

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)
Friday, September 10, 2010
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A & M College
Baton Rouge, LA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the August 20, 2010 meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 1. Academic Affairs Committee
 2. Executive Committee
 3. Finance and Audit Committee
 4. Personnel Affairs Committee
 - C. Resolutions
6. President's Report
 - A. Project Positive Direction
7. Chancellors' Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, August 20, 2010

9:00 A.M.

**Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Lecture Hall
Southern University
3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Shreveport, LA**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Vice President Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Dr. Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi spoke in opposition to Items 6A, 6B-3 and 6B-5.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the July 23, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mire,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the July 23, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following Committee reports and recommendation be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: 11 (yeas): Clayton, Mire, M. Bell, Caiton, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; 3 (nays): P. Bell, Forstall, and Lawson; 1 (abstention): Dumas

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Informational Report on Grant Submissions, by Campus.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Five-Year (2011-2016) Capital Outlay plan for the Southern University System entities be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the FY 2011-2012 prioritized Capital Outlay Budget Requests for Southern University System entities be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Southern University-Shreveport's small Capital project – resurfacing of its downtown parking lot at a cost of \$300,000 be and it is hereby approved.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request from Southern University-Shreveport to increase Registration Late Fees from \$6.00 to \$25.00, effective Fall 2010 Semester be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budgets of the Southern University System entities be and they are hereby approved, as indicated below.

--Board and System Administration	\$ 3,550,109
--SU and A & M College at Baton Rouge	83,498,536
--SU Law Center	11,155,526
--SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center	7,961,937
--SU New Orleans	22,095,535
--SU Shreveport	14,903,519

TOTAL	\$143,165,162

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the BA-7#1 reflecting an increase in self-generated funds (tuition) in the amount of \$2,304,625 from the implementation of the Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas (GRAD) Act #741 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana State Legislature be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Special Budgets for FY 2010-2011 be and they are hereby approved.

--SU Board and System Administration Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers	\$ 3,015,573
--SU Board and System Administration Direct Charges	
SUBR	\$ 652,525
SUNO	166,336
SULC	81,831
SUSLA	110,142
SUAREC	70,675

--SU Board, System and Campuses' Special Meals and Miscellaneous

--Travel

Board of Supervisors	\$ 40,000
System President	60,000
Chancellors:	
SUBR	50,000
SUNO	30,000
SULC	25,000
SUSLA	25,000
SUAREC	10,000

TOTAL	\$ 240,000

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget Employee Salaries, as reflected on Forms BOR-10 and BOR-11 be and they are hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the FY 2010-2011 Agency/Auxiliary and plant Fund Budgets for Southern University-Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

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RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the FY 2010-2011 Athletic Budget for Southern University-Shreveport in the amount of \$439,896 be and it is hereby approved.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee that the proposed Trademark Licensing Policy for the Southern University System be and it is hereby approved.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the following appointments be and they are hereby approved.

- Mr. Nathaniel Harrison, Jr. as Interim Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective August 2, 2010 at an annual salary of \$71,838.

- Dr. Ella Kelley as Interim Dean of the Honors College and Tenured Professor at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective August 9, 2010 at an annual salary of \$90,997.33.
- Ms. Sonji D. Brown as Director of the Advisement Center/OEP Coordinator at Southern University-Shreveport, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$46,000.
- Dr. Melva K. Turner as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern University-Shreveport, effective September 12, 2010 – June 30, 2011 at an annual salary of \$48,200. (Re-appointment)

This amount represents a pro-rated share of Dr. Turner's recommended annual salary of \$60,000.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the creation of the new position of Youth Development Specialist and Director of the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives and appointment of Dr. Wanda Burks to the position, effective September 1, 2010 at a ten-month salary of \$70,304 be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Southern University-Shreveport be and it is hereby authorized to assume full responsibility for paying the annual salary of the Executive Director of the Southern University-Shreveport Foundation.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that Leaves of Absence for Southern University personnel named below be and they are hereby approved.

- Ms. Celia J. Bridgeforth, Nutrition Education, SUAREC, Maternity Leave, with pay, effective August 27, 2010 to October 4, 2010.
- Dr. Hamady Diop, Associate Professor of Economics and Finances at Southern University-Baton Rouge, leave without pay, effective August 1, 2010 to July 21, 2010.
- Dr. Panagiota Heath, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Medical Leave, with pay, Fall 2010-Fall 2011.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the System Administration be and it is hereby authorized to waive the search process and appoint a System Vice President for Finance and Business and Comptroller.

C. Land Grant Settlement Council Panel, SUAREC

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the establishment of a Land-Grant Settlement Council Panel to oversee the implementation and operation of the Settlement be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The panel shall consist of the following:

- Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center
- Vice Chancellor for Extension
- Vice Chancellor for Research

D. Board Resolution Authorizing SUAREC Chancellor to Execute Contract with the LA Department of Social Services relative to the LA Children's Trust Fund Project

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center be and he is hereby authorized to execute the contract with the LA Department of Social Services for the LA Children's Trust Fund Project be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolutions

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences by way of a resolution be forwarded to the families named below:

Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Thaddeus Lassay
- Mr. James E. Wells
- Mrs. Ethel Mae Dixon-Freeman
- Dr. Paul Appolinaire Meyinsse

AGENDA ITEM 7: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Project Positive Direction

Discussion ensued on the question of whether this item was placed on the agenda as an action item. Atty. DeCuir advised that the item was informational and the unanimous vote of the members would be required to amend the agenda and change the item to an action.

A motion was offered by Mr. Caiton and seconded by Mr. Bell, to amend the Board's Agenda to change Item 7A to an action item. The motion failed to receive the required unanimous vote of the members. ROLL CALL VOTE: (12) yeas: Clayton, Mire, Bell, Caiton, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Lawson, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; (2) nays: M. Bell and Forstall; (1) abstention: Dumas

The Board's approval of the salaries that were listed in the operating budgets based on the affirmative vote on the president's recommendations under this item were voided.

During the continued discussion of Item 7A, the Board was advised that the matter could be reconsidered if it was recommended by a member of the opposing side.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board voted to reconsider Item 7A as an Action Item.

Motion carried unanimously. ROLL CALL VOTE: (15) yeas; (0) nays; 0 abstentions

The Board was advised that the abstention from voting by a member does not affect the unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Dr. Trivedi spoke in opposition to the Board's action on Item 7A, noting that the item has not been publicly noticed as required by law.

Several members voiced their opposition to the President's recommendations of new hires and new salaries, noting the current dire economic situation of the State and country.

Dr. Mason assured the Board that despite recommendations for new hires and new salaries, reductions in overall budget of the Board and System Administration had produced a savings of over \$1 million dollars.

President Mason introduced his action plan for enhancing and improving the Southern University System via a power point presentation entitled "Project Positive Direction." Details of his plan were delineated under the following categories:

- Identify Challenges
- Stop the Bleeding
- Establish Immediate Priorities
- Lay the Groundwork

- Organize
- Hire Key People

The President also requested Board action on the following items.

- Approval of mission priorities
- Authorize Bylaw and Policy Review
- Approve Organizational Chart
- Waive Search for the System Vice President for Finance and Business
- Authorize new positions and salaries

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Southern University System mission priorities be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Southern University System Administration be and is hereby authorized to review the Board's Bylaws and Regulations and other policies and to make recommendations for revisions, where necessary.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the new organizational structures for the Southern University System and the System Executive Staff be and they are hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the System Administration be and is hereby authorized to waive the search for the position of System Vice President for Finance and Business.

A motion was offered by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Nash, for Board approval of the new salary of \$170,000 annually for the position of System Vice President for Finance and Business.

(Vice Chair Mire Presiding)—

A substitute motion was made by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Lawson, to approve the position at the current salary of \$156,000 annually. The substitute motion failed. ROLL CALL VOTE: (3) yeas: Clayton, M. Bell, Lawson; (11) nays: Mire, P. Bell, Caiton, Forstall, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; (1) abstention: Dumas.

The original motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: (11) yeas: Mire, M. Bell, Caiton, Forstall, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; (3) nays: Clayton, P. Bell, and Lawson; (1) abstention: Dumas.

Dr. Mason announced his intent to employ Mr. Kevin Appleton, Vice President for Finance at Alcorn State University to the position of System Vice President of Finance and Business.

A motion was offered by Mr. Scott and seconded by Atty. Bell for Board approval of the new salary of \$130,000 annual for the position of several counsels for the Board and System.

(Vice Chair Mire Presiding)—

A substitute motion was offered by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Williams, to retain the current salary of \$115,000 annual for the General Counsel for the Board and System. The motion passed. ROLL CALL VOTE: (9) yeas: Clayton, P. Bell, Forstall, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Lawson, Montgomery, Williams; (5) nays: Mire, M. Bell, Caiton, Nash, and Scott; (1) abstention: Dumas.

A motion was offered by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Mire, for Board approval of the new position of Deputy Chief of Staff at the System level at an annual salary of \$60,000.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Bell and seconded by Atty. Forstall for Board approval of the new position of Deputy Chief of Staff at the System level at an annual salary of \$50,000. The motion failed. ROLL CALL VOTE: (2) yeas: P. Bell, and Forstall; (12) nays: Clayton, Mire, M. Bell, Caiton, Gaines, Guidry, Jefferson, Lawson, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; (1) abstention: Dumas.

The original motion was passed. ROLL CALL VOTE: (11) yeas: Clayton, Mire, M. Bell, Caiton, Forstall, Gaines, Jefferson, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; (3) nays: P. Bell, Guidry, Lawson; (1) abstention: Dumas.

Dr. Mason announced his intent to appoint Mr. Brandon Dumas to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff.

AGENDA ITEM 8: CHANCELLOR'S REPORTS

The Chancellor presented monthly updates of activities on their respective campuses. The reports were informational.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

The presence of State Senator Lydia Jackson and former Board member Dottie Bell were recognized. Senator Jackson extended an invitation to the Board to attend the opening of a Bank One branch on the Southern University Shreveport Campus.

The activity is scheduled to take place at 10:00 A.M., September 2, 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Nash, the meeting was adjourned.

Ronald Mason, Jr., Secretary
Board of Supervisors
Southern University System

Tony Clayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Southern University System

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 20, 2010

Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Lecture Hall
3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana

Minutes

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

Present

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chair
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Randale Scott
Mr. Achilles Williams
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

Absent

None

University Personnel in Attendance

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Vice President Tolor E. White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Victor Ukpolo (SUNO);
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC); and, Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Mire, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. S.U. Systemwide Update on Grants

Dr. Melva Turner provided the monthly update on grant proposals submitted, by campus. Dr. Joseph Orban, Director of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs at Southern University - Shreveport, was selected to report on the grantsmanship program for that campus.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Friday, August 20, 2010
Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Lecture Hall
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Shreveport, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chairman, Atty. Warren Forstall.

Present

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Randale Scott
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

Absent

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman

University Personnel in Attendance

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Victor Ukpolo (SUNO);
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC); and, Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi spoke in opposition to Agenda Items 5C-1 and 5C-2.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following items.

Motion carried unanimously.

A. The request from Southern University - Shreveport to increase Registration Late Fees from \$6.00 to \$25.00, effective Fall 2010 semester.

B. Southern University System 2010-2011 Budget Summary

C. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budgets

1.) Board and System Administration	\$	3,550,109
2.) SU & A&M College at Baton Rouge		83,498,536
3.) SU Law Center		11,155,526
4.) SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center		7,961,937
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TOTAL - ALL BUDGETS		\$143,165,162

D. BA-7#1 reflecting an increase in self-generated funds (tuition) in the amount of \$2,304,625 from the implementation of the Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas (GRAD) Act #741 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

E. Special Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011

1.) SU Board and System Administration Inter-Institutional Cost Transfers
\$3,015,573

2.) SU Board and System Administration Direct Charges

-SUBR	\$652,525
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3.) SU Board, System and Campuses' Special Meals and Miscellaneous Travel

-Board of Supervisors	\$40,000
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SUAREC	<u>10,000</u>

TOTAL \$240,000

F. Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 Operating Budget Employee Salaries

- 1.) Form BOR-10: Salaries of Non-classified Employees
- 2.) Form BOR -11: Salaries of Classified Employees

G. Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 Agency/Auxiliary and Plant Fund Budgets for Southern University - Shreveport

H. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Athletics Budgets for Southern University - Shreveport in the amount of \$439,896

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, August 20, 2010
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Minutes

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Richard J. Caiton.

Present

Mr. Richard J. Caiton Jr., Chair
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair
Mr. Randale Scott
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

Absent

Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee

University Personnel in Attendance

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
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Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA); Kofi Lomotey (SUBR); Victor Ukpolo (SUNO);
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC); and, Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 5A-4: Reappointment of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs,
SUSLA

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir K. Trivedi spoke in opposition to Item 5E.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following personnel actions.

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Appointments

- 1.) Mr. Nathaniel Harrison, Jr. as Interim Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 2, 2010 at an annual salary of \$71,838.
- 2.) Dr. Ella L. Kelley as Interim Dean of the Honors College and Tenured Professor at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 9, 2010 at an annual salary of \$90,997.33.
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This amount represents the pro-rated share of Dr. Turner's recommended annual salary of \$60,000.

B. Creation of the new position of Youth Development Specialist and Director of the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives and appointment of Dr. Wanda Burks to the position, effective September 1, 2010 at a ten-month salary of \$70,304.

C. Authorization to Southern University - Shreveport to assume full responsibility for paying the annual salary of the Executive Director of the Southern University at Shreveport Foundation.

The above action changes the previous arrangement between the University and the Foundation to share equally in the payment of the Director's salary. The amount of the salary is \$50,000 annually.

D. Leaves of Absence

1.) Ms. Celia J. Bridgeforth, Nutrition Educator, SUAREC, Maternity Leave, with pay, effective August 27, 2010 to October 4, 2010.

2.) Dr. Hamady Diop, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance at Southern University - Baton Rouge, leave without pay, effective August 1 2010 to July 21, 2011.

3.) Dr. Panagiota Heath, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Medical Leave, with pay, Fall 2010 to Fall 2011.

E. Authorization to the System Administration to waive the search process and appoint a System Vice President for Finance and Business and Comptroller.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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Minutes

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Walter Guidry.

Present

Mr. Walter Guidry, Chair
Mr. Murphy Nash Jr., Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

Absent

None

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Leodrey Williams (SUAREC); and, Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following actions.

Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Five-Year (2011-2016) Capital Outlay Plan for the Southern University System entities
- B. FY 2011- 2012 prioritized Capital Outlay Budget Request for Southern University System entities

The Committee discussed the status of renovations and repairs to several capital projects on the Baton Rouge Campus:

- 1. Steptoe and Ravine
- 2. University Place

- C. Small Capital Project: Downtown Shreveport Parking Lot, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Southern University - Shreveport's small capital project--resurfacing of its downtown parking lot -- at a cost of \$300,000.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Present

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Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex officio

Absent

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi spoke in opposition to Item 5A. He advised the Committee that no input was obtained from the faculty or student body.

Mr. Guidry pointed out that student nor faculty input into the policy was required.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the proposed Trademark Licensing Policy for the Southern University System.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Southern University and A&M College

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

Kofi Lomotey, Chancellor

September 2010



Significant Achievements/Accomplishments

Lt. General Rusell L. Honoré (Retired) Addresses SUBR Family

On Monday, August 23, 2010, retired Lieutenant General Russell Honoré addressed faculty, students, staff and members of the community on the campus of Southern University and A&M College. The program was sponsored by the John B. Cade Library.



The General was present not only to speak but to autograph his latest book *Survival: How a Culture of Preparedness can save you and your family*.

During his address, he challenged the students to take advantage of every opportunity to develop and prepare themselves not just for a career but for life. He shared with students the three keys to success as shared with him by his eighth grade teacher: (1) Learn how to do routine things well. (2) Don't be afraid to take on the impossible. (3) Do not be afraid to act, even when you are being criticized. General Honoré was passionate about having students understand that their war cry should be "No more poverty in my time." He spoke frequently of Wall Street, Main Street and Railroad Street. He referred to Railroad Street as the forgotten street characterized by poverty. He challenged the current generation to address this injustice.

The General left several complimentary copies of his book in the John B. Cade Library.

Provost Delivers State-of-the-University Message to Students

Mwalimu Shujaa, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, delivered a state-of-the-University address to students on Monday, August 23, 2010. Provost Shujaa presented the students with a general and balanced picture of the current state of the University in terms of budget, programs, enrollment, housing, et cetera.

He explained to students that the consistent budget cuts over the last twenty-four months had a significant impact on SUBR's capacity to function efficiently and effectively. He then emphasized that in spite of the tremendous challenges that we face as a result of budget reductions, the University still manages to transform some of these challenges into opportunities to strive for improvement.

Considerable discussion focused on the registration process, specific problems that were encountered, the reasons for these problems and how they could be resolved. The students present certainly had an appreciation for the importance of students submitting complete and accurate financial aid applications on time with all necessary documentation. The University has acknowledged the importance of good customer service and has pledged to continue to strive for improvement in this regard.

Athletic Department Experiencing Success with Sale of Seats in Press Box Suites

Athletic Director Greg LaFleur has reported that of the number of seats in the press box suites that have gone on sale, less than thirty remain to be sold! Selling these seats contributes to reducing the deficit in the Department of Athletics Budget.

College of Business on the Move

Entergy is demonstrating its strong support of the College of Business. The company is set to award a \$22,500 Entergy Scholars Scholarship to a first time freshman who plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in accounting or finance. In addition, Entergy will host ten to fifteen MBA students at its New Orleans headquarters offering insight and advice on career opportunities for MBA candidates.

The SUBR/MBA program will send five to eight students to the National Black MBA Association Conference. This event will take place September 21-25, 2010 in Los Angeles, California. SUBR students have had great success at this conference, and we look forward to having them maintain their stellar record of excellence.

Professor Wede Brownell, School of Accountancy, received funding in the amount of \$332,601 to assist young Liberians in developing the skills needed to become

successful entrepreneurs and career business women and men. The name of the grant is ***Building Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Business Management Skills Through Two-way Exchanges: A Partnership Between Southern University and the University of Liberia.***

University Library Holds 4th Annual Library Freshman Orientation Program

On Thursday, September 9, 2010, the John B. Cade Library will hold its annual freshman orientation program. The theme for this year is "Cade Awards: Access Granted." The program will be similar to a Hollywood Awards Show. Red carpet, VIPs, paparazzi, special passes and credentials will all characterize the program. The VIPs will of course be our freshman students. They will walk down the red carpet and be photographed by the paparazzi (our staff photographers). According to Dean Emma Perry, the idea is to let the students know that at John B. Cade Library, they will always be VIPs and receive the absolute best treatment and service possible.

During the program, the first floor renovations and Java City will also be showcased.

Students will, of course, receive a guided tour of the library and all of its services.

Office of Media Relations Update

The Office of Media Relations developed a radio ad to promote the Athletic Department's effort to honor various area high schools at the Jaguars' home football games. The ads are airing on KQXL 106.5 FM and other Citadel stations.

On Aug. 8, The Advocate newspaper published a feature article in its Magazine section on the University's Alvin Batiste Jazz Institute's Summer Band Camp for high school students.

Polite Stewart, Jr., Southern University's 16-year-old junior physics/chemistry major, was a featured guest on the WRKF-FM (89.3) Jim Engster Show on Aug. 12. Stewart discussed his time at Southern and his most recent studies in Italy and at Texas Christian University.

Athletic Director Greg LaFleur was a guest on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's Morning Show on Aug. 13. He promoted the Athletic Department's "Ovations from the Jaguar Nation" effort to honor local high schools at each home football game this year.

SU Head Football Coach Stump Mitchell was a featured guest on the WRKF-FM (89.3) Jim Engster Show on Aug. 17. Mitchell talked about the upcoming football season.

On Aug 20 WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 aired a story about **two students from Haiti**, victims of the earthquake earlier this year, who are now students at **Southern**.

On Aug. 23 TV stations **WBRZ-TV Ch. 2, WVLA-TV Ch. 33 and WAFB-TV Ch. 9** all aired interviews related to **SU Alum Lt. Gen. Russel Honore's** speech at **Southern**.

On Aug 24, WVLA-TV Ch. 33, aired a story about how **Southern student Brittany Adolph** won her way onto a Johnson & Johnson ad in the September edition of **Essence Magazine**.

WAFB-TV Ch. 9, on Aug. 24, posted a story on its website about **60-year-old Sidney Brown** enrolling in **SU's School of Architecture** some **41 years** after taking his first classes at **Southern**.

Southern University and A&M College
Submitted and Funded Proposals/Contracts/Agreements as of August 22, 2010

Grant Title	Agency	Proposal Request	Amount Funded	Dept./Unit	Project Description	PI	Submission / Award Date	Award Period (if applicable)	Additional Notes
SGS-TA Student Report	LSU	\$250,000.00	\$1,000.00	Physics	To immerse 10-20 high-achieving STEM undergraduate students in the successful implementation of the Timbuktu Academy.	Bagayoko, Diola	7/7/2009	6/1/2009-12/31/2010	
Strengthening the Global Competence of Minority Students and Faculty in Forestry and Agriculture through Collaborative Programs with China	USDA	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	Urban Forestry	The goal of this project is to strengthen the global competence of minority students and faculty in forestry, agriculture, natural resources, and climate change.	Ning, Zhu	6/29/2010	8/1/2010-7/31/2013	
Louisiana Effective Leadership Program - 2009/10 Program Year	Kellogg Foundation	\$315,000.00	\$108,000.00	Management & Marketing	The goal of the Effective Leadership is to create a cadre of leaders across the state of LA.	McCline, Richard	7/10/2009	5/1/2009-6/30/2011	
Education Research Grant: A Multi-Media Case Study Pedagogical Approach on Electronic Health Records for STEM Students	NSF	\$588,731.00	\$476,231.00	Management & Marketing	The goal of this project is to validate and institutionalize new learning materials and teaching strategies regarding electronic health records (EHR)	Thomas, Carlos	8/6/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2013	
Fab-on-a-Chip Based Highly Homogenous Nanoparticle Synthetic Method for Bio-Chip Diagnostic Analysis	LSU	\$276,781.00		Mechanical Engineering	In this joint R&D project with Korean University (KU) researchers at LSU and SU are primarily involved in the fabrication and material aspects of this joint proposal.	Jin, Yoonyoung	8/3/2010	TBD	

Nanostructured Thermoelectric Composite Materials for Thermal Energy Scavenging and Power Generation	DoD	\$574,940.00		Physics	The objectives of this basic research project are the fabrication, characterization, and understanding of new nanostructure thermoelectric composite materials for thermal energy scavenging and power	Zhao, Guang-Liu	7/28/2010	TBD	
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TBD (To Be Determined):

Submitted proposals awaiting funding notice.

August Proposed Amt:

\$851,721.00

August Funded Amt:

\$735,231.00

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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SU System President Visits Ag Center

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The Southern University Ag Center welcomed the new SU System President, Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. to its campus on August 10. Dr. Mason toured the campus facilities along with his chief of staff, Ms. Evola Bates and the Executive Counsel to the President, Mr. Byron Williams.

During the tour, the Ag Center Chancellor Leodrey Williams showed Mason the great work that takes place in the 22 research laboratories, offices, and Experiment Station located in Baker. Dr. Mason was impressed by the research and outreach program facilities at the Center.

The SU Ag Center community, including faculty and staff

showed their support by giving Dr. Mason a hearty welcome.

The president learned about various aspects of the Ag Center, asked and answered numerous questions. The visit culminated in a working lunch.

In response to the warm welcome, Mason assured the employees that he will project the university in a positive light through improved technology use and reward for hard work. The president stated that our task is to change the negative perception of our university in the media and change the paradigm.



Ag Center Chancellor Williams, left, takes Mason on tour of facilities



Mason views Extension posters



Mason addresses Ag Center audience



At the Experiment Station, Mason learns about the mixed species (cattle and goat) research project



At the Livestock Arena, Mason learns about various youth outreach activities



In the sensory lab, Mason tastes goat meat sample

Ag Leadership Institute members appointed to USDA Committee

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced the appointments of members to Beginning Farmer Committee on August 12. Out of the 11 appointees, two of them are members of the SU Ag Center Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute. Luciano Alvarado of North Carolina is a graduate of the 2nd class and Frances Benton Gibson of South Carolina is a member of the Institute's 3rd class.

"One of the primary goals of the Leadership Institute is to develop leaders and advocates for the small farm community, and I am of the opinion that both of these individuals will be excellent rep-

resentatives," said Dawn Mellion-Patin, Agricultural Specialist and Institute program director.



Alvarado, 2nd class graduate



Gibson, current participant

To read the full story, please visit the link: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?content-only=true&contentid=2010/08/0405.xml>

Congressman Bill Cassidy's Office Visits the SU Ag Center

Mr. Curtis Philp from the office of Congressman Bill Cassidy visited the SU Ag Center and met with the administrators, August 17. This meeting was requested by Mr. Philp on behalf of the Congressman with the expressed purpose to discuss funding opportunities in research and extension.

Several issues were discussed including obesity, coastal restoration and food safety. Ag Center administrators were given the assurance that the Center would be accorded the opportunity to pursue any federal funds deemed appropriate for the continued growth and development in research and extension.

Present at the meeting with Curtis Philp were: Chancellor Williams, Vice Chancellor for Extension Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Research Kirkland Mellad, and Jason Hughes, Executive Director for Governmental and External Affairs.



Left-right: Dr. Eubanks, Mr. Philp, Dr. Williams and Dr. Mellad

St. Landry students inspired, go back to school

More than 1,100 eighth-graders from public, private and parochial schools in St. Landry Parish gathered in the Yambilee Hall in Opelousas to kick off the new school year, August 20. The annual SU Ag Center Back-to-School Summit was covered in the August 22 *Daily World* under an article entitled "Young people get the message."

In the words of the *Daily World*, "the Yambilee Hall in Opelousas shook to driving beats and the cheers of hundreds of students Friday during this year's Back-to-School Summit."

Referring to one of the popular event speakers, Torie Vidrine said, "I love Dr. Truth. He's so honest about everything." "It's not worth risking your life to have fun for one night." Vidrine is a student at Northwest High School.

Topics covered by the motivational speakers ranged from the dangers of drugs, alcohol, smoking, violence to premarital sex. The speakers were Rani Whitfield, MD, known as "Tha Hip-Hop Doc," Danna Andrus aka "Dr. Truth," Hollis Conway, Byron Starks, and Den Hussey.

Students received informational brochures along with pencils and other school supplies from various agencies ranging from the Girl Scouts to the parish Sexual Assault Center.

Event coordinator Edna Lastrapes, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, said the program targets eighth-graders because they are at a critical stage in their lives. "They are too big to be kids, but too young to be adults. The choices they are making right now will affect the rest of their lives." She added that the forum provides a valuable resource by allowing the youth to learn and ask questions in a neutral environment.

Lastrapes noted that the program has been held in St. Landry Parish for the past 10 years and has proved so successful that it has since been expanded into Evangeline, St. Martin and Pointe Coupee Parishes. Each will host its own summit in the coming weeks.

The goal is to extend the program to the entire 10-parish region served by the Southwest Center in the near future.

This year, the event was a collaborative effort among the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, through its Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, the Louisiana Department of Education, and 30 other community-based non-profit organizations, state agencies, local municipal governments, and businesses.

To read the full story, please visit the *Daily World* at: <http://www.dailyworld.com/article/20100822/NEWS01/8220307/Young-people-get-the-message>



"Tha Hip-Hop Doc" addresses students



"Doctor Truth" addresses audience



Byron Starks interacts with students

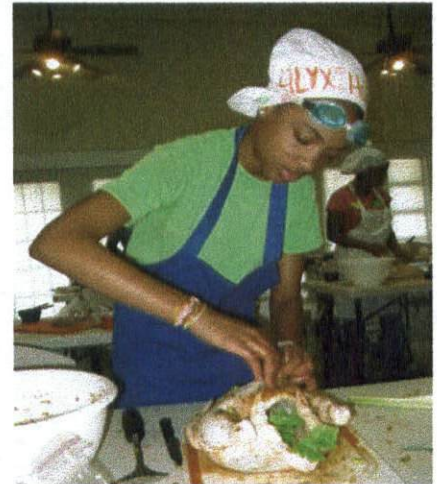
Southwest Center offers summer cooking school to youth

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives held its Annual Summer Cooking School in Opelousas July 13-15. Classes held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. taught youth between the ages of 12 and 14 the art and science of cooking.

This year's cooking school concentrated on healthy cooking, eating and the importance of physical fitness. Ms. Larmara Hollier, Family and Consumer Science agent, Lafayette Parish, shared information with students on making healthy choices when eating at home, school and restaurants. She also emphasized the importance of exercising daily to maintain a healthy weight.

Students in the program prepared a meal for their families with the intent of eating dinner together on a daily basis.

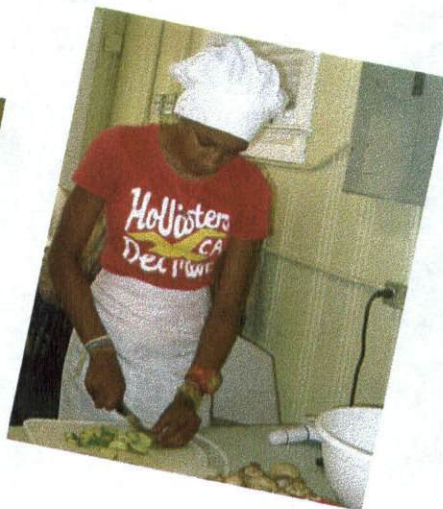
A summer cooking school was also conducted in Lafayette Parish by Ms. Hollier.



Student practices stuffing chicken



Ms. Hollier, left coaches youth in the kitchen



Faculty and staff activities

On August 7, the Barksdale Annex Neighborhood Association held its annual "Back to School Bash" to deal with some of the Bossier Parish families' burdens during these tough times. Over 100 bags filled with school supplies were given to families in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Backpacks, resource information provided by extension, new and used school uniforms were included in the giveaway bags.



Katherine Ervin, holding bag, volunteers in back to school supplies distribution



Volunteers sort items for distribution

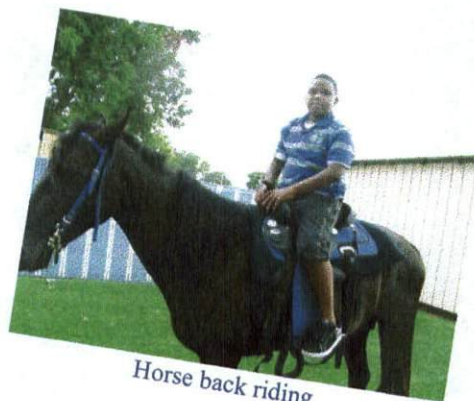
During the event, **Katherine Ervin**, SU Ag Center Parent Educator, assisted with supplies distribution.

Later that evening, the Harvest Temple Church of God in Christ, youth department, in Bossier Parish held its annual "Family Fun Day Back to School Bash." Pastor Ted Scott and church family reached more than 200 families by providing them with school supplies.

SU Ag Center Extension resource information was also included in the package.

Following the supplies distribution, family members enjoyed door prizes, face painting, horse-back riding, blood pressure check, and refreshment.

During this event, SU Ag Center Parent Educator **Katherine Ervin** assisted with registration and distribution of school supplies.



Horse back riding



Blood pressure exam and face-painting



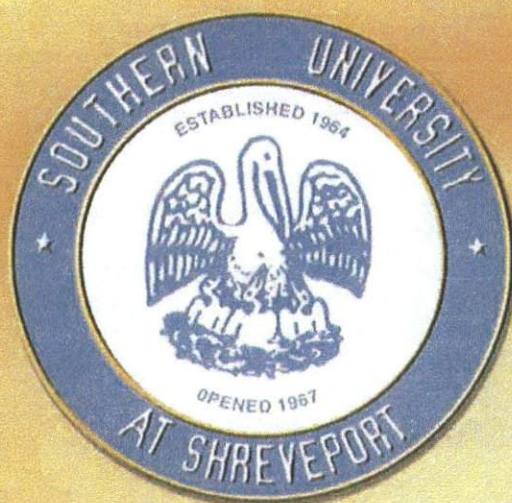
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
September 1	Basic Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint training	Walmart Parking Lot St. Martinville	Latonia Morrison-Frank (337) 943-2410
September 2	Back to School Summit	Cade Community Center Cade, LA	Edna Lastrapes (337) 943-2410
September 10	Back to School Summit	William H. Scott Memorial Civic Center, New Roads	Edna Lastrapes (337) 943-2410
September 18	CoC-Fresh Campus Student Leadership Development Series Kickoff	SU Ag Center Baton Rouge	Linda E. Brown (225) 771-2242 x 284



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Another Milestone Week At SUSLA

New Johnny L. Vance Jr. Student Activity Center Opens & New SU System President Visits

Tours, food tasting and welcoming of the new Southern University System President were activities for the grand opening celebration of the new Johnny L. Vance, Jr., Student Activities Center. The ceremony was held August 20th, on the main campus of SUSLA.

What was once a vacant space, the newly erected Johnny L. Vance, Jr., Student Activity Center is now the hub for campus life. The new facility stands adjacent to its previous 2-level location which was also renovated and now provides over 16,000 sq. ft of space for student activities, campus clubs, organizations and dining needs.



Photos by B. Austin

Pictured: Faculty, staff and students cutting the ribbon on the new Activity Center



Pictured: Guests at the ribbon-cutting enjoy the opening ceremony.

The new Johnny L. Vance, Jr., Student Activity Center offers some amazing amenities for students and staff alike. Students can retreat from classes and enjoy a new game room equipped with arcade-style video games, a billiard table, plasma televisions, pc docking stations and dine at the new eatery called, "The Market Place". The self-service dining facility provides students with daily hot and cold menu items. For the campus coffee enthusiasts, the "Jaguar Java," a gourmet coffee kiosk, will be added in future developments. Also housed in the center are new offices for the Student Government Association,

(SGA), and the Student Center Board, (SCB). Other amenities include an enlarged and enhanced bookstore and a multi-purpose room.

Guest speakers at the celebration included: Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr.-SUS President, Dr. Ray L. Belton-SUSLA Chancellor, Dr. Sharon Green-SUSLA Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Honorable Randale Scott-SU Board of Supervisors Student Representative & SUSLA SGA President and Miss SUSLA-Kristen Davis. Guided tours and refreshments from The Market Place were also provided.

SUSLA welcomed new Southern University System President, Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., as he participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new J. L. Vance Jr., Student Activity Center. Dr. Mason also convened his first SU Board of Supervisors board meeting on the SUSLA Campus. Dr. Mason praised Dr. Belton's leadership, achievements and continuous hard-work and dedication of the SUSLA faculty and staff family.



Photo: SU System President Dr. Ronald Mason Jr. talks with guests at the grand opening.

FACULTY & STAFF INSTITUTE FALL 2010

“**Reaching a Successful Goal,**” was the theme for this year’s faculty and staff institute. Check presentations in the amount of \$100,000 from Willis-Knighton Health Systems in the name of Dr. C. O. and Elaine Simpkins as well as a \$15,000 check from the Caddo Parish Commission were presented. The institute is the launch for faculty and staff to be excited, enthused and informed for the new school year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Athletic Benefit Dinner and Dance
Sept. 18, 2010
6:30pm
3050 Martin L. King Jr. Drive
Health and PE Building

Student Scholarship Month 2010
October 1– November 1



~Scheduled Activities~

Scholarship Bail-Out
Oct 1
10:00AM—2:00PM
Johnny L. Vance Student Activity Center

Scholarship Radiothon
October 16th
7:00AM—7:00PM
The Radio Group Shreveport
&

QEP TOPIC

Jaguar Pride:
Ensuring Student Success Through Structured
Advisement

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NAME OF CHANCELLOR: Freddie Pitcher, Jr.

CAMPUS: Southern University Law Center

DATE: September 2010

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chancellor and SULC Honor Alums

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. recognized three alumni Judges and a Baton Rouge Attorney for leadership, services to the legal community and dedication to the Southern University Law Center during the 85th National Bar Association (NBA) Annual Conference, August 9-13, in New Orleans.

Shreveport natives Judge Leon L. Emanuel, III, a 1977 SULC graduate, and Judge Ramona L. Emanuel, a 1986 SULC graduate, both of the First Judicial District Court; Judge Benedict "Ben" Willard, a 1992 SULC graduate, of the Orleans Criminal District Court, and Attorney Monique M. Edwards, a 1986 SULC graduate, of Baton Rouge received 2010 Alumni Leadership Awards, during the annual SULC Alumni Breakfast. More than 125 members of the SULC family attended the event, including Justice Bernette Johnson of the Louisiana Supreme Court; Judge Carl E. Steward of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, SU Board of Supervisors Chairman Antonio "Tony" Clayton, and Wendell Pierce, star of the HBO series, Treme.

Judge Leon Emanuel has more than 30 years of legal experience with most of his time spent in public service government. Emanuel was first appointed judge in Shreveport City Court in 1989. Elected State District Court Judge in 1992, Judge Emanuel was re-elected without opposition in 1996, 2002, and 2008, and has presided over criminal and civil cases.

Judge Ramona Emanuel was elected as Caddo Parish Judge in Criminal Section 4, Division B in the First Judicial District Court in November 1995, becoming the first female elected to that court. Judge Emanuel now serves as Deputy Chief Judge.

Before serving in her present capacity, she was an administrative law judge for the State of Louisiana, Department of Workers' Compensation. Emanuel began her legal career as an attorney in a private law firm and worked as an attorney for Child Support Enforcement.

Judge Benedict "Ben" Willard was elected to the Criminal District Court bench of New Orleans in 2002 and re-elected in 2008 without opposition. In addition to his normal docket, Willard is a certified drug court judge.

Willard began his legal career as a staff attorney with the Secretary of Sates's Office. From 1994-1998, Judge Willard was employed as a law clerk/staff attorney for Justice Bernette Johnson with the Louisiana Supreme Court. From 1999-2001, he worked as an Assistant District Attorney for Orleans Parish. After leaving the D.A.'s office, he worked as an administrator at Juvenile Court until his election to the bench. He also taught as an adjunct faculty member at Southern University in New Orleans.

Monique Marie Edwards currently serves as General Counsel/Privacy Officer for the Family First Medical Clinic, family practice located in Plaquemine, Louisiana. Prior to that, Edwards was Assistant Secretary for the Office of Mineral Resources of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Secretary of the State Mineral and Energy Board. As DNR Assistant Secretary, Edwards managed a staff of 72 employees consisting of auditors, geologists, engineers, and GIS professionals. The Office of Mineral Resources has the statutory authority to lease, manage and audit oil and gas exploration and production activities on state owned lands and water bottoms.

Edwards also served as Executive Counsel to the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, where she advised on policy, administration and operational functions. She developed and implemented special projects for DNR and served as its legislative liaison to the Louisiana State Legislature.

Chancellor Pitcher said, "We are always glad to honor our alums for doing well and serving to encourage our students in like pursuits. We were especially glad also, to welcome our graduates home."

Orientation Begins Fall Semester Bar Officials Participate

Chancellor Pitcher welcomed an overflow class of incoming freshmen to the Law Center. The Chancellor said he is please to see that the study of law remain of critical interest among the academic disciplines.

Associate Justice John L. Weimer, III of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana State Bar Association President Michael A. Patterson and Christopher K. Jones of the LSBA Young Lawyers Section addressed the 2010 incoming class of 350 entering students at the annual Law Center orientation, August 12 and 13. The program was held in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Southern University, Baton Rouge Campus.

Professor Donald North, a LSBA Committee representative, gave an introduction and overview of the orientation before the students attended breakout sessions conducted by volunteer alumni members of the bar.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., SBA president Charles Toney, and SULC faculty, staff, and alumni greeted the new students, who participated in the Student Orientation on Professionalism, conducted by the LSBA committee on the profession.

General orientation for first-year evening students began at 5:30 p.m. August 12, in SCLC's A.A. Lenoir Hall. Orientation continued with skills sessions at 9 a.m. Friday August 13, at the Law Center.

Judge Wilson Fields administered the Oath of Professionalism and Integrity to the Day Division and Judge (Ret.) Curtis Calloway administered the oath to the Evening Division. Each student received a personal copy of the Oath as a reminder of their seriousness of purpose.

Orientation bags and door prizes were donated by Greg Bordelon of Barbri Bar Review and Westlaw. Registration was held 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m., Monday, August 16, in the Law Center atrium. Classes began on Tuesday, August 17.

Fall 2010 Clinical Education Student-Attorneys Sworn In, August 31

More than 90 students were sworn in as student-attorneys in the Clinical Education Program for the 2010 Fall Semester on Tuesday, August 31.

Judge Jewel "Duke" Welch of the First Circuit Court of Appeal conducted the swearing-in ceremony, which was held at 10:30 a.m., at the district courthouse in Baton Rouge.

The Clinical Education Program provides a unique and meaningful opportunity for third-year law students to gain practical experience representing clients in district and juvenile courts.

Students are allowed to practice law under the authority of Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XX.

The Program offers seven clinics, externship, and annual simulated trial competition, and a tour of the clerk of court's office. The clinics are administrative/civil law, criminal law, domestic violence, elder law, juvenile law, low-income taxpayers, and mediation.

Office of Enrollment and Records

Profile, First Year Class

Highest LSAT 158

Highest GPA 3.97

Enrollment 320

Gender 51% *Female*
 49% *Male*

Ethnicity 53% *Blacks* 1% *American Indian*
 28% *Whites* 2% *Others*
 15% *Hispanic/Latino*
 1% *Asian*

Undergraduate Colleges/Universities Represented - 114
Undergraduate Majors Represented - 40
States Represented - 29
Out of State Students - 128
Countries Represented - 2

Application Summary - Fall 2010

Applications Received - 1,330

Applicants Admitted - 520

Applicants Matriculated - 320

Applicant Yield - 62%

Seminar Addresses Personal Finance Management

Theodore R. Daniels, founder and president of the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development (SFEPD), conducted a seminar on personal financial management, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 2, in 129-130 A.A. Lenoir Hall.

SFEPD is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the level of financial and economic literacy of individuals and households in the United States and to promote professional development at the early stages of career development through mid-level management.

The free two-hour seminars, open to the public, include such topics as debt reduction, repayment of student loans, financial independence, and wealth building.

"There are many reasons why a good financial management seminar can be helpful not only to law students, but also the general public," law professor Arthur Stallworth said.

The Louisiana State Bar authorities credit use history as one criterion in assessing character and fitness for bar admission, he said. "Employers are reviewing applicants' credit worthiness in deciding whether or not to offer a position," he added.

Co-sponsors of the seminar were the SCLC Budget Ball Initiative; the Path to Financial Independence Project, funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation; and the SULC Business Law Society.

Two Visiting Professors Join SULC Faculty

Herbert C. Brown, Jr., a 2008 cum laude graduate of the Law Center, and Dena M. Sonbol of Minneapolis joined the SULC faculty as visiting professors of legal analysis and writing this fall.

Brown was an associate with the law firm Jenner & Block, LLP in the firm's Chicago office prior to joining the Law Center faculty. His practice focused primarily on the federal and state taxation, tax shelter, taxation of summaries and judgments, tax exempt entities, and other general tax matters.

Brown was also instrumental in a uniformity of taxation claim filed on behalf of the Chicago Urban league against the Illinois Board of Education for discriminatory practices in taxes associated with school funding. He served as a member of the Board of Directors and tutor for Minority Legal Education Resources (MLER), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to increasing bar passage rates among minority students in Illinois.

Brown completed a Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Fellowship at the Center for Conflict Resolution. During his fellowship, he became a certified mediator and conducted several mediations in the Cook County Court system.

Prior to joining the SULC faculty, Sonbol practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she represented the interests of many diverse clients ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 500 companies on corporate and real estate matters.

Sonbol is a magna cum laude graduate of Hamline University School of Law, where she served on the Journal of Public Law and Policy and participated in the National Tax Moot Court Competition. She also served as an intern in the 4th Judicial District State Court of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Public Defender's Office.

Sonbol taught legal research through the Legal Writing Program and Civil Procedure through the Academic Success Program at Hamline University School of Law. She also served as an academic mentor to first-year students.

Office of Recruitment

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

- * Continue to enter application requests onto database for prospective law students for the Fall 2011 class*
- * Schedule tours of the Law Center*
Assist the Registrar's Office and Admissions as needed

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

- * Scheduled Tours - 4*
- * Applications for Fall 2011 will be available September 1, 2010*

TENTATIVE VISITS FOR SEPTEMBER

Miami Law Forum, Rust College, Mississippi Valley State, LSU, Alcorn State University, Southern University, Jackson State University, Florida A & M, Tougaloo College, University of LA-Lafayette, McNeese State University, Northwestern State University, Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Louisiana Tech University, Southeastern University, Latino Justice/Pace University and Centenary College

Office of Admission

The Office of Admission received 1330 applications to our law center for the fall session. Our application pool consisted of various ethnic groups, foreign countries, colleges and universities.

We have completed notifying applicants who applied of their status, and are now receiving numerous inquiries and application requests to attend the 2011 fall session. These prospective applicants may begin sending in their applications September 1. Applications can be received up to the following deadline dates: February 28, 2011 (Day Division), full and part-time; May 1, 2011 (Evening Division), part-time only.

Office of Academic Support Programs

We are delighted to report that the Office of Academic Support Programs kicked off the first of three Academic Success Skills Seminars, August 24 at the Law Center.

During this session students were introduced to case briefing, note-taking, outlining, and time management/organization. The second day session addressed exam strategies and techniques.

The seminars are offered to first year students who did not participate in our 2010 summer pre law Program. Students are provided a copy of pre law materials, entitled, Introduction to the Skills of Successful Learning in Law School. Fifty-six first year students attended session # 1.

The seminars are not mandatory. Perhaps to have that number of students attend a non mandatory session speaks to their "Seriousness of Purpose".

Seminars #1 and #2 were also held for our evening students..

Office of Publications and Electronic Media

The staff of the Office of Publications and Electronic media produced eight publications: three issue of SCLC E-News; 2010 NBA Alumni Breakfast Program; Programs for the 2010 Orientations for Day and Evening Divisions; Judicial Wall of Fame brochure; and Financial Management Seminar poster.

Four news releases were distributed: Southern University Law Center Fall Semester Opens; Four Alumni to Be Recognized For Leadership during 2010 National Bar Association Convention Breakfast; Chancellor Named NBA Omega Psi Phi Man of the Year; and Seminar To Address Important Issue of Personal Finance Management.

A total \$4,475 was collected in annual fund gifts in August 2010.

The office launched the SULC Judicial Wall of Fame as a testament to the contributions graduates have made to the judiciary. Recognition of these individuals will bring pride to the Law Center and inspire fellow alumni and current students to strive for the same level of excellence and achievements in the legal profession. To date, 50 SULC alumni judges have been solicited to participate in this initiative, which includes an annual fund gift of \$1,000.

The SULC Judicial Wall of Fame will be located in the North Wing of A.A. Lenoir Hall, the newest addition to the Law Center's facilities, where the inaugural portrait of the late Louisiana Supreme Court Justice, Revius O. Ortique, Jr., was hung this past spring.

SULC 3-L Crowned Miss Louisiana Black International 2010

Ebonee Rhodes, a third-year student, was recently crowned Miss Louisiana Black International 2010. This historic crowning moment marks Rhodes first step on a journey that will take her across the state promoting scholastic achievement, community involvement, and a love for the state of Louisiana.

The Shreveport, Louisiana, native has as her community platform, "True Beauty," a mentoring program promoting self-confidence and self-esteem among young women. "True Beauty" teaches lessons to inspire a lifetime commitment to nurturing one's inner self in lieu of trying to achieve society's distorted images of beauty. Her personal motto is that "You can never be truly polished, if you are bothered by every rub."

On the Go

Professor Evelyn L. Wilson presented a paper, "Paternity Presumptions," at the 7th Annual International Conference on Law sponsored by the Athens Institute for Education and Research in Athens, Greece, July 19-22.

Alumni News

Several alumni have joined the staff of the Acadiana legal Services Corporation. Candace Breaux, '07, and Tavares Walker, '08, are staff attorneys in the Family Law Unit; LaDonya Pitre, '04, is a staff attorney in the Child in Need of Care Unit, and Shelly Alexander, '09, is employed as an intake officer.

Jade Brown Russell, '03, recently joined Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., as a staff attorney.

IN MEMORIAM

Thaddeus Joseph Michael Lassai, '98, died on Friday, July 16, 2010, in New Orleans. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday July 23, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Roman Catholic Church in New Orleans. Interment, Providence Memorial Park. Lassai was employed at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Change

None