

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Athletics Committee)

Friday, July 25, 2014

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Special Presentation
 Dr. Atiku Abubakar, Founder of the American University of Nigeria (AUN)
6. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the June 6, 2014 regular meeting and June 30, 2014 special meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 1. Academic Affairs Committee
 2. Personnel Affairs Committee
 3. Finance and Audit Committee
 4. Facilities and Property Committee
 5. Athletics Committee
 - C. Resolutions
7. Informational Items
 - A. Consideration of SUS/SUBR Consolidation Organizational Chart
 - B. Consideration of Framework to balance FY 2014-15 SUBR Operating Budget
 - C. System President's Report
 - D. Campus Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, June 6, 2014
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor J.S. Clark Administration Building
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut.

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Chairwoman
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Diangleo S. Frazer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Albert Samuel, SUBR Professor, made a recommendation to the Board on Action Item D. Approval/Appointment of Interim Chancellor, SUBR.

Dr. Bagayoko, SUBR Professor, spoke on Action Item D. Approval/Appointment of Interim Chancellor, SUBR.

Isiah Robertson spoke in support of the Board's decision on Action Item D. Approval/Appointment of Interim Chancellor, SUBR

Atty. Niles Haymer, 2003 SULC graduate, spoke in support of Action Item C. Approval/Appointment of Interim Band Director, Nathan B. Haymer, SUBR.

Atty. Tony Clayton, Southern University Board Member acknowledged how the board deliberates and what its ultimate purpose is.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Ms. Simone R. Bray

Chairwoman Dinvaut acknowledged Ms. Bray for her outstanding commitment during her tenure as a Student Board Member.

Ms. Bray thanked the Board for her experience and acknowledged all Chancellors and Vice Chancellors for helping her stay on track.

Chairwoman Dinvaut awarded Ms. Bray with a plaque for her exemplary service.

Vice Chancellor Peoples presented Ms. Bray with tokens of appreciation.

Chancellor Ukpolo, Belton, and Pitcher commended Ms. Bray and presented gifts.

Chairwoman Dinvaut formally introduced Southern University Board of Supervisors new student Board Member Representative Diangleo Frazer from SULC.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the April 11, 2014, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Rev. Tolbert the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of April 11, 2014 regular meeting of the Board, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that one Commencement Event be conducted at Southern University-Shreveport Louisiana be and it is hereby received.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, sabbatical leave extension for the 2014 – 2015 Academic Year, without pay to Professor Okechukwu Oko, Southern University Law Center be and it hereby approved.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 Number 4, FY 2013-14 Increase in Self Generated Revenues (Tuition), Southern University Law Center and Southern University- Shreveport, Louisiana; Swap of Self – Generated Revenue Spending Authority, Southern University-New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee BA-7 Number 5, FY 2013 – 2014 Increase in Inter – Agency Transfer (IAT) Funding, SU Lab School be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, authorization to use prior year funds in the amount of \$235,000 for emergency projects at Southern University – Shreveport, Louisiana be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, authorization to establish a Band Fee of \$21.00 per semester beginning Fall 2014 at Southern University – Shreveport, Louisiana be and it is hereby approved.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, authorization to establish the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Academy at Southern University – New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that Southern University System be and it is hereby authorized to appear before the Interim Emergency Board to request funds to stabilize the road cave ins on the Baton Rouge Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

C. Approval/Appointment of Interim Band Director, Nathan B. Haymer, SUBR

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Fondel, the following resolution was approved;

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, the appointment of Nathan B. Haymer as Interim Band Director at Southern University – Baton Rouge be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawson expressed his excitement and expectations of the Interim Band Director, Nathan B. Haymer.

Rev. Tolbert inquired about a set salary for the Interim Band Director.

Chairwoman Dinvaut stated that the only recommendation presented to the Board at this time was the appointment of Interim Band Director and asked Nathan Haymer to advise the Board of his acceptance.

Nathan Haymer expressed his gratitude and acceptance of the Interim Band Director.

Atty. Tony Clayton commented on Nathan Haymer leadership and congratulated him on his appointment.

D. Approval/Appointment of Interim Chancellor, SUBR *(Executive session may be required)*

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board convened into executive session to discuss the appointment of President Dr. Ronald Mason as Interim Chancellor, SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

Chairwoman Dinvaut announced that no actions were taken by the Board during its executive session.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Lawson, to move Action Item 6D: Approval/Appointment of Interim Chancellor of Southern University – Baton Rouge to the next Special Board Meeting.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Action Item 6D: Approval/Appointment of Interim Chancellor of Southern University- Baton Rouge be moved to the next Special Board Meeting be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Strike/eliminate the word "Alumni" from the renaming of University Place, such that, the official renaming is recorded as "Donald Carlye Wade House" and not the "Donald Carlye Wade Alumni House"

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Atty. Clayton the following resolution was approved;

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, the official renaming of the "Donald Carlye Wade Alumni House" is recorded as "Donald Carlye Wade House" be and it is hereby approved.

F. Consideration of professional service and consulting contract costs saving measures.

A motion was offered by Rev. Gant seconded by Mr. Small that a monthly report of all current professional service and consulting contracts be provided to the Board in use by Southern University System and Campuses.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, a monthly report be provided of all current professional service and consulting contracts in use by Southern University System and Campuses.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, report should identify contractor, total contract amount and amount expended as of the date the report was prepared.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Resolutions

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the following resolution was approved:

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

- Dr. Isaac Greggs
- Frances M. Lawson
- Rosa B. Lewis
- Corneluis E. Jones, Sr.
- Ivory D. Leachman
- Mack E Gibson
- Terry Godfrey
- Maya Angelou

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. System President's Report

Dr. Mason, System President, provided a handout and oral report to the board. He placed emphasis on the 2014-2015 budget deficit exceeding \$8 million, routine personnel actions needing to take place, Chancellor search committee being in process, professional contracts, NCAA Academic Compliance Committee being held June 25, and GRAD Act reports. Further details can be found on the Board's website and audio tapes.

B. Campus Reports

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

Vice Chancellor Dr. Peoples added the College of Business along with University Business Center is hosting a conference June 19-21 on the Southern University Campus.

Chancellor Ukpolo, Chancellor of Southern University- New Orleans thanked Board members Mr. Small and Mr. Braxton for supporting the last mobile removable of trailers on SUNO campus.

Chancellor Belton stated SUSLA would conduct a press conference announcing being awarded \$866,000 to provide training to an oil refinery.

C. Grad Act Executive Summary (President Mason and Vice President Monique Guillory)

Dr. Mason stated the Grad Act is covered in his report and that the official document from the Board of Regents will be sent to the Board.

D. Discussion on the value of being in the SWAC and advantages

Mr. Lawson asked that the item be moved to a later meeting date.

E. Update on 2014 Bayou Classic

Byron C. Williams provided the Board with the upcoming 41st Bayou Classic Schedule of Events and pointed out issues that needed to be addressed. He stated that a marketing plan had been developed to address the goals of the Bayou Classic. He said the objectives are to increase ticket revenue, increase attendance, improve game atmosphere and entertainment, to improve student and alumni support and involvement, the community awareness, increase national partners. Mr. Williams further stated that the target markets are the New Orleans area, State of Louisiana and

regional area to discuss the Bayou Classic through Digital Social Mobile Media. He provided the Board with a list of sponsors

Rev. Gant inquired about his and Kala Joseph's involvement in the 41st Bayou Classic.

Byron C. William stated that there are a number of dates set up that will be forwarded starting June 16.

Rev. Gant asked the Chair for clarification on the representative of the Board's involvement with the 41st Bayou Classic.

Chairwoman Dinvaut stated her intent is to have the Vice Chairman, Rev. Gant and Board Relations Coordinator be kept up to date with everything pertaining to the Bayou Classic and also briefed on all meetings.

Mr. Braxton questioned the accountability of ticket sales.

Mr. Williams stated that the accountability is though the ticket master process which accounts for the tickets that are paid for as well as those given through sponsorship, etc.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty. Clayton thanked Dr. Isaac Greggs' daughter, Colette for sharing her father with Southern University. He asked for the out-of-state and in-state Alumni to stand.

Mr. Lawson acknowledged Reverend Shelton Charles Dickenson. He announced to the Board 2014 Southern University Alumni Conference being held July 9-13 in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Mire gave Mr. Braxton and Atty. Clayton Certificates of Appreciation from Coach Roman Banks for their financial support to the Athletic and Basketball program.

Chairwoman Dinvaut thanked Atty. Clayton for his commitment to the Board and the Southern University System. She also presented Atty. Clayton with a birthday cake from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

Academic Affairs Committee
Friday, June 6, 2014
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Minutes

Atty. Tracie Woods swore in Diangleo Frazer, Student Board Member for 2014-2015.

The meeting of the Academic Affairs of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Dr. Leon Tarver. The invocation was given by Rev. Dickson

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II – Chair
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chair
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Mike A. Small
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut – Ex Officio

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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Vice Chancellor VerJanis Peoples (representing Chancellor James Llorens- SUBR), Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), and Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Approval to conduct one Commencement Event, SUSLA

On the motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the committee approved and so recommends to the Board, one Commencement Event to be conducted at Southern University-Shreveport Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Personnel Affairs Committee
Friday, June 6, 2014
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

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

PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Chair
Mr. Darren G. Mire – Vice Chair
Rev. Joe. R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaot – Ex Officio

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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Chief of Staff Evola Bates
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Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), and
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Sabbatical Leave Extension Request for the 2014-15 Academic Year, SULC

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Small, the committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Sabbatical Leave Extension for the 2014 – 2015 Academic Year to Professor Okechukwu Oko - Southern University Law Center

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Finance and Audit Committee
Friday, June 6, 2014
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

Minutes

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Dr. Leon R. Tarver.

PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell
Mr. Diangleo S. Frazer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Mike A. Small
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut – Ex Officio

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks - Chair
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chair

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. BA-7 Number 4, FY 2013-14-Increase in Self-Generated Revenues (Tuition), SULC and SUSLA; Swap of Self-Generated Revenue Spending Authority, SUNO

Kevin Appleton explained the BA-7 Number 4 increases and decreases in SULC, SUNO, SUSLA, and SUAREC. Further information can be accessed through the Board website and video.

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Frazer, the committee approved and so recommends to the Board, BA-7 Number 4, FY 2013-14 Increase in Self Generated Revenues (Tuition), Southern University Law Center and Southern University- Shreveport, Louisiana; Swap of Self-Generated Revenue Spending Authority, Southern University-New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously

B. BA-7 Number 5, FY 2013-14 – Increase in Inter-Agency Transfer (IAT) Funding, SU Lab School

Mr. Lawson and Atty. Clayton entered the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Frazer, seconded by Atty. Bell, the committee approved and so recommends to the Board, BA-7 Number 5, FY 2013 – Increase in Inter – Agency Transfer (IAT) Funding, SU Lab School.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval to use prior year funds for emergency projects, SUSLA

Chancellor Belton asked for the consideration of the Board to support two emergency projects on Shreveport Campuses.

On the motion of Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. Frazer, the committee approved and so recommends to the Board, approval to use prior year funds for emergency projects at Southern University – Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval to establish a Band Fee, SUSLA

Atty. Dumas entered the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Small, seconded by Frazer, the committee approved and so recommends to the Board, approval to establish a Band Fee at Southern University – Shreveport, Louisiana

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Interim Financial Report, as of April 30, 2014, SU System entities

Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs, presented a status report. He explained that there are no major budget issues to close out 2013 – 2014 budget year.

Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs, provided highlights illustrating state funding for the fiscal year 2014-2015. He emphasized the serious budgetary challenges that Southern University System is facing especially for Southern University-Baton Rouge Campus.

Dr. Tarver questioned if a comparison was conducted on the conditions against those that lead to the declaration financial exigency that happen a couple of years ago.

Mr. Appleton stated that the situations were similar but potentially worst due to a couple of years ago there were some reserved funds available for use.

Mr. Lawson inquired about restructuring debt.

Mr. Appleton replied restructuring and refinancing debt are being evaluated.

Atty. Clayton asked Mr. Appleton to present at the next board meeting a 20 percent reduction in the system employees' salaries. He asked the Chair to appoint a Budget Committee to assist with the financial issue.

Board members and Mr. Appleton held several other questions and discussions.

Chairwoman Dinvaut stated that she reviewed the budget projection and the statements that Board members have expressed and she will honor Mr. Clayton request to appoint a Budget Committee to review financial issues.

Chairwoman Dinvaut further states the committee will do a comprehensive review of the organizational structure at the system and at each campus to see where money can be saved and what opportunities and initiatives we need to implement to build revenue.

Dr. Mason, Southern University System President, indicated each year challenges and proposed solutions were given to the board. He continued to express he welcomed the committee of the Board to come see what the challenges are and to help fix the budget issues.

Board members and Dr. Mason held discussions about Southern University System challenges.

B. Update on the Food Service contract between Southern University System's Campuses and Aramark

Mr. Appleton stated that they are meeting with Aramark every week to establish resolutions to meet board approval.

Mr. Braxton expressed concerns about the time limit on the creation of the Aramark Contract.

C. Update on the Honore' Center

Dr. Mason informed the Board that the program is entering into their third cohort and enrollment numbers are kept low in order to keep the program alive until private support is received.

Rev. Gant inquired about the number of boys in the program.

Dr. Mason stated the program is a pilot project and approximately 20 boys are still in program and approximately 10 still in college.

Rev. Gant asked how much is budgeted per year.

Dr. Mason responded half a million budgeted and approximately \$300,000 spent.

Further discussion was held about the Honore' Center

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Facilities and Property Committee
Friday, June 06, 2014
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 Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Atty. Walter C. Dumas.

PRESENT

Atty. Walter C. Dumas – Chair
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut – Ex – Officio

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Mason asked the board to include an action item to the agenda so that the system will have approval from the Board to request emergency funding from the Interim Emergency Board for collapsed streets on the Baton Rouge Campus.

Roll call vote: 8 yeas; Dumas, Smith, Bell, Gant, Mire, Tarver, Tolbert, Dinvaut
0 nays

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Establishment of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Academy, SUNO

Chancellor Ukpolo explained the benefits and need to establish Thurgood Marshall College Fund Academy at SUNO. The academy will assist SUNO in gaining revenue and give SUNO access to potential students.

Dr. Mason emphasized the academy being a great opportunity and a good job Chancellor Ukpolo has done to bringing the academy to SUNO campus.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, authorization to establish the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Academy at Southern University – New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval to appear before the Interim Emergency Board to request funds to stabilize the road cave ins on the Baton Rouge Campus.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, authorization to appear before the Interim Emergency Board to request funds to stabilize the road cave ins on the Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campuses

Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President, provided a written and oral update on priority projects by campuses.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Special Meeting
Southern University Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 30, 2014
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

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

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Chairwoman
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Diangleo S. Frazer
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Chief of Staff Evola Bates
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Carlos Thomas (representing Vice President Tony Moore) and Monique Guillory-Winfield
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Dr. Verjanis Peoples (representing Chancellor James Llorens) Freddie Pitcher (SULC), and Ms. Linda Batiste (representing Chancellor Leodrey Williams) (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Elaine Lewnau, Chairperson for the Department of Speech-Language Pathology in the College of Nursing and Allied Health, spoke to oppose Action Item 5D-16: Consideration of Non-Transformation and Non-SUBR Reorganization Personnel Actions exceeding \$60,000 - Dr. Cheryl Taylor.

The following faculty and staff members spoke in opposition of Action Item 5C: Consideration of delegation of authority and other restructuring during the term of Acting Chancellor

- Dr. Diola Bagayoko, SUBR Professor
- Dr. Thomas Miller, President SUBR Faculty Senate
- Mr. Albert Samuel, SUBR Faculty
- Ms. Tony Jackson, SUBR Staff Senate

Mr. Nicholas Harris, SUBR SGA President, spoke in support of Action Item 5C: Consideration of delegation of authority and other restructuring during the term of Acting Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of proposed settlement/consent decree in Williams v. Board of Supervisors, No. 11-739, United States Dist. Court, Middle District of Louisiana
(Executive session may be required)

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board convened into executive session to consider the proposed settlement/consent decree in Williams v. Southern University Board of Supervisors, NO. 11-739, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call: 14 yeas, Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel, Frazer, Kelly, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver and Tolbert; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

Chairwoman Dinvaut announced that no actions were taken by the Board during its executive session.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Gant the resolution was approved:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System to accept the recommendation of the SUBR Administrators and Legal Counsel to settle the consent decree between Kayla Williams v. Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consideration of Appointment of Acting Chancellor, SUBR
(Executive session may be required)**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the Board convened into executive session to consider the appointment of an Acting Chancellor for the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Rev. Gant, to appoint Mr. Flandus McClinton, Jr. SUBR Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration as Acting Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective immediately.

A substitute motion was offered by Atty. Clayton seconded by Dr. Tarver to have Dr. Ronald Mason serve in dual positions as System President and Acting Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective immediately.

The substitute motion failed. Roll call vote: 7 yeas, Bell, Clayton, Kelly, Mire, Small, Smith and Tarver; 7 nays; Dinvaut, Gant, Dumas, Fondel, Frazer, Lawson and Tolbert; 0 abstentions

The Board then voted on the main motion previously offered, which approved the following resolution:

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel, Frazer, Kelly, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver and Tolbert; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that Mr. Flandus McClinton, Jr. be appointed as Acting Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective immediately and it is hereby approved.

Chairwoman Dinvaut, on behalf of the Board of the Supervisors congratulated Mr. Flandus McClinton, Jr. on his appointment as Acting Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

C. Consideration of delegation of authority and other restructuring during the term of SUBR Acting Chancellor

A motion was offered by Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Rev. Gant, to delegate the authority to implement the proposed SUBR reorganization restructuring and other restructuring during the term of SUBR Acting Chancellor, effective July 1, 2014.

An amendment motion was offered by Mr. Mire, seconded by Rev. Gant, under the proposed SUBR reorganization restructuring to have SUBR Athletic Department report to the Acting Chancellor and not the SUBR Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

A substitute motion was offered Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Bell to defer the implementation of the SUBR reorganization restructuring until input is given by the System President, SUBR Administrators and Faculty.

The substitute motion failed: Roll call vote: 6 yeas, Bell, Clayton, Kelly, Small, Smith, and Tarver; 8 nays, Dinvaut, Gant, Dumas, Fondel, Frazer, Lawson, Mire, and Tolbert; 0 abstentions

Discussion ensued regarding the assignments of certain department on the proposed SUBR reorganizational chart.

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board called a five minute recess of the meeting.

-RECESS-

-RECONVENTION-

Roll Call: 14 yeas, Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel, Frazer, Kelly, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver and Tolbert; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mr. Frazer, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the proposed SUBR reorganizational chart approved with the following modifications (1) Athletics Department and Media Relation's Office be assigned to the Acting Chancellor and the Registrar's Office assigned to the Academic Affairs Office be it is hereby approved.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 10 yeas, Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Clayton, Fondel, Frazer, Lawson, Tarver and Tolbert; 3 nays, Kelly, Mire and Small; 1 abstention, Dumas

D. Consideration of Non-Transformation and Non-SUBR Reorganizational Personnel Actions exceeding \$60,000

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the consideration of Non-Transformation and Non-SUBR Reorganization Personnel Actions exceeding \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

1. Jacques J. Detiege	<u>*System Evaluation and Assessment Specialist, SUS</u> New Appointment/Replacement	\$75,500
2. Jessica M. Bradley	<u>*Director of Accounting and Reporting Services, SUS</u> New Appointment/Replacement	\$67,000
3. Cary Hollins	<u>Comptroller, SUBR</u> Replacement	\$85,000/\$60,029
4. Benjamin Stove, III	<u>BURSAR, SUBR</u> Replacement	\$60,000
5. Vonsha Henderson	<u>*Director for Quality Enhance Planning, SUBR</u> New Appointment/Replacement	\$80,000
6. S. N. Murthy	<u>Associate Professor, Environmental Toxicology, SUBR</u> New Appointment	\$64,000
7. Anthony Jackson	<u>Asst. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, SUBR</u> New Appointment	\$70,000
8. Caronda Bean	<u>*Registrar, SUBR</u> New Appointment/Replacement	\$75,000
9. Alice Douzier	<u>*IT Project Coordinator, SUBR</u> Replacement	\$63,000/\$55,000
10. LaShawn Thompson	<u>ERP Lead Coordinator, SUBR</u> Replacement	\$80,000/\$80,000
11. Nolan Johnson	<u>Network System Manager, SUBR</u> Replacement	\$72,000/\$50,000
12. Hang Yin	<u>*Assistant Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, SUBR</u> New Appointment/Replacement	\$70,000
13. David Porter	<u>Professor, English, SUBR</u> Returning to Full-time Status	\$65,700
14. Edgar R. Belvins	<u>Professor, Mechanical Engineering, SUBR</u> Promotion from Associate Professor	\$81,790

15. Moustapha Diack	<u>Director and Professor</u> , SUBR New Appointment/Replacement	\$80,000/\$66,945
16. Dr. Cheryl Taylor	<u>Chair</u> , Graduate Programs in Nursing, SUBR Change of Position, Status & Pay Change	\$98,172
17. Fatina C. Elliott	<u>*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs</u> , SUSLA New Appointment/Replacement	\$68,000
18. Benjamin Pugh	<u>Vice Chancellor for Administration</u> , SUSLA Continuation-Returning,	\$95,000
19. Jenita C. Hegwood	<u>*Asst. Prof/Director of Field Exp. & Student Teaching</u> , SUNO New Appointment/Replacement	\$62,500
20. Donalyn L. Lott	<u>*Director Inst. Res., Effectiveness & Strategic Planning</u> , SUNO New Appointment/Replacement	\$70,000
21. Deneen Lewis	<u>*Director</u> , SUNO New Appointment/Replacement	\$60,000
22. Jessica Matthews	<u>*Director of Financial Services</u>, SULG New Appointment/Replacement	\$65,000
23. Demetria George	<u>*Budget Officer</u> , SULC Replacement	\$65,000/\$57,500
24. Donald North	<u>Professor</u> , SULC Transferring from 12mts to 9mts	\$117,037.87
25. Xiaobing Liu	<u>*Assistant Professor</u> , SUAREC New Appointment	\$70,000
26. James Henson	<u>*Senior Research Scientist</u> , SUAREC New Appointment	\$60,000
27. Onyumbe Enumbe Lukongo	<u>*Assistant Professor</u> , SUAREC New Appointment	\$65,000
28. Wanda H. Burke	<u>Youth Development Specialist</u> , SUAREC Additional Compensation	\$12,600

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- A. Food Service Contract, SUS

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. provided an update on the Food Service Contract for the Southern University System.

Mr. Lawson congratulated Rev. Tolbert on his recent triumph for being elected as President of the National Baptist Convention of America, International, Inc. and Rev. S.C. Dixon on his 27th Year Anniversary in the gospel ministry.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Stabilize and Revitalize SUBR: Preparing a Path

Executive Presentation to SUS Board of Supervisors
July 25, 2014

The traditional university model is the analogue of the print newspaper...15 years max, you've got the transformation."

AAU University Chancellor

The Givens

Given...

- That SUBR is not currently ranked as a Top HBCU or public institution – can SUBR recapture its past excellence?
- An expected FY15 \$7M+ budget deficit and minimum chances of increased funding in future years – can SUBR develop a plan to overcome these fiscal challenges?
- The increasing need for providing educational opportunities to a growing underserved population – can SUBR given all its fiscal challenges be at the forefront of serving that need?

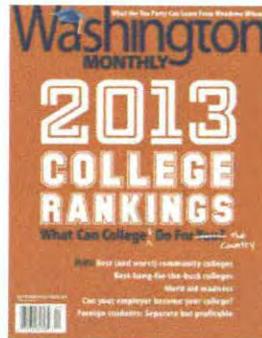
SUBR is Absent from Rankings

Kiplinger

Timely, Trusted Personal Finance Advice and Business Forecasts

Best Public College Values

- #1 UNC Chapel Hill
- #73 LSU



Best combination of social mobility, research and service

- #1 UCSD
- #48 LSU
- #17 TN State Univ
- #47 SCSU
- #53 NC A&T
- #102 ULL



Best Public Institutions

- #1 UC-Berkeley
- #108 LA Tech

Top Public Regional Universities – South

- #1 The Citadel
- #26 Winston-Salem State Univ
- #29 NC Central Univ
- #35 Alcorn State Univ
- #42 VA State Univ
- #47 McNeese State Univ

SUBR Absent Even When Compared to HBCUs



Best HBCUs

- #1 Spelman College
- #5 Xavier Univ of LA
- #8 NC A&T Univ

Forbes®

Overall rankings

- #188 Fisk Univ
- #254 Spelman College
- #497 NC A&T Univ

The Vision

SUBR will chart a path that...

- Recaptures our past excellence and positions SUBR as a Top 5 HBCU and top public institution in the nation
- Balances managing the FY15 deficit while providing the resources necessary to achieve that long-term goal
- Adjusts to market realities by rethinking and remaking our academic and administrative operations

Expert Opinion

- Universities will be compelled to create new, leaner business models as competition increases for staff, students, funding and partners.
- *Public institutions will increasingly be run like corporations, while seeking to maintain the freedom of inquiry and academic rigor that their long-term reputation depends on.*
- Universities will need to consider whether they can continue to maintain a competitive position — domestically and internationally — across a broad range of programs, or whether to concentrate resources on a smaller range of programs.
- *Universities will need to have a clear strategy and execution around target student segments and their specific needs and preferences. Today, most universities' segmentation is broad at best. Universities that do not become more focused on segments will be exposed to competitors with targeted student propositions.*
- Universities will need to rethink the role of digital channels and third party partnerships in recruiting students and delivering teaching and research programs.
- *The asset base and university administration ("back office") will need to be significantly leaner than it is today. Most universities at present have significantly more support staff than academic staff — this ratio will have to change.*



Source: "University of the Future – A Thousand Year Old Industry on the Cusp of Profound Change", Ernst & Young, 2012

The Task

- Create a new SUBR with available resources
 - Balance FY 15 SUBR Budget
 - Emphasize student outcomes
 - Better utilize technology as a classroom tool, learning pedagogy and academic support platform
- Create an economic model with
 - multiple revenue streams
 - modern organizational structure
 - highly efficient processes performed by talented faculty and staff

The Budget Balancing Act

ST Demands

- FY15 budget deficit
- Stabilize enrollment and retention
- Meeting GRAD Act

LT Vision

- Top 5 HBCU/top public institution
- Recognized leader in educating and graduating underserved
- World-class customer service
- Robust and sustainable economic model



Budget decisions/investment priorities

Stabilize and Revitalize

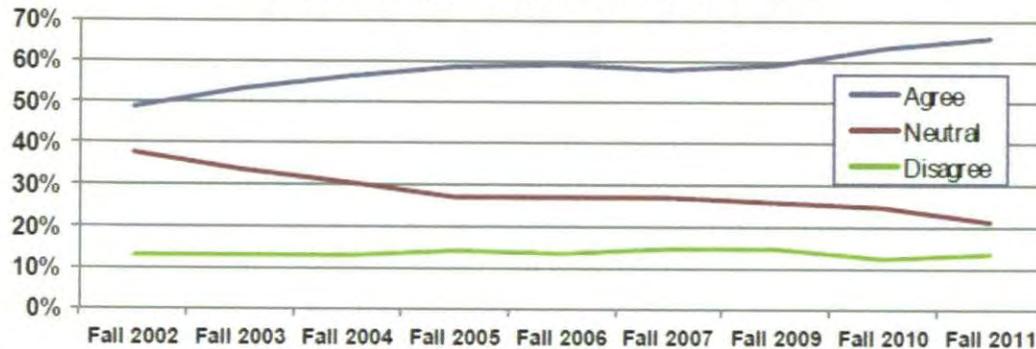
- *The What*
 - Maximize the incoming freshman class and transfer students
 - Increase significantly our retention rates
 - Channel more applicants into the SUSLA Connect program
 - Build enrollment in the online degree programs
- *The How*
 - Shared Services Model
 - Joint Task Force Recommendations
 - Focused Flagship administrative structure

Stabilize and Revitalize

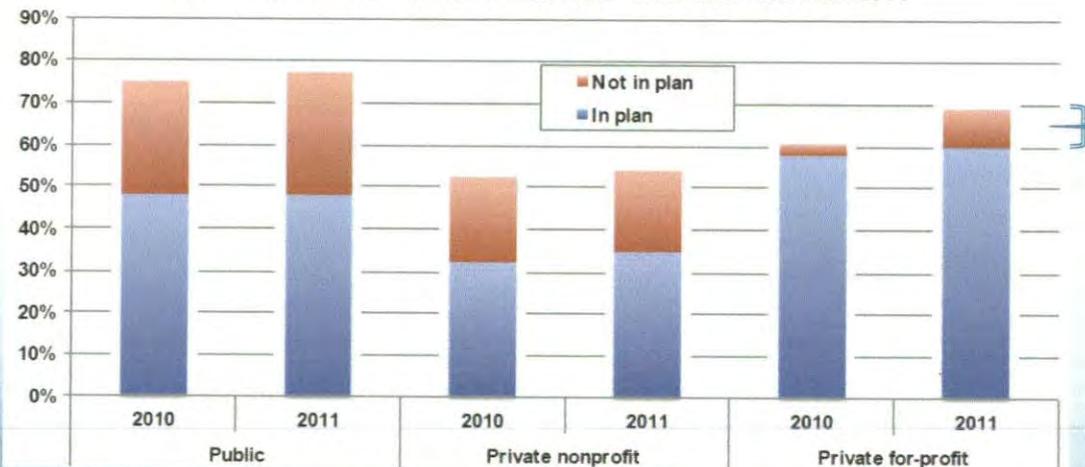
- Redesign the “back office” functions – Business & Finance, HR, IT and Enrollment Management Services – from campus functions to shared System functions with greater scale, more cost-efficiency and service-oriented outcomes
- Joint SUS/SUBR Task Force Recommendations
 - Enhance presence of SUBR brand via various traditional and social media platforms
 - Greater resources to and outcomes from Enrollment Management Services
 - Renew focus on the academic structure, student support, faculty engagement, and classroom technology
 - Emphasize customer service, and its link to student retention and fiscal impact

Stabilize and Revitalize Online Program Expansion

ONLINE EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY OF MY INSTITUTION – FALL 2002 TO FALL 2011



ONLINE EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY OF MY INSTITUTION BY INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL - FALL 2010 AND FALL 2011



- Two-thirds of higher ed institutions (approx. 2,700) believe they need an online strategy today and that number is increasing
- Of the 2,700, more than 1,000 have no plan in place and even those with plans need help
- 20% of all African-American undergraduates took at least 1 hybrid/distance course last year
- The typical online student:
 - Is likely to have at least one child
 - Had a HS GPA above 3.0
 - Scored under 1300 on the SAT
 - Is attending college to
 - Fulfill a personal goal
 - Make more money
 - Gain skills

Stabilize and Revitalize

“Day One” Ready

Day One Ready

- Graduates who possess the requisite skills, competency and attitude to be a productive employee on the 1st day of employment

Berevan Omer graduated on a Friday in February with an associate's degree from Nashville State Community College and started work the following Monday as a computer-networking engineer at a local television station, making about \$50,000 a year.

That's 15% higher than the average starting salary for graduates -- not only from community colleges, but for bachelor's degree holders from four-year universities.

Nearly 30% of Americans with associate's degrees now make more than those with bachelor's degrees, according to Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce. In fact, other recent research in several states shows that, on average, community college graduates right out of school make more than graduates of four-year universities.

The average wage for graduates of community colleges in Tennessee, for instance, is \$38,948 -- more than \$1,300 higher than the average salaries for graduates of the state's four-year institutions.

*“Community college grads out-earn bachelor's degree holders”,
Jon Marcus, The Hechinger Institute, 26Feb13*

Stabilize and Revitalize

Need to Invest in Connect and SUSLA

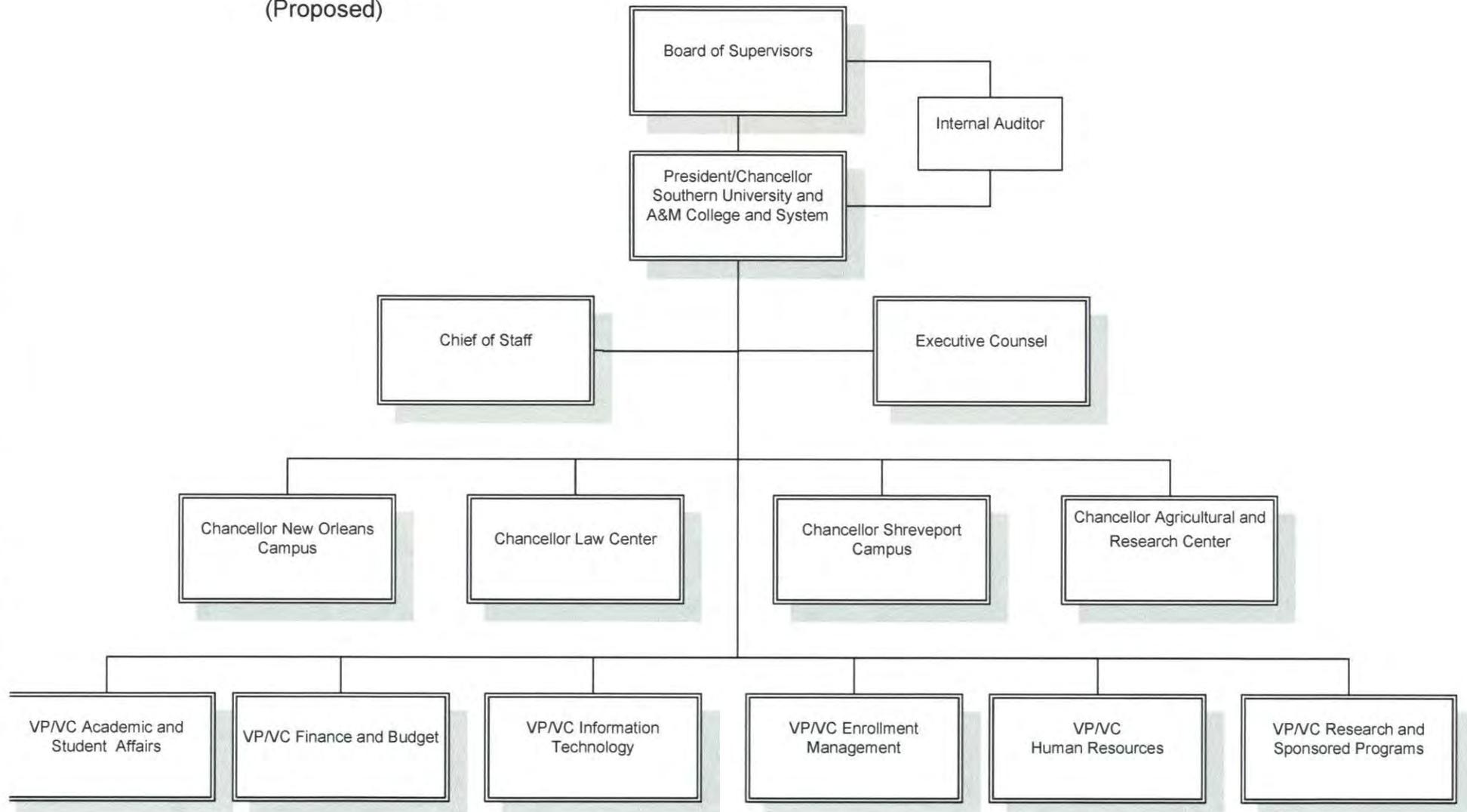
In an increasingly competitive world economy, America's economic strength depends upon the education and skills of its workers. In the coming years, jobs requiring at least an associate degree are projected to grow twice as fast as those requiring no college experience. To meet this need, President Obama set two national goals: by 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world, and community colleges will produce an additional 5 million graduates.

*From White House announcement of
"Building American Skills through
Community Colleges" Initiative press
release, 2009*

**From 2007 to 2014, LCTCS
saw**

- **Enrollment grow from 71K to 160K students**
- **Graduates out-earned university degree holders by 8.6%**

Southern University and A&M
College and System
Organizational Chart
(Proposed)



Re-Balancing Act

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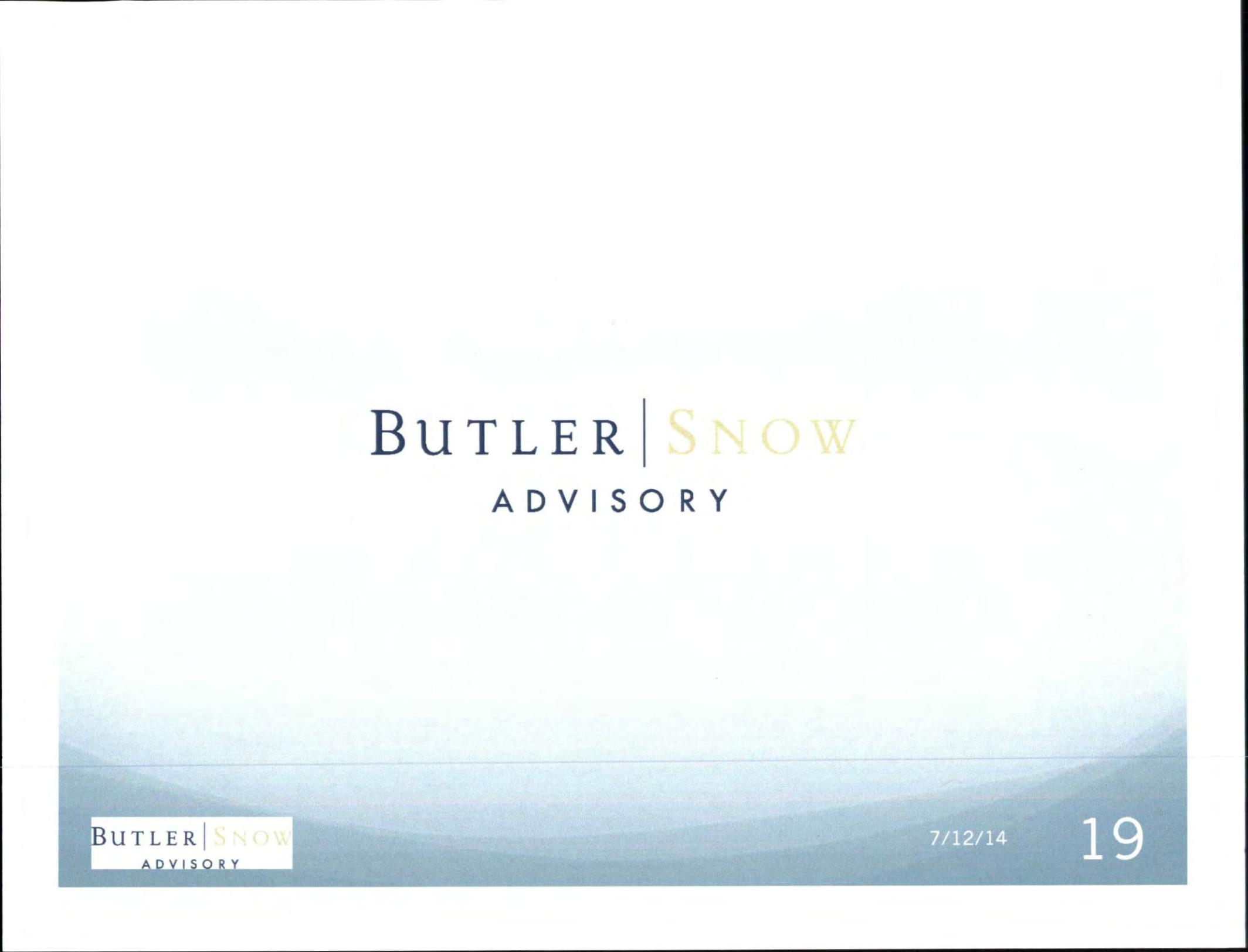


Path Forward

- Approve framework for FY15 reductions
 - “Bet the house” investment decisions to right the SUBR ship in FY15
- Support continued dialogue, resources and planning for detailed tasks and metrics required for achieving long-term vision

*A good leader can engage in a debate
frankly and thoroughly, knowing that
at the end (s)he and the other side
must be closer, and thus emerge
stronger.*

Nelson Mandela



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2014-15 Budget Assumptions and Major Budget Reconciliation Strategies SUS / SUBR

Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 25, 2014

Budget Assumptions

- Projected 150 student enrollment decline for SUBR
- No increase in SUBR tuition rates for 2014-15
- Reduction of over \$2.7 million in state operating funds
- No general salary increases
- Vacancies filled for critical positions only
- Increases in base operating costs
 - Unfunded state mandates (Retirement, Insurance, LLA, Risk Management, etc.)
 - Academic/accreditation requirements
 - Utilities, maintenance operations

Preliminary FY 2014-15 Budget Deficit - \$7.2 million

Major Budget Reconciliation Strategies

Revenues

- Allocation from unrestricted grant (Aramark) - \$900k
- Additional revenue from SUSLA Connect fee - \$500k
- Carryover of FY 14 one time funds - \$750k
- Salary support from SUS Foundation - \$500k
- Auxiliary enterprises revenue support - \$500k

Expenses

- Consolidation of System and SUBR administrations - \$2m
- Academic reorganization – \$340k
- Reduce adjunct/overload expenses – \$160k
- Vacant positions - \$250k
- Operating expense reductions - \$800k
- Other - \$500k

Total - \$7.2 million

President's Report

Task Force Reports

The Joint SUS/SUBR Task Forces completed their work on June 30, 2014. The focus of the task forces was to recommend actions to enhance enrollment in the 2014-15 class, and enrollment and retention in the future. The short term recommendations have been implemented. The long term recommendations are designed to increase enrollment and retention in the long run. The System will work with the campus for their implementation. The long term recommendations were also used to help shape the reorganization recommendations which will be discussed at the board meeting. The Task Force process was facilitated by Butler, Snow Advisory. A power point presentation prepared by them which summarizes the work of the Task Forces is attached to this Report.

Enrollment

We have been working with the SUBR Enrollment Management team since October 2013, in conjunction with information technology, to speed up student processing. This was identified as a key challenge for on campus students, and when trying to process online students every eight weeks. We dissected the work flow processes, established aggressive deadlines, met weekly to monitor progress and adjust when necessary, reshuffled and enhanced recruitment, admissions and financial aid staffs, installed automated financial aid components, trained staff, and implemented the short term recommendations of the Task Forces. We continue to monitor daily progress reports. The budget assumes a 150 student decrease, but the Enrollment Management team set an internal goal of 6,700, which would be an increase.

Harrison Road

As you know the main road to the student residential area collapsed about a month ago. Permanent repairs will cost approximately \$2m. Temporary repairs will cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000. We were able to work with the Board of Regents (BOR), the Capital Area Legislative Delegation, the Division of Administration, the Department of Transportation and the Corps of Engineers to develop a solution that should install a bridge over the collapsed area within the next 30 days. The Governor intervened and instructed DODT to do the work. We expect to cover the temporary and permanent cost through an award from the Interim Emergency Board. The repair work is expected to begin on Monday, July 21, 2014. We thank Board member Dumas for his assistance and support.

GRAD Act

Not meeting the GRAD Act benchmarks affected SUBR, SUSLA and SULC in two ways; they are unable to increase tuition, and 75% of 15% of their state appropriations can only be distributed to them in accordance with a remediation plan approved by the BOR. The remaining 25% of the 15% comes to the System to distribute to schools within the System who met the benchmarks. BOR has advised us that the small size of the Southern System was not considered when the rule was enacted. That is to say, it was never intended that one school would receive all of the funds awarded to the System. We have been working with BOR and the campuses to develop the Remediation Plans, and a fair and reasonable way to distribute the 25% of the 15%.

Budget

We have recommended a budget balancing framework to fill an \$8 million projected deficit in the SUBR budget. It utilized a variety of sources to fill the hole. After years of furloughs, staff downsizing, and no raises, every attempt was made to avoid pay reductions. It would only make a low morale situation worse for the people being relied on for production. We also worked to minimize any cuts to the instruction and academic support areas. Even though those areas are in the process of modernizing, it was felt that the more resources devoted to our core competency, the better we will be able to compete in the long run.

The recommended balanced budget framework also envisions a single administration to manage both the System and the Flagship. It is a model used by several other systems. It also projects to save \$2m. We worked with Butler, Snow Advisory to develop a high level organizational structure that, when built out, will meet the budgetary targets as well as set a foundation for stabilization by FY 2015-16.

NCAA

On June 25, 2014 the System/SUBR team traveled to Indianapolis to meet with NCAA regarding the SUBR Athletics Program. Since the meeting, news from the NCAA hearings we attended was better than expected. They were impressed with the team and our presentation. The work done by the consultant we hired to begin cleaning up the data and the hiring of the new Registrar as of April 1, 2014 were key. Once we complete our data submissions and it is deemed reliable, the NCAA will reassess our post season bans. The ball is in our court, and the AD assures that the information will be submitted in the very near future. We will continue to assist as needed.

Board of Regents

Partially in response to the GRAD Act outcome, the Board of Regents has established a special committee "to collaborate with Southern to help those institutions strengthen their performance." The BOR Chairman has requested a meeting with our Chair in order to discuss how BOR might be of assistance. We will work with BOR staff to determine what the BOR may have in mind prior to the meeting.

Fundraising

The SUS Foundation is running a **True Blue** Million Dollar March. It is an online fundraiser with a goal of \$1 million over three months. The goal is aggressive, but we are testing the power of social media as a fundraising tool. We strongly encourage your participation at netcommunity.sus.edu.milliondollarmarch.

In addition, we received the \$450,000 from the Kellogg Foundation to help support the Honore' Center.

Finally, the 1880 Society awarded \$65,000 in scholarships to highly qualified students in the 2014-15 entering class.

Revitalization: Summary of Task Force Recommendations

Presentation to SUS Board of Supervisors
July 25, 2014

Revitalization

- ***The What***
 - Maximize the incoming freshman class and transfer students
 - Increase significantly our retention rates
 - Channel more applicants into the SUSLA Connect program
 - Build enrollment in the online degree programs
- ***The How***
 - Five Task Forces focused on developing short term measures while defining a pathway to achieving the long-term vision

The Task Forces

Task Force	Charge
Academic Restructuring (AR)	Assess and continue the work initiated with the recent reorganization efforts. The idea is to take a deeper look at the academic vision, identify structural synergies or detractions within SUBR and with other System units, assess and connect with workforce production opportunities, and identify academic structural approaches to help maximize AY 2014-15 enrollment
Learning and Quality Instruction (LQI)	Examine the classroom experience and our student learning outcomes. Will assess learning quality and recommend learning models to enhance the students' opportunity for success. The idea is to bring the best available tools and thinking to bear on the classroom or virtual classroom experience. In addition, will seek to make available to every student the full array of academic assets within the Southern System
Student Processing (SP)	Focus on the business of recruitment, admissions, financial aid, and registration. The initial impression made by these high profile areas is key, from the first point of contact to the milestone where academic units assume primary responsibility for student success. The idea is to assess where we are, recommend short-term strategies if necessary, and lay the groundwork for a modern student processing division.

The Task Forces

Task Force	Charge
Campus Life (CL)	Concerned with the quality of the student experience outside of the classroom, both on campus and beyond. Will not only consider co-curricular learning experiences, but customer service as well. The idea is to ensure that every student experience is positive, and every employee understands their role to that end
Marketing and Branding (MB)	Recommend ways to shape and build a new image for SUBR while embracing the traditions of the past. Will assess the public perception of SUBR in general, as well as the subunits within the University. The idea is to develop a message and image that is attractive, unified, and celebrates our best assets, now and in the future. Will also determine how the delivery of our services - academic and administrative- impact the perception of the brand and opportunities to better link service delivery to brand building

The Task Forces – Short and Long Term

Task Force	ST Actions	Expected Outcomes	Recommendations for future actions
Academic Restructuring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of six Colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned to workforce needs of LA and region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New programs • Use of past work experience for SCH generation
Learning and Quality Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom technology initiative • Thank you note from Mason • Selective facility renovations • “Working” faculty convocation • “In-class” tutoring model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better engaged faculty focused on their role in retention effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common assessment tool • 21st century GenEd/development curriculum (CONNECT) • Courses/programs offered any time, any place and any pace • Expansion of FFAA-type efforts

The Task Forces – Short and Long Term

Task Force	ST Actions	Expected Outcomes	Recommendations for future actions
Student Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded staff Better daily tracking tools Alignment/revision of communication/letters to applicants/students New outreach programs (SNL – Southern Night Live!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment goal of 6700 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New processes, technology and talent Better use of for-profit/online models for back-office processing
Campus Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer service initiative focused on 4 units impacting Fall orientation Jag Get Fit Campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise service levels, create transparency of service delivery and set standard for customer service going forward Use plans from Partnership for Healthier America (PHA) to promote wellness plans for SUBR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus- (and eventually System-) wide effort and systemic program that includes training, metrics, alignment to brand and incentives for individuals and units Links between wellness effort to academic and research programs
Marketing and Branding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30s commercial (“Where Will You Be?”) released in BR and NO will be running for next several weeks (thanks to Cox) Radio campaign Interviews on “Across LA” show Mailers to incomplete applicants and applicants Digital media campaign (#wherewillyoube) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting incomplete applications completed Influencing a positive SUBR decision (6700 goal) for new freshman and transfers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of brand to service delivery, employee appraisal and economic outcomes Comprehensive brand development of SUBR and SUBR sub-brands (football, band, academic programs, etc.)

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Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SU and Baton Rouge Community College Sign Computer Science Agreement



Southern University has entered into an agreement with Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) to facilitate transfer of BRCC students who want to earn a bachelor degree in computer science after completing their associate degree.

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by Dr. James Llorens with the BRCC says BRCC students in the Associate of Science Louisiana Transfer Physical

Science - Computer Pathway degree, who declare their interest to pursue a BS in Computer Science in the College of Engineering, will be admitted to Southern University.

As part of the agreement Southern will provide advisors to assist BRCC students transition into SU's computer science program. BRCC will also promote and market SU's computer science program in the BRCC service area.

SUBR Professor Receives \$71,000 For Summer Research Project



Southern University System Distinguished Professor of Physics, Dr. Diola Bagayoko has received a \$71,000 federal grant to supplement a two-year-old research project.

The grant from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration was awarded to Southern to engage students in fuel cell and catalysts research.

Collaborating organizations include a group of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Tommy Rockward, an outstanding graduate of the BS and MS degree programs in physics at SUBR, is the lead scientist for the collaboration with Los Alamos National Laboratory. This project serves as a mechanism for sustaining scientist-to-scientist interactions with DOE laboratories and for increasing the number of minority science and technology graduates.

SU Singer, Briannica Thompson Ready For National Competition

Briannica Thompson will be representing Southern University at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition in Boston.

The junior vocal performance major said she was overwhelmed to be selected but is ready for the competition and the chance to win \$1,500. The event will be held July 5-9, 2014.

Ms. Thompson, who also minors in English and Political Science, participated in the tri-state competition involving students from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. It was a three-round competition and over 700 students participated.

Ms. Thompson participated in the Women's Lower College category, a competition against all women in her age group. Thompson chose to perform "Caro Nome" an Italian piece by Verdi, "De Los Alamos Vengo Madre" which is a Spanish song by Rodrigo, and "Cassandra's Lullaby" an English piece by Mark Fax. She placed third in her category.



She received the letter saying she was eligible to participate in the national competition and that she would have to submit a YouTube video and basically compete against the same girls that placed ahead of her. With the aid of vocal coach, Richard Hobson and assurances by Professor of Music, Charles Lloyd, Jr., "I gained confidence and submitted my YouTube video," she said. A few weeks later she received the list of people who were being invited to Boston.

The competition in Boston will include students from every tri-state region. The competitors will be narrowed in a semi-final round to 14 and a final round of three will be selected.

[SU College of Education Schedules Fall Teacher Job Fair](#)



Southern University's College of Education, Arts and Humanities will host a fall Teacher Job Fair, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., September 17, 2014 in the F.G. Clark Activity Center.

The job fair will be held in conjunction with the University's fall 2014 Career Exploration Day. Recruiters from districts in Louisiana and across the country have been invited to interview interested candidates in all areas of certification. All teachers, current and prospective, as well as school counselors are invited to attend.

[ExxonMobil Awards \\$66,810 to Southern University](#)

Representatives of ExxonMobil's Baton Rouge plant presented Southern University with a \$66,810 check as a contribution from employees and the company to the Baton Rouge campus.

ExxonMobil representative, Shabaka Gibson said the funding is part of the corporation's ongoing and long-term commitment to education, especially in engineering, at Southern. Dr. James Llorens praised ExxonMobil for its willingness to be a financially committed partner to Southern University.

"These funds will be beneficial to both Southern University and ExxonMobil," said Dr. Llorens. "Of course our students will benefit in the classroom. But, the funding will also help us keep our students in the pipeline to fulfill the employment needs of ExxonMobil."



ExxonMobil's contributions over the years have been extremely beneficial to the university's engineering program, Llorens said, adding that the financial contributions from SU grads, who work at ExxonMobil, continue to keep the engineering program at SU among the best in the state. ExxonMobil matches employee contributions three-to-one.

The check was presented to the university in a ceremony Friday on the Baton Rouge campus. Two SU grads, who work for ExxonMobil, were part of the presentation. Claudette Bradford, a Loss Prevention System Core Team leader and Wilbert Ferdinand, a refinery Safety Engineer. Both work at ExxonMobil's Baton Rouge complex.

[Office of Media Relations](#)

Director of Media Relations Edward Pratt was on the WBRZ-TV Ch. 2's 2une-In Show and WAFB-TV Ch. 9's 9 News This Morning show to discuss student recruitment efforts underway on the Baton Rouge campus.

Southern University Dean of Students Marcus Coleman was on the Cox Cable's "Across Louisiana Show in Baton Rouge to talk about student life at Southern and to pitch recruitment on the Baton Rouge campus.

SU recruiter Saturn Douglas was a guest on the Cox Across Louisiana Show in New Orleans to pitch recruitment efforts at SUBR

SU SGA President Nick Harris was a guest on the "Eyes Open" radio show, based in Alexandria, to talk about SU recruitment efforts.

WVLA-TV aired a feature on SUBR's new touring bus.



Raymond Clarke, the Interim Vice-Chancellor for Student Success, was a guest on the Cox Across Louisiana show to discuss the mechanics of registering at SU, financial aid and the need for students to take care of their FAFSA issues.

Clarke was also a guest on the Eyes Open radio show to discuss the identical issues.

The Advocate newspaper published a profile on the retirement of former Director of Bands Lawrence Jackson.



The Advocate also did a feature story on the Southern University Band Camp, the largest in the 17-year history of the band camp.

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THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
TO THE
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF
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June 2014

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: *FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.*

CAMPUS: *SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER*

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Significant Events/Accomplishments

Chancellor Awarded Honorary Degree in Turkey



Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., (left) is pictured with Prof. Dr. Murat Erman, Rector (Chancellor) of Siirt University, who presented him with the honorary Degree of Doctor of Law

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Law from Siirt University, Siirt Turkey, on May 22, 2014.

The Senate of Siirt University conferred the degree for the Chancellor's major contribution in increasing internationalization of higher education between Southern University and A&M College and Siirt. Chancellor Pitcher was awarded the honorary degree while attending the International Leadership Conference at Siirt. SUBR Chancellor James Llorens, who attended the conference, also was awarded an honorary degree from Siirt.

SULC has implemented other academic endeavors with several universities in Turkey. A student and faculty exchange program has been initiated between SULC and Turkey's Kirikkale University. Chancellor Pitcher has addressed faculty, staff, and students at Kirikkale, Abant Izzet Baysal University, and Marmara University. Topics have included developing a framework for a democratic constitution, social justice under a democratic constitution, the differences between legal education in the United States and Turkey, and the American jury trial system.

“It was indeed a great honor for me and I look upon this honorary doctorate with both pride and humility,” the Chancellor said.

He is eager to extend the Law Center’s involvement in globalization through other international initiatives in legal education.

Congratulations. SBA President Sworn In to Serve on the Southern University Board of Supervisors



Diangleo S. Frazer, 2014-15 SBA President was recently sworn in as student member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

Frazer, a native of Freeport, Bahamas, and a resident of Boca Raton, Florida, will serve a one-year term. A third-year law student, Frazer is also senior editor on the Journal of Gender, Race, and Poverty and a member of the Moot Court Board.

Before enrolling at SULC, Frazer worked as an account operations manager for Pitney Bowes, Inc. and an operations manager at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Student Union, Boca Raton.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and an MBA from FAU. Frazer has served his community on the national and local levels with an emphasis on youth development.

Chancellor Pitcher Presented “Lifetime Achievement Award” at Louis A. Martinet Foundation Annual Gala



Chancellor Pitcher Honored by Louis A. Martinet Foundation with Lifetime Achievement Award--From left: Edselle Cunningham, '03; Chancellor Pitcher, '73; Christopher Hebert, '03, outgoing Martinet president; and Christopher Tyson.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Louis A. Martinet Foundation during its 2014 Awards and Scholarship Gala, Saturday, April 26, at Juban’s Restaurant in Baton Rouge.

“Preserving Our Past, Pursuing Our Path Forward,” was the theme for the annual event.

Christopher Tyson and Edselle Keith Cunningham, Jr., '03, sons of the late Judge Ralph Tyson and the late Edselle Cunningham, respectively, who were Chancellor Pitcher’s former law partners, presented the award to the Chancellor. Tyson and Cunningham reflected on the earlier days of the partners in the Law Firm of Pitcher, Tyson, Avery, and Cunningham. Their anecdotes of the antics and services of their fathers and Chancellor Pitcher were both humorous and inspiring.

Chancellor Pitcher was honored and visibly moved by the award and thanked the group for the recognition of a career journey that he has been blessed to experience.

LSBA Annual Meeting Highlight

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., was among Louisiana law school deans to address the 2014 LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/LJC Summer School, in Destin, Florida. Pitcher, along with Dean Maria Lopez of Loyola College of Law, Dean David Meyer of Tulane University Law School, and Dean Jack Weiss of LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, spoke on the panel topic, "Paperback Writer—The Future of Law School."

U.S. Fifth Circuit Court Judge James E. Graves, Jr., Encouraged Law Grads to "Light Someone Else's Light"

Graduates were hooded and received their diplomas at 2014 Commencement

During the 2014 SULC Commencement, Judge James E. Graves, Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, encouraged SULC graduates to light someone else's light during their journey.

Judge Graves acknowledged, in his address to the more than 170 participants in the May 10 ceremony, that by the time of their fifth year reunion, they wouldn't remember who their commencement speaker was. "I assure you that you will remember all of the professors and others who influenced you and allowed you to sit where you are today," he said.

Providing the graduates the opportunity to give the professors and others who supported them a big round of applause, Judge Graves reminded them that they are successful because someone loved, nurtured, supported, counseled, taught, shaped, and molded them. In turn, he said, "Someone, somewhere, someday will want and need all those things from you."

"One phone call returned, when you'd rather not; one hand reached out; just one act of kindness can light someone else's light, and that's what is important," the Judge said.

Graves, the first African American from Mississippi and the third African American to serve on the Fifth Circuit Court bench lauded SULC's legacy of service and preparing leaders. "Roots that are planted here (SULC) make you a part of that legacy of service," and prepare you to lead, he said.

Defining vision as thoughts and dreams of what can be, Judge Graves admonished graduates, "Don't ever let your view obstruct our vision."

He noted, "Justice for humanity is nothing but a dream, but it is the American dream in a democracy." Be grateful for democracy, the judge said. Quoting from Reinhold Niebuhr, he stated: "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary."

As they pursue the practice of law and become servant-leaders, the graduates were reminded to seek balance in their lives. Judge Graves advised: "Nurture your social and family relations and develop your spirituality, for you will need them" to survive the tough times and to enjoy the good times.

Graves closed his speech by sharing a poem by Mother Teresa, excerpted here: "People are often unreasonable and self centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of



ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

2014 SULC Alumni Round-Up Celebrates Achievements of Many, April 2-5



2014 SULC Hall of Fame Inductees--From left, Mayor Jacques Roy, '97, Alexandria, Louisiana; attorney Edward Larvadain, Jr., '66, Alexandria; Judge Ramona L. Emanuel, '86, First Judicial District Court, Shreveport, Louisiana; attorney Rickey W. Miniex, '86; Lafayette, Louisiana; Judge Jeff Cox, '92, 26th Judicial District Court, Bossier City, Louisiana; Judge Wilson Fields, '94, 19th Judicial District Court, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Attorney Clyde R. Simien, '86, Lafayette.



2014 Southern University Law Center Distinguished Alumni Reception--From left, Tim Hardy, '81, Master of Ceremonies; Cynthia N. Reed, Director of CLE and Alumni Affairs; honorees, Yolanda Martin Singleton, '91, Baton Rouge; State Representative Katrina Jackson, '04, Monroe, Louisiana; Vanessa Caston LaFleur, '93, Baton Rouge; Jason M. Stein, '01, New Orleans; Tricia R. Pierre, '98, Lafayette, Louisiana; and Samuel Jenkins, '82, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Chancellor Pitcher.



Marking the 40th Anniversary of Clinical Education at SULC, former and interim directors were honored during the Hall of Fame Banquet, Cynthia Reed, Director of CLE and alumni affairs, (second from right) is pictured with Prof. Arthur Stallworth, Prof. Virginia Listach and Prof. Donald North.



Master of Ceremonies Daryl Washington and Mistress of Ceremonies Jacqueline Williams participated in the Hall of Fame Gala.

Two Alumni Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure



Assistant Professors Shawn D. Vance, '96, and Prentice L. White, '95, have been promoted with tenure to Associate Professor of Law.

Vance, who joined the Law Center in 2000, oversees the Law Center's Supplemental Bar Review Program as well as teaches the bar preparatory course, Statutory Analysis. His teaching focus is in the areas of civil law courses and employment law.

White has been on the SULC faculty since 2001. In 2003, he was certified as an appellate attorney in non-capital cases with the Louisiana Indigent Defense Board. Three years later, he joined the CJA (Criminal Justice Act) Panel with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana to represent criminal defendants on appeal before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has published four law review articles.

SULC Students and Professor Participate in Freedom Summer Project, June 23-August 15



Goodly

Lee

Williams

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North

Four SULC students and Prof. Donald North are participating in the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice's (CRRJ) Freedom Summer Project, June 23-August 15.

The project engages law students and undergraduates in cold case investigations, with offices located at SULC and at the Mississippi Center for Justice (MCJ) in Jackson, Mississippi.

Project Fellows assigned to the SULC office are Taranika Goodly, Iriane Lee, and Lillian Williams, all of SULC; Jessica Carter of LSU; Fraser Grier, the University of Glasgow School of Law; Sarah Scheinman, the University of Michigan School of Law; Evan Reid, Morehouse University; and Ariana Taylor, University of Illinois.

Project Interns assigned to the MCJ office in Jackson are Rosalind Freeman, SULC; and Anastasia Griffin, University of Mississippi.

The Fellows and Interns work full-time on their investigations under the supervision of Professor Margaret Burnham of Northeastern University School of Law, Project Director; Professor North, Project Legal Adviser; and Attorney Bayliss Fiddiman, Project Administrator.

They conduct on-line research, fieldwork, and legal research, and they render a written essay about their investigations that will be published on the CRRJ website.

Southern University Law Review to Celebrate 40th Anniversary this Year

The Southern University Law Review, a student-published scholarly journal that addresses current legal issues through articles submitted by Southern University law students, legal scholars, and professionals, celebrates its 40th year.

Volume I of the Southern University Law Review is dated 1974-1975, according to Associate Law Librarian Harold Isadore. The founding Editor-in-Chief was the late Thelma Quince Colbert, '75.

The Law Review is dedicated to providing judges, lawyers, and law students with effective research materials. Additionally, the publication provides its members with the opportunity to develop their own legal writing, editing, and research skills. The Law Review is published twice a year and has a widely circulated subscription list, including availability online through the WESTLAW and LexisNexis databases.

Students and alums who served on the SU Law Review were invited to send reflections about what working on the publication meant to them, to be included in an article in Reflections magazine.

Summer Pre-Law Program

The 2014 Summer Pre-Law Program, an intensive four-week program for incoming law students to help them get acclimated to the legal education environment, began July 7 and ends August 1, at A. A. Lenoir Hall.

The theme for 2014 is "Best Practices for Academic Success: Clear, Concise, and Compelling." More than 30 percent of the incoming class will participate this summer, according to Berryl Gordon-Thompson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support programs.

"Through instruction in the substantive first-year courses (Torts, Contracts, and Basic Civil Procedure), students have the opportunities to analyze and synthesize precedent, interpret statutes, construct policy arguments, and write and speak with clarity and precision," Gordon-Thompson said.

"Pre-law students are also introduced to legal skills, emphasizing legal writing and legal analysis through a skills component of the program," she added.

Student Wins "Honorable Mention" in Journal Writing Competition



William Wilson, a third-year evening student, won Honorable Mention in the 2014 Criminal Law Journal writing competition.

Wilson wins \$500 and a one-year student membership in the student division of the criminal law section of the California Bar Association. His article, "There Will Be Blood! But It Depends," will be published in the California Criminal Law Journal.

The article focuses on the 2013 U.S. Supreme Court case *Missouri v. McNeely*. That case held that although blood-alcohol levels dissipate after drinking ceases, this dissipation does not create exigent circumstances that would justify an officer to order a warrantless blood draw. The article highlights the issues that the Court's totality-of-the-circumstances analysis will create for law enforcement professionals because of its lack of clarity and specificity.

Professor Wendy Shea was the faculty adviser.

ON THE GO

Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones was the keynote speaker for the Baton Rouge Bar Association Law Day celebration that was held May 1 at the River Center.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., was the keynote speaker for the TriCity Helping Hearts Foundation annual banquet Saturday, April 26, at the AARP Building in Morgan City, Louisiana. Chancellor Pitcher was also a participant in the Lawyers' Oath Renewal Ceremony, Friday, May 9, at the Manship Theatre.

Professor Dena M. Sonbol's article, "Talking Turkey: Southern University Law Center expands its global footprint with ventures in Turkey," appears in the June 2014 issue of the Baton Rouge Bar Association's *Around the Bar* magazine.

Professor Alvin Washington's article, "Enforcing Mediation Agreements," was published in the May 2014 issue of the Baton Rouge Bar Association's *Around the Bar* magazine.

Student Published in the Huffington Post

Third-year law student Shayna A. Pitre's article, "School Choice: As Long as Your Child Doesn't Have a Disability," has been published in the May 13 edition of *The Huffington Post*. To read the article, see pitre/school-choicetruechoice-_b_5318677.html

Class of 1986 Reunion--1986 Reconnect--Planned for August 15-17

The Class of 1986 is planning its reunion, 1986 Reconnect, set for August 15-17 at the Astor Crowne Plaza, 729 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The cost is \$150, which will include a meet and greet event on Friday, a jazz dinner cruise on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

For more details, contact Monique Edwards, MEdwards1@sulc.edu.

The Law Clinic

The Law Clinic continues to provide access to the legal justice system to the poor and elderly in the community that would otherwise not receive the free legal services. It further encourages a legal responsibility in the student attorney to help those less fortunate. Combined clinical services provided to the community through representation and consultation (fall 2013-spring 2014)-603 closed cases (*Number does not reflect active/pending cases). In the fall 2013 there were 121 students enrolled in clinical education and in the spring 2014 there were 132 enrolled.

Clinical Professors from Southern, LSU, Tulane, and Loyola met at Loyola University on May 22, 2014 for a Clinical Workshop to network and discuss future collaborations between the law schools. Discussions also included sharing in information regarding the types of clinics and externships as well as communities and organizations serviced. A drop box was created for the sharing of clinical information between the law schools. All agreed to form a unified consortium and Southern will host the next workshop in December 2014.

The Clinic purchased a case management system called clinnccases.com. This system will assist the clinic in case management among the clinics and individually. It allowed the docket clerk to input case names, information, clinic assignment, status, disposition and actions taken throughout the case. It requires interaction between the case manager (Professor) and the student attorney creating a system in which the professor can better monitor the actions of the student assess capabilities, proficiency and accountability. It also allows easy access to case data for reporting. All cases are being inputted over the summer in the hopes of starting the case management system in the fall 2014.

RECRUITMENT

The Office of Recruitment will engage in recruitment missions in June at the DC Law Forum; Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Law Fairs in Washington, DC at the Catholic University Of America, Columbus School of Law; and the South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX.

2014 Minority Law and Research Institute Held at SULC

Corporate Counsel Women of Color panel discussion special feature this year

SULC was host to 38 high school students from Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, New Jersey, Georgia, Virginia, and Alabama for the 14th Annual Minority Law and Research Institute (MLARI), June 16-26, 2014.

The Institute was made possible through the Aunt Berta's Kids-In-Need Education Foundation, founded by Joseph Haden, Sr., who also serves as its executive director. It is designed to expose under-represented students and encourage their consideration of careers in law, research, and the legal profession, according to Haden. The program is also designed to encourage them to set high expectations for academic achievement.

After a student orientation, participants attended sessions on the law and case studies, guest lectures, campus tours, goal setting and career awareness workshops, mock trials, and a recognition ceremony

Topics discussed were "Legal Issues Regarding Band Membership Hazing," "Bankruptcy and Patent Law," "Sports Contract Law," "Contract Law," "Religious Clauses," "Wrongful Death Litigation," "Criminal Procedures: Search and Seizure," "Teen Court," "Traffic Violation," "Criminal Law," "Conflict Resolution," "The Angola 3," "Negligence," and "Consumer Law."

The students were assigned a research paper on "Stand Your Ground Law, as well as the "Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the 2007 Reauthorization by Congress."

A highlight of this year's program was a panel discussion, "My Life as a Lawyer—Strengthening the Pipeline of Future Lawyers," sponsored by the Corporate Counsel Women of Color. Law Center faculty and staff also participated in the institute.

ALUMNI NEWS

Krystal J. Brumfield, '07, has been named Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Washington, D.C. Chamber of Commerce. Brumfield is a former Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee staffer. She joined the committee staff in 2009 as Tax and Procurement Counsel and remained in the position for the past 5 years.

While working for the committee, she helped develop the tax agenda and drafted legislation. While there she worked under both Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) Brumfield also earned an LL.M in tax law from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. She previously worked as an attorney for the Louisiana Department of Revenue.



Christian N. Elloie, '08, has joined the New York firm of Dewey Pegno & Kramarsky as an associate. Elloie is a litigator whose practice focuses on employment law. Before joining Dewey Pegno & Kramarsky, she worked as an associate at Sidley Austin LLP. A cum laude graduate of SULC, Elloie earned her undergraduate degree from Tulane University. While at SULC, she served as the Executive Editor of Southern University Law Review and as a member of Southern University Moot Court Board. Elloie currently serves on the Board of Directors for Practicing Attorneys for Law Students, Inc. (PALS) and on the Board of Directors for The Bar Association of Black Women Attorneys. In her spare time she enjoys mentoring students and supports various professional development organizations dedicated to advancing diversity and inclusion within the legal profession.

State Representative Katrina Jackson, '04, was re-elected Secretary and State Representative Ledricka Theiry, '03, was re-elected Treasurer of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which began July 1.

Scotty E. Chabert, Jr., '06, an Assistant District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District and a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm of Saunders & Chabert, was installed as 2014-15 LSBA Young Lawyers Division Secretary.

James E. "Jimmy" Courtenay, '08, a partner in the New Orleans office of Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, LLP, was sworn in as a council member for District 1 of the 2014-15 LSBA Young Lawyers Division.

Catheline Georges, '14, has been accepted into the New York Union Semester Internship at the Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies for fall 2014, at City University of New York (CUNY).

Judge John Michael Guidry, '87, of the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, and District Attorney Hillar Moore, '89, for East Baton Rouge Parish were among the speakers for the CLE seminar, "Domestic Violence in Our Community: Impact and Intervention," held June 13, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The seminar was sponsored by the Baton Rouge Bar Association and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts-Louisiana.

C. Kevin Hayes, '91, a capital partner in the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., was installed as a member of the 2014-15 LSBA Board of Governors, representing the Fifth District.

J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., '04, a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hoffoss Devall, L.L.C., was installed as 2014-15 LSBA Young Lawyers Division chair.

Ike Jackson, '89, hosted a reunion of the SULC Class of 1989 on May 17 at his home in Baton Rouge.

Mort Laitner, '75, has published a book, "A Hebraic Obsession." It is available on Amazon. Read more about it on <http://www.amazon.com/A-Hebraic-Obsession-Mort-Laitner/product-reviews/0996036903>.

Jarrod Dillon Mumford, '13, is Legal Aid Director at YMCA of East Valley in California. Tiffany Ratliff, '12, is Associate Attorney at Dowden and Smith, LLC, Leesville, Louisiana.

Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks, '84, was interviewed for the judicial feature in the June 2014 Around the Bar magazine of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.



Vic J. Suane, Jr., '07, a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller, has been presented the 2014 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award by the LSBA Young Lawyers Division. The award is given to a young lawyer who has made exceptional contributions to the legal profession and the community. Suane practices in the environmental and litigation groups. He is a past president and member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for the Deaf Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors of Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge.



Sherrie Williams, '13, met First Lady Michelle Obama during her visit to New Orleans. Obama was the featured speaker for the 2014 Dillard University Commencement Exercises.

2014 Alumni Round-Up Weekend Pictorial Highlights



Master of Ceremonies for 2014 Judicial Wall of Fame Portrait Unveilings: Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones, '82.



From left, Judge Ernestine "Teena" Anderson-Trahan, '91, 2nd City Court, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Judge Paula Brown, '92, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, New Orleans



Judge Magistrate Harry Cantrell, '81, New Orleans, and Judge Wilson Fields, '94, 19th JDC, Baton Rouge, were not able to attend the ceremonies. Their portraits (from left) were unveiled by Tanya Freeman, Director of Development; and Tavares Walker, Career Services Coordinator.



From left, Judge Frank E. Lemoine, '86, Kaplan, Louisiana; Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks, '84, Louisiana 21st Judicial District Court, Amite, Louisiana; Judge Shonda D. Stone, '88, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, Shreveport; and Judge Felicia Toney-Williams, '80, Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal, Tallulah, Louisiana.



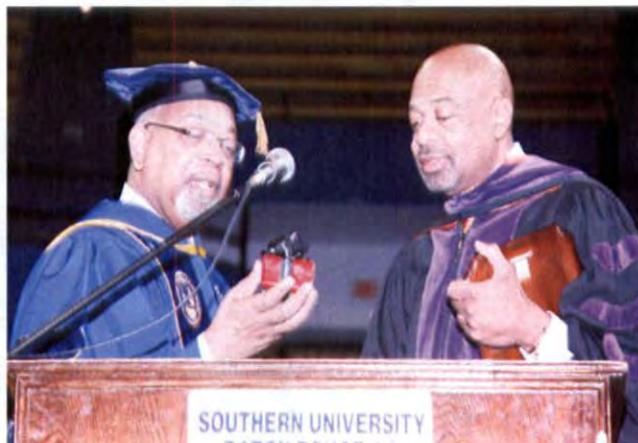
Rain didn't stop the FUN-raising. Chancellor Pitcher calls the lucky number for winner of a golf club bag.



2014 Annual SULC Alumni Association Members Meet-- Front row, from left: Tavares Walker, Rokeya Morris, Dwazendra Smith, Shelley Alexander, Raveen Hills, Kimberly Callais, Ruth Wesley, Cynthia Reed, Chancellor Pitcher, Sherika Johnson-Nelson, Mary Jones, Chanelle Mack, Chevita Phifer, Denise J. Lee, Lori White, and Erin Wesley. Back row, from left: Sam Milledge, Marlon Harrison, Jennipher Williams, Ted James, Chris LaCour, Kanick Lewis, Shawn Vance, Whitney Higginbotham, Preston Castille, Andrea Morrison, and Vernon Thomas.



1) The Rev. Kim Littlebrooks of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Baton Rouge, gives invocation; 2) At left and right: Vice Chancellors John Pierre and Roederick White hood top student of the Evening Division, Siegfried Charles Coleman (summa cum laude) of Shreveport, Louisiana; 3) 2014 Commencement Speaker Judge James E. Graves, Jr., out-going SBA president and 2014 graduate Shari Trahan, and Chancellor Pitcher. 4) Selfies were also a part of the day's celebration.



2014 Graduates, from left: Catheline J. Georges, Palm Bay, Florida; Jordan N. George, Noble, Louisiana; Tzivia Freeman-Dasent, Hartford, Connecticut; LaToya T. Franklin, Amite, Louisiana; Quinn M. Eubanks of Baton Rouge; and William T. Downing, Baton Rouge.

Louisiana Proud—Chancellor Pitcher presents gift of fleur-de-lis cufflinks to Judge Graves of Mississippi.



Latest graduates inducted into SULC Alumni Association by Cynthia N. Reed, Director of CLE and Alumni Affairs.



From left: Top student of the Day Division, Drake Lewis of Denham Springs, Louisiana; Chancellor Pitcher; and top student of the Evening Division, Siegfried Charles Coleman (summa cum laude) of Shreveport, Louisiana.

IN MEMORIAM

Johnnie Anderson Jones, Jr., '82, died Sunday, May 4, 2014, in York, Pennsylvania. Funeral services were held May 9, 2014, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Baton Rouge. Interment in Roselawn Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Spand Jones; daughter, Stefanie D. Jones; son, Kyle S. Jones; father, Johnnie A. Jones, Sr., '53; mother, Sebell Jones; and brother Adair D. Jones, '75. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Iota Lambda Chapter; the Louisiana Bar Association; and the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

Erika Thomas-Hyde, '04, passed away May 5 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Funeral services were held May 10 at Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church in Shreveport. The Houston, Texas, native is survived by her daughter, Clara Symone Hyde; her parents, Sallie Thomas and Glenn and Sybil Thomas; three sisters; and one brother.

Charles Roland "Chuck" Weeks, '11, passed away on May 22, 2014. Since 2011, Weeks resided in Jena, Louisiana, where he was employed by the Law Firm of Wilson and Wilson. A funeral mass was held May 24, 2014 in the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches, Louisiana, with interment in the Bethlehem Cemetery near Calvin, Louisiana.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None

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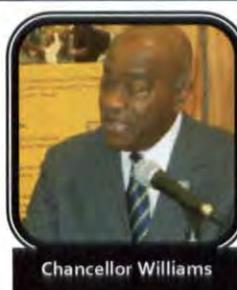
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Youth assembly



Chancellor Williams



Dr. Doze Butler

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center concluded its 33rd Annual Youth and Family Exposition on Saturday, June 14 after three days of inspirational learning and fun activities.

The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Doze Butler, interim associate dean, College of Sciences & Agriculture at SUBR. She invited participants to consider enrolling at Southern University and choose majors in Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences. The event brought more than 300 youth from across the state to engage in contests, hands-on experiential learning, seminars and friendly interaction on campus. Sarah Sims, extension aide in Madison Parish brought the most (30) participants and took home three first place wins in public speaking. Miracle Styles, placed 1st in

Public Speaking in the 9-12 Age Category; Kanessia Crothers won first place in the 13-15 Age Category; and Consuela Guice, came in first in the 9-12 Age Category in the Illustrated Talk contest.

Other competitions and top winners included Public Speaking, Illustrated Talks and Quiz Bowl. In the 9-12 age group of Public Speaking, Miracle Styles from Madison Parish placed 1st, and Joseph Pickney, St. Landry Parish came in 2nd under the leadership of Extension agents Sarah Sims and Aubrey Williams respectively.

Among the 13-15 age category contenders, Kanessia Crothers of Madison Parish placed 1st; Kataja Epting, East / West Carroll Parish took 2nd place; and Candace Noel of St. Martin Parish, was 3rd under the supervision of Sa-

rah Sims, Carolyn Robinson and respectively.

The Illustrated Talk competition consisted of three age groups. In the 9-12 Age Category; Consuela Guice, Madison Parish won 1st place; 2nd Place- Isai-ah Bonner, Caddo Parish; and 3rd Place- Caylon & Taylor Celestine, St. Martin Parish. Extension agents Sarah Sims, Patricia Lee and Wilbert Harris brought the youth.

In the 13-15 Age Category: 1st Place- Char-dai Burks & Taylor Threats of West Carroll Parish; 2nd Place – Quellerie Serf of East Baton Rouge Parish; and 3rd Place – Seth Portiere & Greg Randle of St. Martin Parish; under the guidance of Carolyn Robinson, Terrence Marshall, and Wilbert Harris.

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Youth Expo

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In the 16 -18 Age Category, Grant Henry of Bossier Parish won 1st place. Mentored by Katherine Ervin, Henry has won Illustrated Talk four years in a row.

The Quiz Bowl contests produced two winning teams. In the **junior** category, Calcasieu came in 1st, Caddo, 2nd and St. Landry 3rd. On the **senior** team, Bossier winners were 1st, East/West Carroll, 2nd and St. Landry 3rd. Extension agents in these areas are Carol Sensley, Carolyn Robinson and Ursula Ransburg.

Concurrent breakout sessions included the secrets of soils; healthy youth, healthy future; discovering your niche in agriculture; urban greening and sustainability; turning gas into water: the art of science; tobacco-free zone: youth living healthier lives, and fun with

numbers.

The event attracted broad media coverage. The three major television news networks in Baton Rouge carried the event. WVLA, NBC channel 33 covered the expo in the evening news on the eve of the full event. **WAFB** channel 9 aired the show under the news items "SU Ag Center Hosting Youth Expo"; and **WBRZ** News 2 Louisiana at 5 PM - WBRZ-TV 06/13/2014 "SU gives kids an appreciation for math, science."

Dr. Wanda Burke, Youth Development Specialist organizes this event and can be reached at 225-771-2242.

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Hands-on activity in ag



Youth prepares for TV



L-r: Eubanks, Burke, Grant Henry, Illustrated Talk, Ervin, Chancellor Williams



L-r: Eubanks, Burke, Isaiah Bonner, 2nd place winner, Junior division, Illustrated Talk, Lee, Chancellor Williams



L-r front row: Jr. Quiz Bowl Champs-Bri Sensley, Laken Chambers, Landon Chambers. Back row: Eubanks, Sensley, Burke, Williams, Bandele



Eubanks, Burke, Miracle Styles, 1st place winner, 9-12 age category, Public Speaking, Sims, Chancellor Williams



L-r: Senior Quiz Bowl Team - John Zacharie, Jr.; Jessica Espree; Ronjacoby Bell; and Tyler Brown. Back row: Eubanks, Ransburg, Burke, Williams, Bandele

Chancellor Williams Recognized in Centennial Celebration



Chancellor Williams

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center's Chancellor Williams was featured in the Times-Picayune on June 11, 2014 in an article entitled "Southern University official has been with Cooperative Extension for 50 years."

As the Cooperative Extension service celebrates 100 years, the LSU Agricultural Center is recognizing Leodrey Williams, who currently works at Southern University. He previously worked at LSU and also served with USDA/NIFA at the national level in Washington, DC.

Dr. Williams has been working for the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, for 50 years, half the time the Cooperative Extension has been in existence, according to

a news release from the LSU Agricultural Center.

In 1914, the passage of the Smith-Lever Act, created a partnership between agricultural colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in efforts to support agricultural extension work.

Extension work in Louisiana had only taken place through LSU until 1971 when Southern University created its own extension office.

Williams was hired as an agriculture specialist, five years later, he went to LSU and served in the following capacities: associate state agent, director of Equal Employment Opportunity and associate professor in the Department of Extension and International Education. In 1980, he became extension director at Southern University. Soon after, Williams would move to Washington DC where he served as the national director of the Cooperative Extension Service, making him responsible for funding extension programs at 104 land-grant universities around the country.

Williams returned to SU and took on his previous role as extension director in 1995. Then, in 2001 Williams was asked to head the newly-formed Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

"No matter what you do, whether it's in community development or in small business development, it's enhancing the socioeconomic quality of life for people," Williams said. "You have more people now than you had 100 years ago. As long as there are people with problems, there will be a need for extension service."

For the past 50 years, Dr. Leodrey Williams has been working with Southern University, LSU in Baton Rouge, and Washing DC at the national level in Cooperative Extension service.

The full article is available at NO-LA.com

SU Ag Center Welcomes Participants to Ag Food and Science Leadership Academy

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center received summer participants in The Academy for the Academic Enhancement of High School Students in the Food and Agricultural Sciences on June 1, 2014. The Ag Leadership Academy is a summer program consisting of two Phases. This summer, 20 students have returned to complete Phase II of the program under the direction of Zanetta Augustine, Extension associate and Dawn Mellion-Patin, Specialist, Agriculture.

Phase II of the program comprises of an orientation for participants at the SU Ag Center in the first week, followed by hands-on work experience in a professional setting near their home for the remaining seven weeks. Students will be exposed to careers in Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences along with other professions.

Zanetta Augustine, Extension Associate coordinates this program, and can be reached at 225-771-2242.



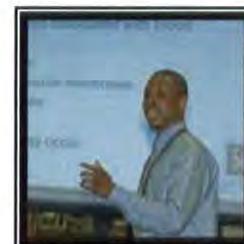
2014 Ag Leadership Academy, Phase II

SU Ag Center Mentee Wins National Institute of Science Award

The Southern University Ag Center and the College of Sciences and Agriculture continue to engage in the successful collaborations to increase achievement on both campuses.

Lamar Burton, sophomore student in Biology and Timbuktu scholar at Southern University won second place in the 71st Joint Annual Meeting of the National Institute of Science and the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society hosted by Prairie View A & M University in Houston. Mr. Burton made an oral presentation entitled "Mixed Species Grazing of Cattle and Goats on Gastrointestinal Infections of Haemonchus Contortus."

He is being mentored at the SU Ag Center, by Sebhatu Gebrelul, Professor, Animal Science; Renita Marshall, DVM and Associate Professor; and Shonta Manuel, Research Assistant. For the past one year, Burton has participated in the Mixed Species Grazing of cattle and goats, collecting data on Gastrointestinal Infections of Haemonchus contortus research project.



Lamar Burton giving presentation

Bioenergy Research Gathers Momentum at SU Ag Center



L-r: Rubert Ward, Reginald Miles, Martin Johnson, Kamran Abdollahi, Morgan Watson, Willie Rawls and Glenn E. Ford

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center continues to develop in the field of biomass and bioenergy. Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, research scientist and Urban Forestry Program Leader, is building a collaborative network to expand the reach of study in the field of bioenergy. On June 10, 2014 Abdollahi invited a team of experts to the SU Ag Center for discussions on ways to develop a strategy for enhancing the research in bioenergy production. The team consisted of five experts in diverse fields germane to bioen-

ergy.

Rubert Ward serves as President of JL Management Solutions LLC; Reginald Miles, Vice President, Phalanx Construction LLC; Martin Johnson, President, GreenSolar Louisiana; Morgan Watson, President, MEL Inc., and Glenn E. Ford, Chairman, GreenSolar Louisiana.

As greenhouse gases produced by burning fossil fuels are contributing to the problem of global warming, studies are underway at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center to discover various types of biomass that can be used to create alternative fuel in more efficient ways. Biomass is the source of bioenergy. The collaboration between the SU Ag Center scientists and the industry experts will support development of a cutting edge product that will be environmentally safe and cost effective for future generations. On a global scope, bioenergy is the energy source of the future.

One of the team members, Rubert Ward has more than 35 years of experience managing domestic and international operations, including extensive experience in the waste tire recycling and energy industries. As Plant Manager, he managed the successful start-up of a \$400-million 565 Mw combined cycle facility and a \$100-million 35 Mw biomass cogeneration facility. Mr. Ward has also held senior executive positions with CMS Energy Corporation with investments and operations in 18 countries. He has had financial responsibility for \$200 million of assets generation, including Jamaica Private Power Company (Kingston, Jamaica), eight hydroelectric plants and two wind power plants.

SU Ag Center and College of Sciences and Agriculture Host Summer Camp on STEAM



Hands-on teaching

The SU Ag Center, represented by Dr. Andra Johnson, Urban Forestry, and the College of Sciences and Agriculture

hosted 47 elementary and middle school students from Interdenominational Faith Assembly Summer Camp Quest. The camp took place from June 16 - 21.

The students were involved in a program that introduced them to Agriculture and STEM disciplines.

At the SU Ag Center, students learned hands-on lessons in Global Information System, environmental science and the use of state-of-the art microscopes.

STEAM:
Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Math

Communities Benefit from Business Development Training



Tensas Business Training Session



Tour of Kleinpeter Dairy Farm



Franklin Training Session

The staff of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) held a free business development training in St. Joseph, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 13 in the Tensas Community Center.

Nearly 20 participants attended the training to learn what step they needed to take to become legal business entities. They also learned about business start-up, how to properly operate a business, read a profit and loss statement, cash flow statement, marketing techniques and proper business etiquette.

"I have seen several of the participants today and it just seems as if they had a new sense of pride about themselves. I believe that some of them got that push that they might have needed," said Robert Webb, Tensas Parish Police Juror.

The CRSBD will continue to hold trainings and workshops in rural communities throughout the state in an effort to boost the state's economy.

E-Learning Center Participates in St. Helena Parish Ag Day: The E-Learning Center in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) and its staff attended and participated in the annual St. Helena Parish Ag Day in Greensburg, LA on Monday, June 9.

The event consisted of touring the Kleinpeter Dairy Farm, three vegetable farms, the H&H St. Helena 4-H Chapter Livestock Farm and Charles Barry's cattle farm.

The E-Learning Center was available for individuals to receive one-on-one counseling by CRSBD staff, CRSBD and E-Learning Center brochures, information on borrowing and lending, marketing information and business cards for the Center's staff.

"Starting and Maximizing Your Business" Training in Franklin and Natchitoches: The Center for Rural and Small Business Development held a "Starting and Maximizing Your Business" training on June 11 at the Franklin Recreation Center, and on June 12 in Natchitoches at the Abundant Life International

Ministries.

The starting and expanding a business section of the training was facilitated by CRSBD Outreach Specialist Eual Hall. Business etiquette tips were presented by CRSBD Administrative Program Assistant Sonja Butler and marketing techniques were discussed by E-Learning Center Program Director, LaKeeshia Giddens.

The participants received technical assistance in the form of one-on-one counseling, the forms and applications needed to legally register a business, information on how to create and read profit and loss and cash flow statements, marketing information, copies of the Small Business Administration's Business Resource Magazine, business plan development information, CRSBD staff business cards and the CRSBD brochure.

School Thrives with Garden



Students working in garden

SU Ag Center's garden implementation is "thriving" with the students at THRIVE! After the abrupt closure of Jetson Correctional Center for Youth, the SUAREC Ag Fast Track USDA Grant team has shifted focus to teaching 6th and 7th grade adjudicated youth at THRIVE, agriculture and horticulture skills as well as how to implement a garden from the ground up. SU Ag Center's Kevin Belizeard assisted by tilling up a 100ft diameter circle on the THRIVE campus and each THRIVE class shaped the garden rows and planted.

THRIVE is a public, tuition-free, charter boarding school that serves at-risk students from East Baton Rouge. THRIVE is for students in grades 6 through 12. It provides students with an outstanding education in a holistically nurturing family-like residential setting.

The SUAREC team including Joyce Tubbs and Decobea Butler concluded the school year at THRIVE with a Taste Test Field Day. During the Taste Test Field Day the students were able to visit five different stations; giving them the opportunity to taste fresh vegetables and fruit, make their own trail mix and fruit smoothies. This experience allowed the students to try new things and see the advantage of planting and growing their own garden.

After experiencing the field day and learning the joys of gardening, the students were worried about their garden over the summer. There will be several workshops held at the garden site over the summer for the THRIVE students to attend and nurture the garden planted on campus and in their hearts.

The SU Ag Center "Ag Fast Track USDA Grant" team consists of Christie Monroe, Dr. Owusu Bandede, Stephanie Elwood, Kelli Hollins and Mila Berhane,

For more information about this program or to volunteer contact, Christie G. Monroe at (225) 771-4350 or via email at christie_monroe@suagcenter.com. Interested in becoming a volunteer at THRIVE visit their website at www.thrivebr.org

Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives Hosts Summer Program

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, a subsidiary of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, wrapped up its fourth week of the Food, Agricultural, and Science Summer Academy and took participants on its second educational tour to Avery Island on June 27. The group toured the Visitors' Center and the pepper sauce factory that is just one part of the Avery Island experience. In addition to seeing how they age TABASCO® Sauce in white oak barrels and ship it all over the world, they visited Avery Island's 170-acre Jungle Gardens and saw, in season, a variety of azaleas, camellias and bamboo.

SCRI wrapped up its third week of the Academy by taking the students on an educational tour of the [Louisiana 4-H museum](#). Over 45 campers traveled to Mansura, Louisiana on Friday, June 20th to get a taste of leadership, citizenship, and life skills. These skills will be beneficial to their communities, which include surrounding areas like Lawtell, Washington, Church Point, Palmetto, and Lafayette. 4-H has a long history of

helping youth "learn by doing." When youth are thoughtfully guided through the "do-reflect-apply" process, there is tremendous potential for positive youth development and growth. 4-H focuses on teaching new topics and life skills development.

Trained 4-H volunteers facilitated learning in non-formal settings, which included 4-H club meetings and other fun, but educational, activities. The campers were greeted by Nutrition Educator Melody Coco, who gave a seminar about consuming the correct portions of food. She also talked about the importance of exercising to help maintain a healthy life style. Extension Agent Justin Dufour used hands-on approach to teach the students how to control certain types of pest, the use of pesticides, and their effects on the trees that are found in our area. The Louisiana 4-H museum provided the students a fun, yet fulfilling, learning experience. They returned from the tour eager to share the experience with their peers and community.



Students receive practical lessons from extension agent



Goldie Jordan, E-Learning Specialist, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, coordinated the activities and can be reached at (337) 943-2410 or goldie.jordan@suagcenter.com

Second Chance 2 Recovery Program Reunites Inmates with Families

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, through its Second Chance 2 Recovery program brought inmates at East Baton Rouge Parish Prison and their families together to enjoy a relaxing day on June 3, 2014 as part of the prison's "One Day With Kids" event.

"It's a very special feeling, I cherish the moment being with them and just spending time with them," Tameka Johnson said as she kissed her son on the cheek.

Prison officials say the ladies earned the special extended visits by graduating from Southern University Agriculture Center's "Second Chance 2 Recovery" program.

The Second Chance 2 Recovery program, which teaches inmates job and parenting skills gave the inmates eight hours to visit with their children in a carnival setting, motivating them to do better when they return to society.

It was fun for children and mothers to play and eat together, giving them a chance to reconnect and make memories that can last forever.

The event was featured by [Fox 44 news](#) and is available online under the heading "Female inmates enjoy special day with their kids." The video clip is available at: <http://www.fox44.com/news/female-inmates-enjoy-special-day-their-kids>

For more information about this program contact, Tiffany Franklin at 225-771-2775 or tiffany.franklin@suagcenter.com

Southwest Center Shows Opelousas Youth How to Make Biofuel

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center continues to grow in scope beyond agriculture and Baton Rouge to the Southwest Center for Rural Initiative. This summer, youth in St. Landry Parish are learning about making biofuels from SU Ag Center staff.

On June 17, 2014 the [Daily World](#) newspaper published an article entitled "From grease to green energy, kids learn science hands-on," in which Mr. Antonio Harris, research associate and instructor, shows youth ways to turn grease into fuel from restaurant grease.

The full article is available online at the [Daily World](#) website.

SU Ag Center Partners with Ville Platte on Swamp Pop Museum Community Garden

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center staff, De'Shoin York, Nutrition Specialist; Stephanie Elwood, Extension associate and Melody Coco, nutrition educator, have partnered with Mayor Jennifer Vidrine of Ville Platte to build a town-wide community garden.



Community working in garden

The community garden has been planted by youth and adult residents of Ville Platte. The garden is located adjacent to the Swamp Pop Museum. The garden is an outdoor classroom this summer for Ville Platte Boys and Girls Club members to learn and participate.

Successful Cooking School Held in Madison Parish

Madison Parish held its second C.H.E.F. Youth Cooking School for 28 participants ranging in age from 9 to 17. Instructors were Sarah Sims, SU AgCenter FCS; Brittany Seay, LSU Nutrition Specialist; and Grace Siggers, LSU Nutrition Educator. The graduation ceremony attracted about 75 attendees including parents and family members of the participants.



Graduation ceremony



Youth serving parents

Faculty and staff activities and accomplishments

Sebhatu Gebrelul, professor, animal science and Shonta Manuel, Laboratory Technician of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, attended a symposium entitled "Goats: The Culture of Urban Agriculture," held Saturday May 1-3, 2014 and co-sponsored by the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, New Orleans, the Guerilla Garden in the Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans and the Tekrema Center for Art and Culture Center co-sponsored by Jenga Mwendu, founder of the Back Yard Gardeners and Greer E. Mendy, Founder of the Tekrema Center.

Other sponsors included the Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED) under the direction of Arthur Johnson <http://www.sustainthenine.org/> and LSU College of Agriculture, Carl Motsenbocker. The event was designed to bring together grass root urban agriculture groups, educators and individuals in Haiti, New Orleans and Baton Rouge to share information on urban agriculture techniques and strategies, using goats as a beginning for a discussion about many aspects of urban agriculture.

Haitian guests included Reginald Cean, an EARTH University alumnus www.earth.ac.cr who is currently operating an agricultural institute in Mirabelle, Haiti and Justin Jean-Toussaint, Unity of Action for the Development of Cayes-Jacmel (UDADCAJ), who has designed seed-bank and reforestation projects for the Southeast region of the island for the past two decades. Also in attendance were Jacques Morial and Dr. Austin Allen, LSU School of Landscape Architecture.

Faculty and staff activities and accomplishments contd.

Fatemeh Malekian, professor in nutrition, conducted a cooking/snack-making demonstration at the Scotlandville library as part of grand opening of Mobile market on June 4th. Malekian made a parfait using plain nonfat yogurt, blueberry and honey. All ingredients came from local farmers. Children from surrounding schools who are attending summer school stopped by and tasted it and reported that the parfait was delicious. The recipe cards were distributed to visitors to the booth. The picture was posted on the official [BREADA](#) Facebook page. Red Stick mobile Market comes to Scotlandville library parking lot every Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Malekian also gave a presentation on healthy eating to 20 special needs students from schools around town on Tuesday June 17 at SU Ag Center Metabolic Kitchen. The students were very engaged and afterwards they expressed their appreciation for a great learning experience.

Dr. Malekian attended the [Institute of Food Technologists](#) (IFT) Annual Conference and Food Expo in New Orleans June 20-24. IFT is a nonprofit scientific society of individual members working in food science, food technology, and related professions.

She was a member of general arrangement host committee and this capacity ensured that everything went smoothly during the meeting and also participated in the discussions, attended forums, seminars, and presentations and shared experiences with other scientists from around the world.

Malekian was also chosen as the co-chair for education/extension division for the 2015-2016 award committees for Phi Tau, Sigma (honor Society of food scientists) and was acknowledged as one of the inaugural Certified Food Scientists (CFS). Two SUBR students, Hailey Hudson and Tanyatta Mayo, from Family Consumer Sciences also attended and assisted in the speaker room and wherever needed. They received great exposure to over 6000 food companies from around the world and attended presentations and other student activities.

More than 15,000 members attended the IFT meeting this year.

Follow the link below to access the article appearing in the latest edition of AJAVS.

Follow the link below to access the full article online:

<http://thescipub.com/abstract/10.3844/ajavsp.2014.110.115>.

Faculty and staff activities and accomplishments contd.

SU Ag Center Welcomes New Employees



Hendrix Broussard

Southern University Ag Center's Communities of Color Network is pleased to officially announce the appointment of Hendrix Broussard as Regional Coordinator for Regions 1 and 3.

Mr. Broussard is responsible for issues regarding tobacco use, prevention, and control in designated areas. He will plan, coordinate, and implement outreach activities, disseminate educational materials and resources, respond to the needs of the community and coalitions as he targets the African-American community to improve the quality of life for the

constituents in his area. He will additionally work cooperatively with the SU System task force to aid in implementation and policy compliance of the 100% Tobacco policy at Southern University in New Orleans.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Sciences from Southern University, Baton Rouge, and a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Southern University New Orleans. Hendrix has been affiliated with Southern University Ag Center since 2007. Hendrix is married to Tiona, and has two children, Benjamin & Alexander.

He has served as a youth development/agriculture agent in Orleans Parish impacting the after-school

programs, 4-H Clubs and community development programs. He also participated in community health programs such as diabetes management, and has developed several community gardens. His level of expertise will be immeasurable as he forges a path in the area of tobacco education and influencing policy.

He can be reached at hendrix_broussard@suagcenter.com.

Linda Early Brown is the Director of Communities of Color Network at Southern University Ag Center.



Mac Goita

Mac Goita "Mac" joined us as Research Associate on July 1, 2014 with 100% research responsibilities. In this capacity, he will assist Dr. Malekian in providing leadership in the design and implementation of research projects pertaining to human nutrition and health, such as adult and childhood obesity and collaborating with projects involving other health related research

topics. Goita will oversee recruitment of human subjects, screening, collecting, analyzing and interpreting the data. He will also assist in writing grant proposals manuscripts and publications; maintain a database of research results that can be accessed by scientists.

Mac was born in Baton Rouge, LA, and raised in Mali, West Africa. He returned to Louisiana and attended LSU where he received a BS degree in Chemistry, in 2008. He also holds a Master's degree in Food Science. Some of his past

major projects include: Development of high fiber chocolate bar, vitamin candies and High Protein bites.

Prior to coming to Southern University Ag Center, Goita worked as research associate at LSU Ag Center. His experiences include analyzing the health benefits of cocoa powder and sorghum. His works were presented at American Chemical Society, Experimental Biology and Institute of Food Technologists' conferences.

Event Schedule



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 8: FCP Class on Family Stress at La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237 or delores_johnson@suagcenter.com

August 8: Second Chance Class at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Contact Tiffany Franklin at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

August 9: Wisteria Alliance training series; Handling Livestock. Contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at (225)-771-2242



Moving Ahead

A Message from the Chancellor



Last FEMA Trailer Leaves Campus

Torrential rain moved the “Rising in Triumph: Farewell FEMA Trailers” ceremony indoors Monday, June 2, but the sun came out just in time for the University to celebrate as the last Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer rolled off the campus.



Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, second from right, and guests celebrate as the last FEMA trailer is hauled off campus on June 2.

Chancellor Victor Ukpolo led students, faculty, staff, administrators and guests in a second line as the Young Prospect Brass Band played Pharrell Williams’ “Happy.” Forty-five balloons, each representing one of the FEMA trailers, also were released to commemorate the end of the seven-

year trailer era and mark the beginning of a bigger and stronger SUNO.

Several officials reflected on SUNO’s journey: New Orleans City Council members Nadine Ramsey, District C, and Jared Brossett, District D; Steve Losavio, assistant director of the state Facility Planning & Control office;

Mark Riley, deputy director for Disaster Recovery, Governor’s Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness; and SUNO Alumnus Eddie Williams, branch chief, FEMA’s Louisiana Recovery Office of Public Assistance Infrastructure.

Dr. Mille Charles, founding dean of the SUNO School of Social Work, received the 2013 Times-Picayune Loving Cup Tuesday, June 24 in the Knight Dining Hall. In her acceptance speech, Dr. Charles said the award “is not for a person. It represents what people can do together. In accepting this award, I recognize that the award is something that comes from the people and belongs to the people.”



College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Dean

Natural Sciences

The department hosted its Gateway to Excellence in Math and Science (GEMS) summer program for elementary students, beginning Monday, June 16. The free program is designed to increase elementary students' interest math and science. Participants engaged in hands-on math and science activities and through out the day. All materials and lunch were provided.

Dr. Joe Omojola also welcomed participants to the 2014 Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) Monday, June 16. SEP is a math and science program designed for 10th and 11th graders.



GEMS participants work together to program a robot.

Office of Recruitment & Admissions

SUNO Offers ACT Compass Prep Camp

The University will host an ACT Compass Prep Camp July 7-22 for prospective college freshmen to receive tutoring in reading, writing and mathematics. Scheduled 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, the camp is designed to help students achieve a higher score in English and math on ACT Compass, which can be used for admission and enrollment to four-year colleges and universities.

Camp fees are waived for students who use their ACT Compass scores for admission to SUNO. Housing, extracurricular activities and meals are included for those who wish to stay on campus.

To qualify for the camp, students must have graduated from high school, completed the Louisiana Core 4 curriculum, have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, and have at least a 15 on the English and math sections of the ACT.

New Student Orientation is scheduled July 15-16 and July 22-23.

Graduate Program in Museum Studies

General

Dr. Sara Hollis is serving as Interim Director for the Summer Session 2014 and is teaching History of World Art. Dr. Riep is teaching Independent Research, the Internships and Master's Thesis online.

Research

Dr. Hollis continues to do research on the development of art quilts in the U.S. and internationally. She currently has a number of her art quilts on display in her new office in the Lake Campus Multi-purpose Complex, Room 310. She also has a number of photo boards, showcasing the History of Museum Studies students' activities.

Dr. Hollis will deliver a lecture at the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) on August 29 about Hale Woodruff, creator of the Talladega Murals currently on display at the museum.

Dr. Riep has been working on numerous projects based on his research in South Africa. He has been invited to write a chapter in a new book on South African ceramics that will be published in conjunction with the South African Museum's exhibition "Fired." He also has been invited to write an article on South Sotho visual arts for the University of Iowa's "Art and Life in Africa" Web site. Finally, he has been contributing to an art education-themed workbook under the Africa Meets Africa banner, which is scheduled to print in July, and will be used as a teaching resource for students in the South African public school system.

Community Outreach

Five mixed media pieces by Dr. Hollis are on display in the 2nd Story Gallery at the New Orleans Healing Center. Three are in the Helter Swelter exhibition and two are in the group exhibit room. Dr. Hollis also hung new work at her booth at Le Boulevard Marketplace in Metairie.

Dr. Hollis is a new member of the National Women's Caucus for Art and attended a meeting of the local chapter at the Keller Library on June 7. On June 13, Dr. Hollis attended the lecture and walk-through by Ayo Scott about the Talladega Murals at NOMA from the point of view of an artist.

Dr. Hollis attended the Loving Festival Exhibition at Stella Jones Gallery on June 6 and then attended the opening of a quilt show, also at Stella Jones Gallery on June 7. She also attended the opening of the Behind Closed Doors exhibition of 500 years of Spanish American art at NOMA on June 19.

On June 20, Dr. Hollis attended a dramatic reading of a new play written by SUNO's Associate to the Chancellor, Hal Clark. On June 25, Dr. Hollis attended a lecture at NOMA by artist George Schmidt about mural painting and the murals of Hale Woodruff.

Campus Service

Dr. Hollis attended the Arts and Sciences meeting of the SACSCOC Committee visit with the LiveText representative. Dr. Hollis is an At-Large Member of the Faculty Senate.

Student Activities

M.A. Museum Studies student Miss Erica Witt participated in the Gabr Institute in May and June. She traveled with 10 Americans and 10 Egyptians around Egypt, meeting with leaders of the country and

Museum Studies continued

visiting important historical landmarks. She then traveled with the same group to several major American cities, again meeting with leaders and visiting important landmarks.

Ms. Lana Meyon Watson recently began a new position with International Arts Foundation. She will be the program assistant and will be traveling to a number of American cities as well as South Africa and possibly France.

The History of World Art class has been meeting at the NOMA and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art to study the art from various cultures first hand.

Dr. Riep is working with the students doing their Internships this Summer Session. They are at the McKenna Museum, the Gabr Foundation and Affica Umoja. Various topics being researched in Dr. Riep's Independent Research class are graffiti art in New Orleans, the pre-colonial African presence in the American South, Oral Histories in New Orleans, the History and Significance of Congo Square, and Gender and Online Communication. Dr. Riep is also working with Mr. Hendrix Broussard to put the finishing touches on his thesis.



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor

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SUSLA CHOSEN AS TRAINING PROVIDER FOR CALUMET GRANT

Calumet continued its partnership with Southern University at Shreveport by choosing the University as its training provider to manage their recent receipt of an \$866,342.33 Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP) grant, awarded by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC). A check presentation / press conference to announce the grant and continued partnership was held June 12, 2014, at the Leonard Barnes Administration Building on SUSLA's MLK Campus. Many SUSLA faculty and staff, guests and major news media were present for the joyous occasion.



In June 2012, Calumet was awarded its first IWTP grant in the amount of \$813, 120.00. The grant concluded with a high level of success, with approximately 99.9% of funds expended on training. Calumet was very impressed with the program and SUSLA's management of its grant that they were more than willing to re-apply for a second grant. Calumet could clearly see that the program worked extremely well in helping them to reach many of their training goals. The company felt also that a second grant would enable them to progress even further with developing and enhancing the skill sets among their employees in the workplace. The new funding will also enable Calumet to hire more entry level employees, which is a win for the Shreveport-Bossier citizens who are searching for meaningful job opportunities. Mr. Aubrey Marchand, Calumet Operations Manager, said, "The grant dollars will equip us with the ability to hire more employees and get them trained efficiently." He also thanked LWC for approving their application and providing the funds for training. "This grant gives us the opportunity to expand our partnership with Southern," he explained.



The IWTP program at SUSLA is facilitated through the Division of Community and Workforce Development (CWD). Mrs. Janice Sneed serves as Vice Chancellor and Ms. Beverly Parker is Director.

Shown in the photo (l to r): Aubrey Marchand, Calumet Operations Manager; Ms. Beverly Parker, Director of Workforce Development; Lyndon Johnson, Caddo Commissioner; James Cook, LWC Program Advisor; Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor and Mrs. Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor for CWD.

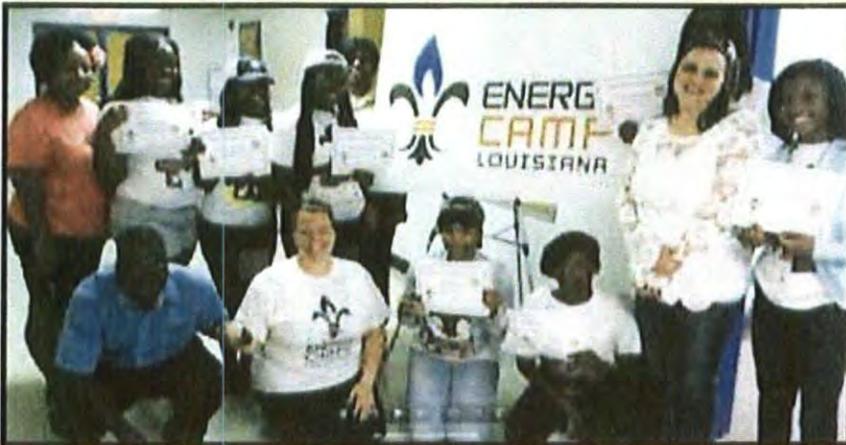
2014 ENERGY CAMP -- A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 2014 SUSLA ANNUAL STEM BASED ENERGY CAMP was a magnificent success! The camp was held the week of June 23 – 27, 2014 at the Southern University – Shreveport MLK Campus. The focus and goal of the camp was to teach high school students about the different types of energy, energy conservation and efficiency, as well as energy-related careers.



Students participated in field trips, one of which included a visit to the Cross Lake Watershed where they learned about aspects of marine biology. Students participated in team building exercises, had discussions about energy based career opportunities during a presentation with Center Point Energy, and participated in various hands-on projects. The camp concluded with a closing program where students enthusiastically displayed and demonstrated all of the projects they worked on during the week-long camp.

A special thank-you is in order to Dr. Tracey Reed who was one of the instructors; Dr. John Alak, classroom observer; Dr. Barry Hester for facilitating the camp; Dr. Melva Williams for closing remarks on behalf of the Chancellor's Office; Mr. John Patterson, Ms. Dawn Lair, and Ms. Beverly Parker for rendering support; the BPCC partners for coordinating efforts; and to Mrs. Janice Sneed for her leadership. Also, thanks are given to energy camp teachers Ms. Christie McKay and Ms. Stephanie King. Mrs. Carrie Salinas, coordinator with BPCC, stated that this group of students was "the best ever" with whom she has worked. Kudos to all!!!



LOCAL BANK AWARDS SUSLA SCHOLARSHIP TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Capital One Bank along with Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) gave two scholarships to students at Green Oaks High School. Jalisia Poole and Shaquindolyn Jones were awarded \$1000 scholarships in SUSLA's Small Business Incubator.

Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor and Capital One Bank's President, Mr. Chris Askew presented the checks to Poole and Jones during a special ceremony.

Poole and Jones were selected from Green Oaks graduates who plan to attend SUSLA. The Green Oaks scholarships have been awarded annually since Capital One Bank opened a branch at SUSLA in 2010.

ANNUAL EPA JOB TRAINING SESSION KICKS OFF AT SUSLA



On June 23, 2014, the SUSLA EPA Job Training Program began its second of three sessions for qualified participants in the Shreveport/Bossier City area. The recruitment and screening process lasted approximately six weeks to ensure that the program would select the number of qualified participants needed to move forth with a full class. Thanks to the help of community partners, which includes Goodwill Industries, Office of Probation and Parole, the Juvenile Court System, and other non-profit organizations, 32 participants were selected based on their test scores, interview, and physical examination.

During the first week of training, trainees attended the HAZWOPER Course, held at the Shreveport Fire Training Academy. They were welcomed by Chief Louis Johnson who is in charge of all training for the Fire Department, which includes Paramedic, Rescue and Recovery, and Fire Fighting. The trainees were excited and intrigued by the knowledge of the Fire Department Chiefs who served as training instructors.

The training lasted for five days and covered every

aspect of emergency response to hazardous materials and chemicals from Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to staging a chemical decontamination site. The fourth day of training is where participants were provided with hands on training as they wore level three protective suits while wearing an oxygen tank. Students had to walk up six flights of stairs and bring back an object located inside the building, as depicted in the photograph (on right) above.

In June 2013, SUSLA was awarded a grant by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$215,000.00 to provide job training, specifically to the underemployed, veterans, those on parole or probations, and / or those seeking certification in the environmental field. The job training program is offered to participants at no cost. The program is administered by the Southern University at Shreveport – Division of Community and Workforce Development, under the leadership of Mrs. Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor; Ms. Beverly Parker, Director; and Mr. Dennis Holmes Program Manager.



14TH ANNUAL BIZ CAMP

Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Institute, in partnership with Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) and the Caddo Parish School District hosted the 14th Annual Biz Camp for 2014. This year's enrollment was 42 students. Biz Camp* was created in 2001 by its founder Mr. Roy Burrell under the leadership of the Inner City Entrepreneur Institute. ICE's mission is "to create a new crop of entrepreneurs for the 21st century". The camp includes year round activities such as community projects, speaker presentations, and field trips. This camp generates youth leadership and improvement in student performance, attitude, and attendance. Biz Camp enhances aspirations to continue in higher education and individual development.



Biz Camp is a two week camp for youth between the ages of 13-17. This year's camp was held on the campus of Centenary College and started on Monday, June 16th and ended Friday, June 27th. Activities began at 8:00 am and ended at approximately 5:00 pm daily. Students were exposed to the varied concepts of small business operations as designed by the National Federation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE*). Students were also required to develop a plan in which they competed for cash prizes. Finally, the students participated in the Biz Camp market place at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City on Thursday, June 26th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Students from the camp advertised and sold a variety of products based on the type of business they created during the two weeks at Biz Camp. The market place was located in the open corridor underneath

the Texas Street Bridge.

Biz Camp graduation was held on Friday, June 27th at Centenary College. Jacqueline Scott, Attorney at Law was the graduation speaker. She stressed to them the importance of working hard and once they have achieved a level of success to make sure that they gave back to the community. Special thanks goes out to the SUSLA team Mr. Darrin Dixon, Director of Small Business Development, for his leadership in planning and preparing for the 2014 camp along with helping the students with their business plan as well as Mrs. Cynthia Hester, Division Chair for Business Studies at SUSLA who served as a camp instructor. Biz Camp is a community outreach activity under the division of Community and Workforce Development under the leadership of Ms. Janice B. Sneed.



Congratulations DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH



RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Claudine Matthews, Program Director for Respiratory Therapy was pleased to announce that the program has a 100% pass rate for the 2014 graduating class. At present, since the May 9th commencement exercise, three students from the class have taken and successfully passed their board examination.

CONGRATS and KUDOS! to Halcy Rodriguez, 2014 Respiratory Therapy graduate was the first student among the graduating class to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

In addition, the department of **MLT / PHLEBOTOMY**, Patricia R. Brown, Program Director, Phlebotomy graduates took their national exam on May 5, 2014. Eighteen of 19 students passed the exam, giving the program a 95% pass rate. Job placement for the graduates is looking great. Currently eight (8) students have scheduled interviews and are awaiting the results from those interviews.

DENTAL HYGIENE PINNING CEREMONY

Six Dental Hygiene students, from the Southern University at Shreveport Metro Center, were recently honored during the department's Annual Pinning Ceremony, an event that acknowledges academic achievements and serves as a precursor to graduation. During the May 9th ceremony, students received pins to welcome them into the practice of Dental Hygiene.

Opening remarks were from Jessica Bissell, President, and Lynne Eatman. Afterwards, Ms. Eatman, introduced guests, and faculty. Each student received a pin to symbolize their transition from academia into practice.

Achievement awards were presented to the class for their unique dedication to areas, such as community service, leadership and patient care. Inez Nowlan received the "Golden Scaler Award," which is the highest honor of achievement in dental school. *"I would like to commend the members of the Class of 2014 for their successful completion of the Dental Hygiene Program, and would like to welcome them into practice,"* said Ms. Eatman, program director. *"Successful completion of this program is not easy and takes countless hours of hard work. This is a significant accomplishment".*

The Six Dental Hygiene students received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene May 10, 2014. The students received news of 100% pass rate on National Boards.



EATMAN WINS IE POSTER CONTEST

Ms. Lynne Eatman, Program Director of Dental Hygiene was announced the winner of the Institutional Effectiveness Poster Contest 2014. Ms. Eatman won \$1500 for the Dental Hygiene Department.

The poster titled: *We're teaching but are they learning? "What's assessment got to do with it?"* The poster highlighted assessment measures that are utilized in the dental hygiene program to help assist in receiving the 100% first-time pass rates for the years 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The poster highlighted, goals, learning outcomes, assessment measures, use of results, and conclusion.



Jackson Selected NAUW Woman of the Year 2014



Congratulations to Mrs. Christella Barfield Jackson, a share cropper's daughter from Cooley's Plantation in Curtis, Louisiana and now an adjunct instructor and Telecommunications Manager of Southern University at Shreveport was selected as the South Central Section NAUW Woman of the

Year 2014.

Ms. Jackson is a very committed and dedicated Christian woman. She is a very hard worker who loves teaching and working with the youth. Ms. Jackson is known as an inspirational speaker

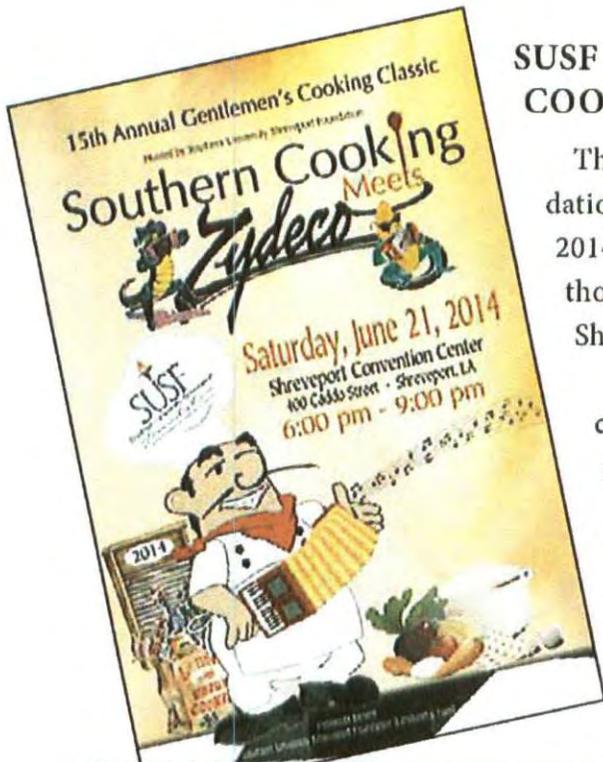
and a great teacher in her community. She has chaired the Annual Black History program for several years with the NAUW. Local schools and the young people in the community look forward to participate and/or attend the yearly celebration. She has been a member of the organization for 5 years.

The NAUW was founded in 1910 in Washington, D. C. and is a service organization for college educated women. The local branch was founded in 1954 with Doris Dansby currently president and Dr. Orella Brazile, Vice president.

Ms. Jackson's motto is to treat people like you want to be treated and be led and directed by God each step of the way. She will compete for the National Woman of the Year at the NAUW National Conference to be held July 27 - August 2, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Also in the NEWS...

- Pam McMillon, part-time faculty member for the HIT Program, was successful in passing the RHIT national certification exam in April.
- Ashayla Stephens, adjunct faculty member for the HIT Program recently completed the University's online course facilitator certification and will be facilitating her first online course this summer.
- Ms. Newlen May was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.



SUSF HOSTS ITS 15TH ANNUAL GENTLEMEN'S COOKING CLASSIC

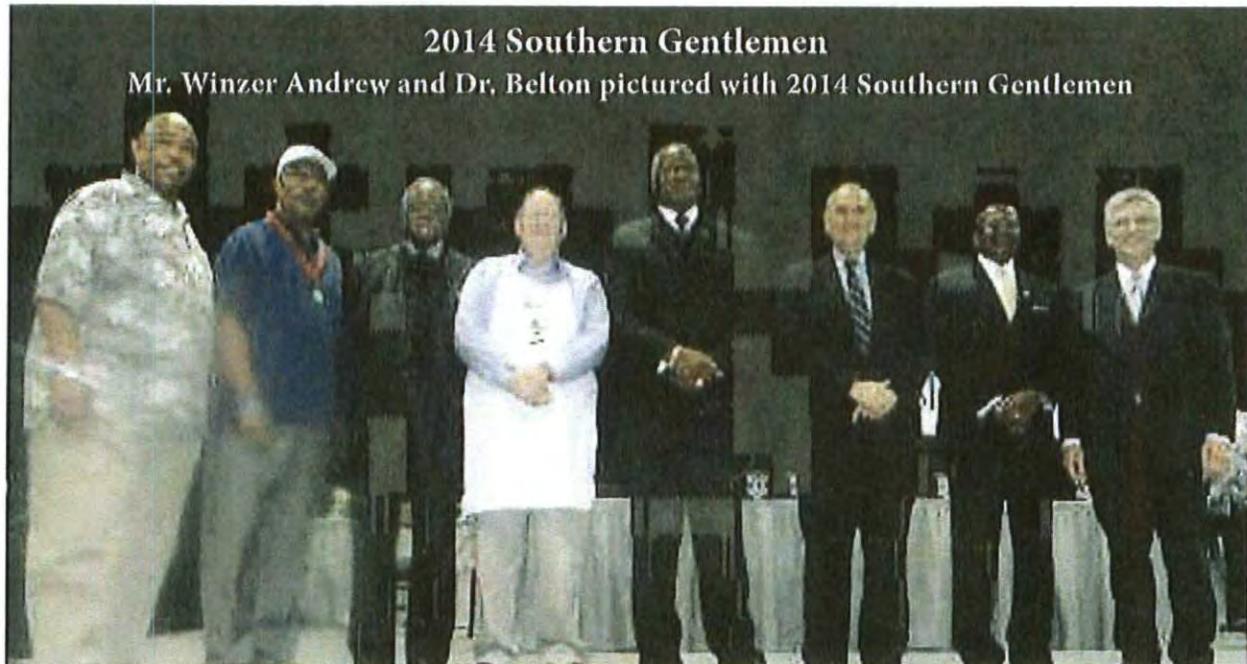
The 2014 15th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic, the Foundation's primary fundraising event was held Saturday, June 21, 2014. The event is designed to raise funds for scholarships for those individuals that desire to attend Southern University at Shreveport, Louisiana.

The event afforded the opportunity to men chefs and little chefs to depart from the norm and share up their culinary skills to cook their special dish, and serve it to thousands of people.

The theme for 2014 was "*Southern Cooking Meets Zydeco*" a total of thirty-six (36) adult chefs and eleven (11) junior/little chefs participated.

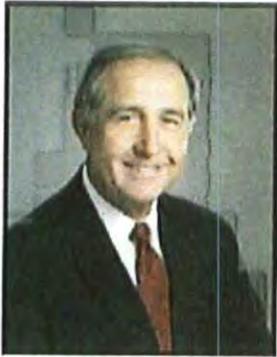


This year's 2014 honorary Southern Gentlemen were, Mr. Wayne Brown, President / CEO of Brown Builders, Attorney S. P. Davis, Sr., President/CEO of Davis Law Firm, Attorney Neil Erwin, President of Neil Erwin Law, LLC, Rev. Dennis Everett, Pastor of Lake Bethlehem B.C., Rev. Joe R. Grant, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and Attorney Charles Rex Scott, District Attorney of Caddo Parish.



Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry and Distinctive Gifts, Inc., introduced and presented for the first time, the 2014 Lee Michaels Education Award. The recipients were, Bishop L. Lawrence Brandon, Senior Pastor of Praise Temple FGBC, Mr. James Elrod, President/CEO of Willis-Knighton Health System, Mrs. Helen Godfrey Smith, President/CEO of Shreveport Federal Credit Union, Mr. Paul Pratt, Director of Government Relations of Chesapeake Corporations, and Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Parish Commission Administrator of Caddo Parish.





Mr. John Hubbard

Once again, the Foundation was honored to have Mr. John Hubbard, SWEPCO's Manager of Extended Affairs for Northwest Louisiana serve as chair of the event, and Mrs. Helen Godfrey Smith, President/CEO of Shreveport Federal Credit Union served as co-chair.



Mrs. Helen Godfrey-Smith

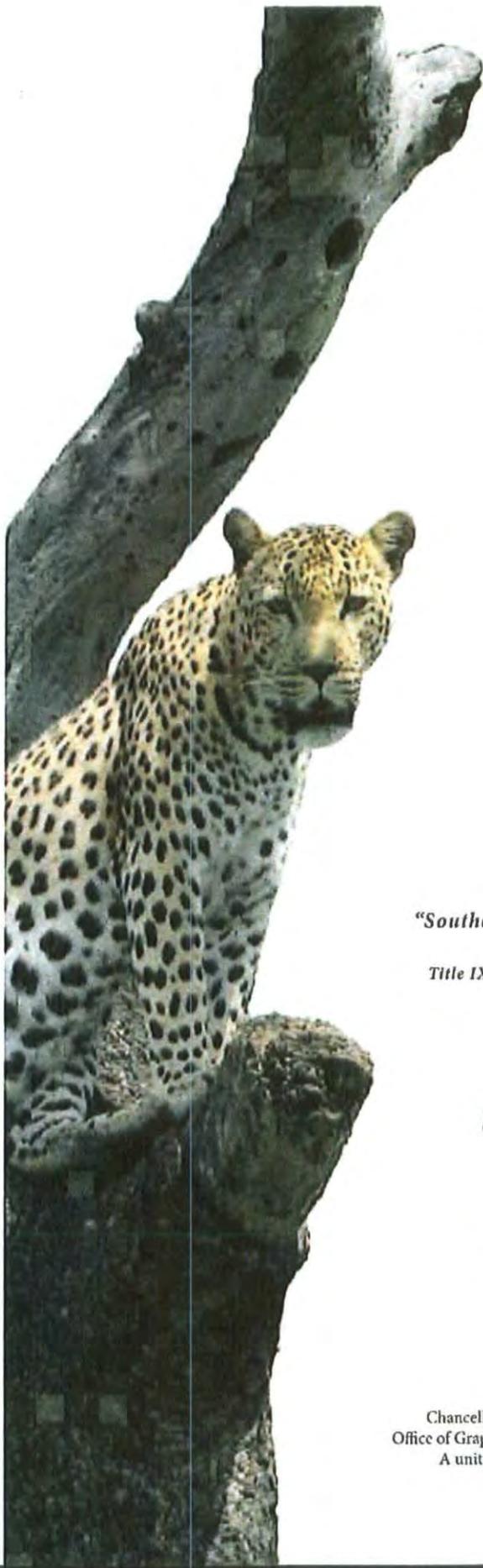


Dr. Melva Williams and Mr. William "Bill Sharp" Strother served as Mistress and Master of ceremony.



Approximately seventeen hundred patrons, making it the largest Cooking Classic ever in terms of overall attendance, attended this year's culinary event.

This event in addition to raising funds for scholarships, publicly affords the Foundation an opportunity to say "Thank You" to all those individuals, Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor, SUSF board members, the Mayor's office of Shreveport, staff members, sponsors, chefs and little chefs, volunteers and friends who worked and contributed their time and support to help make the 15th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic an overwhelming success.



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