

Chancellor's Report

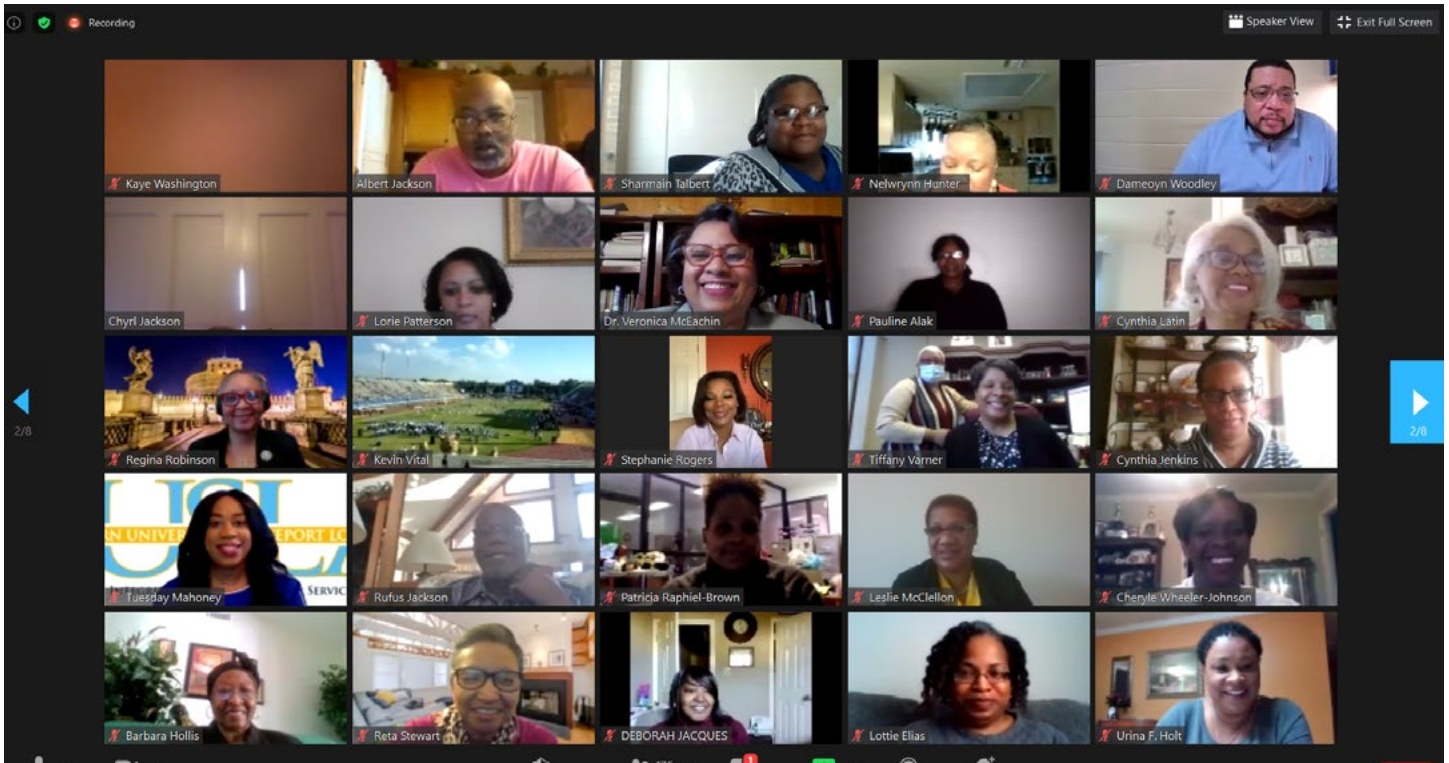


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An aroma of excitement and anticipation filled the air as Southern University at Shreveport began the 2021 spring semester with their second Virtual Faculty/Staff Institute (FSI). The 2021 Virtual FSI commenced on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. with 200 participants joining via Zoom.

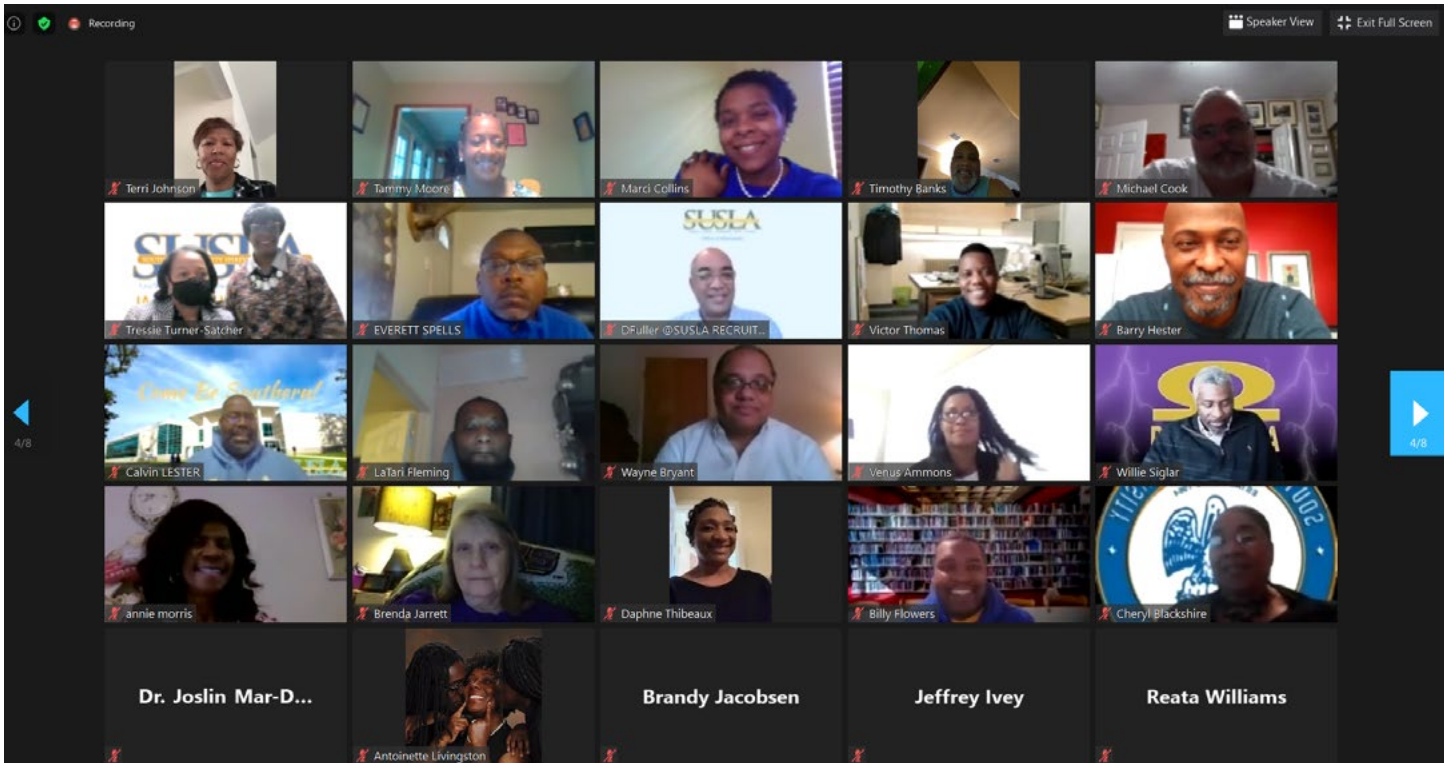
Gwendolyn Tennell, LMS Administrator, facilitated virtual photo opportunities at the beginning of the FSI. Participants were inspired by a Motivational Moment from Dr. Veronica McEachin, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Innovation. Dr. McEachin enthusiastically capitalized on the theme “Navigating Through Unprecedented Times.” She encouraged participants to continue to develop creative ways to solve problems while navigating through these unprecedented times. She also reminded participants that this too shall pass, and we are better together in Jesus’ name. Fred Moss, Faculty Senate President and Sandra Bigam, Staff Senate President delivered warm words of greetings to the SUSLA family.

Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor of SUSLA, passionately presented the State of the College Address. Chancellor Ellis began the address by thanking his Executive Leadership Team for their dedication during these unprecedented times. Chancellor Ellis address focused on Customer

Satisfaction, Employee Appreciation, Innovation and Imagination, Facility Improvements, and Teamwork. Chancellor Ellis concluded his State of the College Address by sharing SUSLA’s achievements and reminding participants of the quote, “Remember the Past...Creating Our Future.”

Darrin Dixon, Director of SUSLA’s Small Business Development Center, introduced the Small Business Development Center and Tomika Toliver, Vice President of Retail for Carter Federal Credit Union, appraised SUSLA about Carter Federal Credit Union presence on campus. Dr. Regina Robinson, SACSCOC Liaison, shared updates in reference to SACSCOC Reaffirmation 2021 – Next Steps. Dr. Antonius Pegues, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration shared safety updates; Chief Edward Reynolds spoke to participants on the topic Emergency Preparedness; Mr. Wayne Bryant, Director of Human Resources, introduced new employees; Jerushka Ellis, Assistant Professor of Human Services and Section 504 Coordinator, disclosed ADA/Disability updates; Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Access and Title IX Coordinator, shared Title IX updates; Dr. Veronica McEachin presented “Becoming SUSLA Worldwide”; Dr. Antonius Pegues and Stephanie K. Rogers, Chief Advancement Officer, shared SUSLA’s Safe Return

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to Campus Informational Video. To conclude, Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and Dr. Terry Kidd, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development presented registration updates. During the Institute, Dr. Regina Robinson was honored with a Retirement Video Tribute by family, colleagues, and friends.

The 2021 Virtual FSI was organized by Fatina Elliott, Professional Development Coordinator, under the leadership of Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor; Dr. Regina Robinson; and Mr. Wayne Bryant, Director of Human Resources. The Faculty/Staff Institute planning committee consisted of Dr. Veronica McEachin, Professor Marci Collins, Gwendolyn Tennell, and Marlo Miller.

Several recommendations that were provided on the FSI evaluation will be vetted for implementation at the 2021 Fall FSI. Numerous professional development suggestions mentioned in the evaluations will be implemented during the 2021 spring semester. Virtual professional development opportunities will be offered during the 2021 spring semester.

We eagerly anticipate a triumphant semester as we navigate through these unprecedented times. We are SUSLA: All for One and One for All.



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