment assistance to ten (10) first-time homebuyers. Each client receives \$3,000 - \$4,000, which is applied towards their down-payment, closing costs, or prepaid insurance. Program graduates, Dione Simmons and Teresa Harris spoke during the event about their experiences in the program and how as single mothers they previously thought they could not achieve this dream without a spouse or a six-figure income.

With perseverance and hard-work, Ms. Simmons was able to purchase a newly constructed home in a rural area with matching support from Red

River Bank. She is now motivated to speak to others about homeownership and has volunteered to assist the university with its free income tax preparation program.

Ms. Harris purchased an existing home inside the city limits with matching support from the City of Shreveport. Additionally, she has enrolled as a student as SUSLA to reach her next goal of obtaining a degree in allied health.



Ms. Teresa Harris, Homebuyer AFI Program Graduate



Ms. Dione Simmons, Homebuyer AFI Program Graduate

SUSLA Partners With Shreveport Federal Credit Union

Southern University at Shreveport participated in the Shreveport Federal Credit Union Home Buyers Workshop that was held at the City of Shreveport's Financial & Business Empowerment Center. Bridget Powell, Coordinator of Homeownership and Asset-Building Programs, spoke on behalf of SUSLA on the ten-steps to homeownership to approximately 50 attendees. Other speakers included Valerie Ervin (City of Shreveport), Laurie Price (USDA Rural Development), Tahira Abdul-Rahman (Tahira Realty), and LaTonya Kelly (Shreveport Federal Credit Union). Those present learned about down-payment assistance, credit restoration, and selecting a realtor.



Bridget E. Powell
Coordinator of Housing
Programs & Services

SUSLA is excited to bring awareness to the community and prove that homeownership is no longer a dream but a reality that many families are seeing every day.

Shreveport Federal Credit Union Home Buyers Workshop Presenters: Martha Morris, Bridget Powell, DeUndre Zachery, Valerie Ervin, Laurie Price, LaTonya Kelly, Tahira Abdul-Rahman



Town Hall Meeting Held at SUMAS

The Southern University System, the only HBCU system in the United States, is in the midst of re-structuring itself in responses to mounting political pressure. In a series of town hall meetings to discuss the University's future, SUS President, Ronald Mason, Jr., spoke of several crucial aspects of the University's "Transformational Plan", namely: reducing expenses, increasing revenue and enrollment.

- Key to reducing System expenses is eliminating any paper-based mechanism that could otherwise be implemented electronically. Currently, SUS is using a Cloud-based infrastructure that eliminates the need to purchase extra hardware, and cuts down on their software costs. Also on the technology end, Southern University is cementing its reputation as a "21st Century Model of Higher Learning" through eNtourage, a mobile app designed to work with Apple and Android OS that allows students to register for classes and pay fees, without having to physically be on campus.

- Plans to increase revenue includes increasing alumni giving by 10 percent. One way the university plans to meet this goal is through the SUS' 1880 Society, a group formed "to provide a minimum of \$1 million in unrestricted support" to the University's campuses. Part of the commitment includes an individual member making a donation of \$1,000, in addition to recruiting one new member a year for five years, or recruiting a total of five new Society members over a five-year period.

To date, the 1880 Society has generated more than \$100,000 in what President Mason calls "stick-and-move" money.



Ronald Mason, Jr.
SU System President

This fiscal year is pivotal to the future of the SU System. The "Reform and Renewal Agenda" as reflected in the Transformation Plans approved by the Board of Supervisors charts a new, exciting path for Southern. When achieved, Southern will be a 21 Century institution of higher education. In addition, initiatives to increase enrollment are underway.

Town Hall Meeting Held at SUMAS *(continued)*

Also in an effort to increase revenue and brand itself as “The Nation’s Only Online HBCU”, Southern University currently offers three online degrees: a B.S. in Criminal Justice, a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, and an Executive Master of Public Administration.

- To increase revenue – a problem created by declining student enrollment as a result of Louisiana forcing the system to abandon its open admissions policy – SUS created SUSLA Connect, a program that allows students who are unable to meet admissions requirements at the Baton Rouge or New Orleans campuses to be admitted through Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA).

- Here’s how SUSLA Connect works: Ninety percent of students who don’t meet the SU Baton Rouge or SU New Orleans admissions standards are invited to participate in the program. Once an admitted SUSLA Connect student earns 18 hours – including college level English and math – and has earned a 2.0 GPA, he then has the option to either apply to a bachelor’s degree program at either the Baton Rouge or New Orleans campus, or complete the requirements for an associate degree. The SUSLA Connect model has been so successful that LSU implemented a similar program, just one year later. These degrees are geared toward the non-traditional student who wishes to further or complete his education or advance his career goals, yet cannot afford to take time away from work to attend brick-and-mortar-based classes. The University expects an enrollment of 500 online students by year’s end.

Mason said “This strategy points us in the right direction as we navigate our financial and political challenges this year and next.” *(Excerpts from an article written by Kameko Thomas, Asis Chronicle)*

At the end of the President’s remarks attendees were afforded the opportunity to a question and answer session.

Congratulations to the Town Hall Meeting Door Prize Winners



Winzer Andrews, President SUSF (Jaguar t-shirt)
Pictured with E. Jean Ware, President,
SU Alumni Federation (Shreveport)



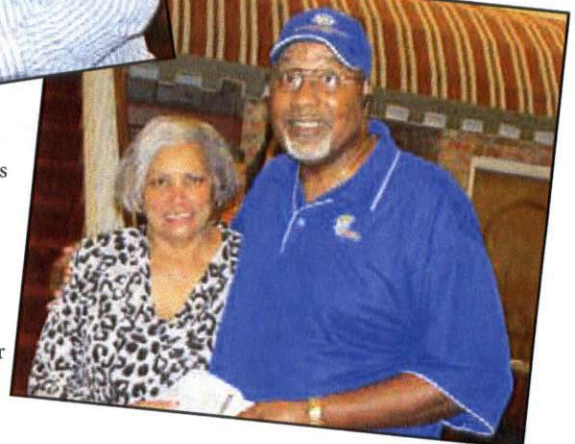
Saundra Bigham,
Coordinator of Dual Enrollment
(SUSLA) (2 Bayou Classic tickets)



Wayne Bryant,
Director of Human Resources
(SUSLA) (Jaguar Hat)



Joseph LaCour,
Director of Facilities (SUSLA) (Jaguar Hat)



Carl Pierson,
Caddo Parish Commissioner
(2 Bayou Classic tickets)



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Ukpolo, Clayton Address SUNO Faculty



The new Forensic Program at Southern University at New Orleans will attract a lot of students, according to Tony Clayton, a Port Allen lawyer and member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors. Clayton was the guest speaker at the annual Faculty

Conference on Aug. 12, 2013 in the new SUNO Conference Center.

“Let me tell you about this forensic curriculum,” Clayton said. “They [students] are coming, because you are the only one in the state [offering the program]. You are on the cutting edge as the first institution in the state. You are offering studies that these kids want to do.”

Clayton added that law enforcement agencies also will come to the university once the program begins because the need for forensic analysts is great. “There’s a backlog of 130 murder cases because the crime lab can’t get out the analyses,” said Clayton, a Southern University alumnus.

According to SUNO Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, 20 students have expressed in the program. “So it’s already showing results,” he said.

The Chancellor also expects great results from SUNO’s new West Bank Campus, housed at Landry-Walker High School. Through the SUNO Connect Program, students who cannot travel

across the river now will be able to attend evening classes on the West Bank.

“It’s about access,” Ukpolo said, “and that’s what SUNO is about.”

During the two-hour meeting, Ukpolo also announced that he has a proposal to give faculty members a 2-3 percent salary increase. The proposal, however, must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

In regards to academic excellence, the Chancellor announced that work already has begun on the 5th Year Mid-Term Report for SACS Accreditation, which will be due in 2015. Work also has begun on the University’s new strategic plan and QEP report, he said.



DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Natural Sciences

Dr. Murty Kambhampati – Chair. Assumed duties as Chairperson of Natural Sciences. Recruited several students for new Forensic Science program. Submitted a list of nine S-STEM SENS Scholars (Fall 2013 - batch 1)

Dr. Illya Tietzel – Biology

Advised and registered several students for the new Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science program at SUNO. Responded to the call of the National Science Foundation and –re-registered as a NSF GRFP panelist pool. Invitations for selected panelists will be issued later this fall. He served as a panelist in the last two years.

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar – Physics

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar and Mr. Noel Clark (Mathematics student) attended the Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP) Model Based Enterprise (MBE) Workshop at NNSA's Kansas City Plant, Kansas, Missouri, July 15 to 19th, 2013. Participated in the Consortium of Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Workshop at SUNO. He mentored three high school students and taught them how to build an electric power supply. He supervised their project and powerpoint presentation to all participants in the CAM program on the final day. July 22 – 26, 2013.

Publications – Dr. Murty Kambhampati and Dr. Joe Omojola

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Museum Studies

Dr. David Riep, Interim Director

GENERAL: Dr. Riep assumed the position of Interim Director at the start of the 2013-14 academic year. Museum Studies is currently welcoming 15 new incoming students for the Fall 2013 semester. In addition, the Program is in the midst of completing its periodic program review, and hosted one external reviewer in July 2013.

The second external reviewer is scheduled to visit on Wednesday, August 21st. Courses being offered in the Fall Semester include: Intro to Museology, Writing and Research for Museums, Topics in African Art, Exhibition Design, Independent Study, Internship, Master's Project and Master's Thesis.

RESEARCH/PRESENTATIONS: Dr. Riep submitted final revisions for a paper entitled "Seeing Sesotho: Art, History, and the Visual Language of South Sotho Identity" for the peer-reviewed journal Southern African Humanities, which is published annually by the Natal Museum in South Africa.

In addition, he submitted an entry on the Kingdom of Lesotho for African Kingdoms: An Encyclopedia of Empires and Civilizations, which will be published by ABC-CLIO. Dr. Riep is still awaiting a final decision on his revisions for an article entitled "Hot Women," which was submitted to the peer-reviewed journal African Arts earlier this year. Dr. Hollis has begun a new series of mixed media paintings and is continuing her research on the development of Art Quilting.

CAMPUS: Dr. Riep participated in a conference call with the University of the Free State (South Africa) in order to plan a potential student trip through the International Education Committee. Dr. Riep has been attending meetings for the International Education Committee, and is serving as the chair for the trip coordinators. Dr. Hollis has been elected to the Faculty Senate as an At-Large Senator.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Two of Dr. Riep's students have been conducting an ongoing educational program centered on SUNO's African art collection at Harney Elementary School. In addition, his Curatorship students developed an exhibition of African ceramics entitled "Sustaining Life," which is currently on display at the McKenna Museum. Last semester Dr. Hollis attended a number of presentations, discussions, open studio events and exhibitions at the Joan Mitchell Center here in New Orleans.

In August she began a dialogue with Joan Mitchell Director Gia Hamilton regarding the possibility of placing M.A. Museum Studies interns at the Center both in New Orleans and possibly the Joan Mitchell Foundation in New York City. Dr. Hollis judged a Children's Art Competition held at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Gallery as Part of the Satchmo Festival. She judges this event every year. Dr. Hollis also attended the opening of "Blue Monday", an exhibition of photographs honoring the Mardi Gras Indians, also held at the Jazz & Heritage Foundation Gallery.

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Dr. Kamran Abdollahi

On July 22, 2013, the United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack appointed Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, Urban Forestry Program Leader at Southern University Ag Center to the National Urban and Community Forestry

Advisory Council (NUCFAC) representing the interest area of Academic Institutions with an expertise in Urban and Community Forestry Activities. Dr. Abdollahi, whose appointment will last for two years, is a professor of Urban Forestry at the SU Ag Center and also serves as Professor/Program Leader in Urban Forestry on SU Baton Rouge campus. The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council is an appointed advisory council by the Secretary of Agriculture on urban forestry and related is-

sues. The 1990 Farm Bill created NUCFAC to bring together a wide variety of voices raised about a common concern: the present health and future preservation of America's urban forests. NUCFAC was founded to synthesize the full spectrum of views into a consistent vision, as a foundation for practical policy on urban forestry. The letter and certificate of appointment are attached. For a full list of current NUCFAC members, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac.html>

Calcasieu Parish holds C.H.E.F. Camp

The SU Ag Center held a C.H.E.F. Cooking Camp June 3-7 in Calcasieu Parish with 16 youth participants who learned the proper cooking terms and measurements.

Participants gained knowledge in the "MyPlate," the importance of kitchen safety as well as cooking and eating healthy meals coupled with physical activities.

C.H.E.F. is an abbreviation for Creating Healthy & Enjoyable Food.

Carol Sensley, Extension Agent for Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis Parishes, conducted the week-long program.



CHEF Class in Session



Graduation Ceremony

Dr. Bandele Presents at Farm to Table International Symposium



Dr. Owusu Bandele, Professor Emeritus at the Southern University Ag Center was in the midst of food lovers, food scientists, agriculture experts, farmers, chefs and food writers gathered at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Cen-

ter in New Orleans for the first Farm to Table International Symposium, Aug. 2-4.

A panel on food justice, which included Professor Owusu Bandele, moderated by Mike Kantor of the Second Harvest Food Bank in New Orleans, aimed to illuminate critical issues involving equal access to fresh and nutritious ingredients.

Bandele highlighted Southern University's agriculture programs that work to introduce a new generation to land cultivation and healthy ingredients through community gardens, farmer's markets

and education.

He is quoted as stating that "It's easy to focus on the negative, but it's more important to think about the positive change we can bring to our communities when it comes to food and agriculture."

The event which was organized by the Convention Center and the Southern Food and Beverage Institute included speeches, demonstrations and panels. The panel on food security was moderated by Mike Strain, Louisiana Commissioner of Ag and Forestry. The event was covered by [*The Advocate*](#) on August 08, 2013.

CoC Network Attends National Conference in the 'Blue Sky' State

Director Linda Early Brown and regional coordinators Shawntell Lewis-Harrell, Urina F. Holt and LaTonya Owens represented the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center Communities of Color (CoC) Network at the 7th National Smokeless and Spit Tobacco Summit in Missoula, Montana. The conference was hosted by The College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Montana, August 6-8.

The theme for this year's conference was Empowering Advocates for the Next Frontier in Smokeless Tobacco, a refocusing of efforts to

bring awareness to the health consequences and marketing tactics associated with smokeless tobacco. Participants were exposed to a variety of general and plenary sessions including Transforming the Fight Against Smokeless Tobacco, The Changing Landscape of Smokeless Tobacco Marketing, Cultivating and Sustaining Coalitions, Empowering Youth Advocates, as well as, presentations on regulatory and health measures from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The conference shared a plethora of strategic efforts, best practices and lessons learned for tobacco prevention and control specialists to continue working to eradicate tobacco usage in the United States and beyond. The Communities of Color Network team will employ strategies and best practices as it navigates the state to help eradicate tobacco usage and to ensure a healthier community for the constituents of Louisiana.

Communities of Color Network is an affiliated tobacco education of the Louisiana Public Health Institute.

JAGS in AG Program Holds Student Orientation



Students at orientation

Ten students have been selected to participate

in the JAGS in AG: Recruitment, Exploration, and Retention Program. Each participating student will be provided a stipend of \$1,000 for each spring and fall semesters

Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, and take part in existing research and extension projects at the Southern University Agricultural Research

and Extension Center. Participants will remain eligible for this award annually as long as they meet all requirements.

Each student project team of two or more students, will have a research or extension mentor. Teams of recruits will be assigned to mentors based on interest, inclusive of climate change, childhood obesity, global food security and hunger, fashion merchandising, food safety, sustainable bio-energy, community and economic development, entrepreneurship, family life, leadership, and youth development. This team-mentoring approach will demonstrate to participants how research and extension-based prob-

lems are generally solved using a multi-disciplinary approach. Students will conduct assigned activities under the supervision of their mentors. They are expected to present their work as part of a presentation, oral or poster, at the end of their project period during a Campus Annual Ag Day.

Renita W. Marshall, DVM serves as Project Director of JAGS in AG, with CO-PDs Kenyetta Nelson Smith, Extension Specialist; Willie Rawls, Associate Research Director; and Gary Simon, Professor.

SUS 100% Tobacco-free Policy Highlighted at Conference

Frankie Poland a regional coordinator with Communities of Color Network presented a Case Study regarding the Southern University System 100% Tobacco-free Policy at the statewide Fresh Campus Training held in New Orleans on August 7th. During the presentation, Poland explained the impetus which led to the birth of the policy, the steps in the process, the challenges and its implementation.

Poland serves as an advocate for other HBCUs, colleges and universities seeking best practices and procedures in implementing 100% tobacco-free policies on their campuses. Under the leadership of Linda Early Brown, director of Communities of Color Network, Southern University System invested in the lives of their faculty, staff, administrators, students, and community in January 2012 to implement a tobacco-free policy. The policy in brevity prohibits the use of tobacco products (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars,

cigarillos, pipes, bidis, hookahs, smokeless or spit tobacco, snuff, snus) by students, staff, faculty or visitors in all campus buildings, facilities or property owned or leased by Southern University System, and outside areas of the campus where non-smokers cannot avoid exposure to smoke.

For additional information on the statewide tobacco educational program, please contact Linda Early Brown at 225 771-4456.

SU Ag Center Joins Morehouse Black Farmers for Annual Field Day

Morehouse Black Farmers, in collaboration with the SU Ag Center and LSU AgCenter held their Annual Field Day at Mr. Harper Armstrong's shop on July 19th. To kick off the 2013 Farm Tour, Representative Katrina Jackson and Senator Mike Walworth addressed the audience of almost 300 people from surrounding areas, and as far as Michigan.

The tour began with a hayride to Mr. Harper Armstrong's 100-acre farm, where participants observed demonstration on irrigating row crops, soybeans, and poultry litter fertilizer, and organic litter application. Armstrong is the 2013 Louisiana Farmer of the Year.

The next stop was at Mr. Antwain Downs' corn plot. Dr. Ronnie Levy of LSU AgCenter explained the production of corn. SU Ag Center's Assistant Area Ag Agent, Mr. Odis Hill worked with the companies that donated the seeds for the project (Monsanto and Terral Seed) to develop this corn plot. Mr. Downs provided the land, equipment, labor, time and other production inputs. In return he will harvest the corn crop and share the yield data of each variety of corn with Monsanto, Terral Seed, and other local farmers.

The last stop of the tour was Mr. Michael Atkins' Beef Cattle Farm where he showcased his "Profits for the Planet" cow and hay operations. Mrs. Christie Monroe, SU Ag Center Livestock Manager, along with Jason Holmes of LSU AgCenter made a presentation on

the production of beef cattle and how to keep animals healthy going into the winter months.

The tour culminated at the Morehouse Ag Auditorium for lunch. Prior to serving lunch, there was food tasting contest to see what variety of corn had the best flavor. Mrs. Carolyn Robinson, SU Ag Center Associate Area Agent, East and West Carroll Parishes, supervised this event. Community leaders were chosen to judge the contest. Judges included Clarence Hawkins, former Mayor of Bastrop and now Louisiana Director of Rural Development; Kay King, Morehouse Economic Development Corporation; Harry Reese, Policy Juryman; Howard Loche, City Councilman; and Brian Shoemaker, MPSO Chief of Police. The corn variety "Obsession" came in 1st place.

Also, prior to serving lunch, a group of agriculture pioneers were presented with plaques, including, Mr. Elvodus Fields, A. J. Sabine, Antwain Downs, Dr. Dewayne Goldman and Mr. Harper Armstrong.

"The 2013 Field Day had the largest turn out ever, with more than 300 in attendance, and 25% were youth, the future of our community," Odis Hill said. Also the SU Ag Center showed an overwhelming support by the attendance of Dr. Leodrey Williams, Chancellor; Dr. Adell Brown, Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research; Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension; and other faculty and staff all over Louisiana.

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Chancellor Williams interacts with LSU student



Vice Chancellor Eubanks addresses audience



Group of Morehouse farmers



Corn tasting contest

Dr. Marshall Serves on Food Security Panel

Renita W. Marshall, DVM and Associate Professor, Animal Science, served on the Food Security Panel at the Farm to Table International Symposium in New Orleans August 2-4. Food security is a serious concern for all of us. Recent disasters have made it clear that distributing food is neither easy nor always possible. And it is sometimes impossible to anticipate what may be needed. This panel discussed these issues and how different solutions could be found.



Strain and Marshall at symposium

The Food Security Panelists were: Rashida Ferdinand, Founder & Executive Director, Sankofa Community Development Corporation;

Mike Kantor, Food Security Advocate, Second Harvest Food Bank; Renita Marshall, DVM, Associate Professor of Animal Science, Southern University Ag Center; Adrienne Rathert Mundorf, Program Manager, Prevention Research Center, Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network, Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine. Mike Strain, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, moderated the panel.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Christie Gremillion Monroe, Livestock Show Manager and Assistant Specialist, Animal Science, participated in Beef 706 training, hosted by Texas A&M System and Texas Beef Checkoff, September 13-14. This class is designed for producers, researchers and extension personnel to understand the beef industry from a consumer's point of view. Beef 706 is a Texas Beef Checkoff funded program targeted to cattle and beef producers. Participants learned about beef quality and safety issues and how they affect their operations. By attending Beef 706, Monroe had a unique oppor-

tunity to see and experience the quality challenges facing the beef industry. Other information shared included factors affecting beef's palatability and ways to help participants utilize their herd's genetics, feedyard performance, and carcass characteristics. In addition, trainees worked in groups with five other Texas beef producers to fabricate a carcass with the help of a cutting instructor.

"Overall it was a very successful workshop and I look forward to using this information to assist producers around the state," Monroe said.



Monroe fabricating meat



Gray group fabricating meat

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 9, 16, 23, and 30: Health and nutrition education on “Combating Childhood obesity with Care givers as Change Agents” project, 4:30-7:00 pm in A.O. Williams Hall, room 191. For further details, contact Fatemeh Malekian at 225-771-0251.

September 10-12: Joint SU & LSU Ag Centers Food and Nutrition EXPO and Conference, LSU Lod Cook Conference Center, Baton Rouge. For further details, contact De’Shoin York at 225-771-2582.

September 11: “What’s In Tobacco” Workshop at Vision of Hope, Shreveport, Caddo Parish. For further information, contact G. Johnson at 318-429-7500 ext. 172.

September 12, Back-to-School Summit at the Blackham Coliseum, 2330 Johnston Street, Lafayette For further details, please contact Wanda Burke at 225-771-5184 or (337) 943-2410; via email at wanda_burke@suagcenter.com

September 16: 100% Tobacco Free Campus, SUSLA, Shreveport, Caddo Parish. For further information, contact R. Gilliam at gilliamrgilliam@susla.edu or 318-670-6000.

September 19: Secondhand Smoke Presentation, Council On Aging Parent’s Meeting, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish. Contact Verna Lee at 225-721-1802.

September 19: Dangers of Tobacco Use Presentation, Council on Aging Staff Meeting, Jackson, E. Feliciana. Contact Verna Lee at 225-721-1802.

September 20: Secondhand/Mr. Gross Mouth Display at Arcadia Library, Arcadia, Bienville. Contact E. Butler at 318-263-7410 ext. 12.

September 21: Secondhand/Mr. Gross Mouth Display at Crooked Creek Golf Course, Greenwood, Caddo. Contact F. Williams at Fwilliams@susla.edu or 318-670-6000.

September 28: Community Health Y Wellness Fair, Women’s Health Education Foundation, Baton Rouge. Contact Katrin Smith at Katrin.n.smith@gmail.com or 225-620-5324.

October 5: Obrien House Youth Festival, BREC Gus Young Neighborhood Park, Baton Rouge. Contact Tonia Escort at 225-344-6345 ext 331.

October 14: Secondhand/Mr. Gross Mouth Display at Crooked Creek Golf Course, Greenwood, Caddo Parish. Contact F. Williams at Fwilliams@susla.edu or 318-670-6000.

October 25: Community Day Event, Greater Arlington Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. Contact Gail Lamb at 225-356-5578 or nurselamb@att.net.