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**FROM MY DESK TO YOURS****Greetings!**

The Alcorn State University football team, alumni, and avid supporters journeyed to the State of Michigan for a well-attended alumni event in East Lansing, and a hard fought game of football with Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. The outcome of the game was not as satisfying for Alcornites as was the wonderful weather, but while at CMU, President Ross and I signed a partnership agreement between Alcorn and Central Michigan that will result in exchanges among faculty and students. The signing of the document represents a winning event for both universities. More information concerning the partnership agreement will be forthcoming.

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Richard Green

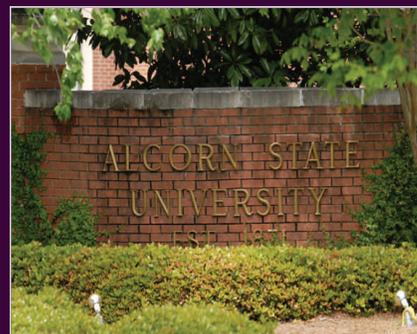
IHL Board Meeting

September 16-17, 2009

Jackson, MS

IHL Commissioner, Dr. Bounds, and staff members presented items for Board action that addressed the fiscal health and budget adjustments for the universities as well as the addition and deletion of various academic programs. The Board approved the deletion of one ASU academic program, the Master of Arts in Teaching (Community College Teaching). Dr. Bounds' presentation concerning reductions in the budgets for IHL member institutions received considerable attention and Board discussion. Taking into consideration the previously announced 5% reduction in budgets, the Commissioner predicted a 20% reduction in state appropriations by 2012 and was instructed by the Board to institute a plan to seek cost savings in administrative operations, and to review academic and service programs to identify cost reductions to accommodate the projected budget shortfalls of the next two fiscal years. Southern Mississippi University, Mississippi Valley State University, and Mississippi University for Women announced processes for the possible growth of, merger of, and the deletion of programs

to accommodate the projected budget problems. ASU and the other IHL institutions will have to develop plans for such cost-saving reviews. Discussions have been initiated to create a broad-based review process for ASU. More information about the process will be announced later this month. [Download the IHL Commissioner's presentation here.](#)

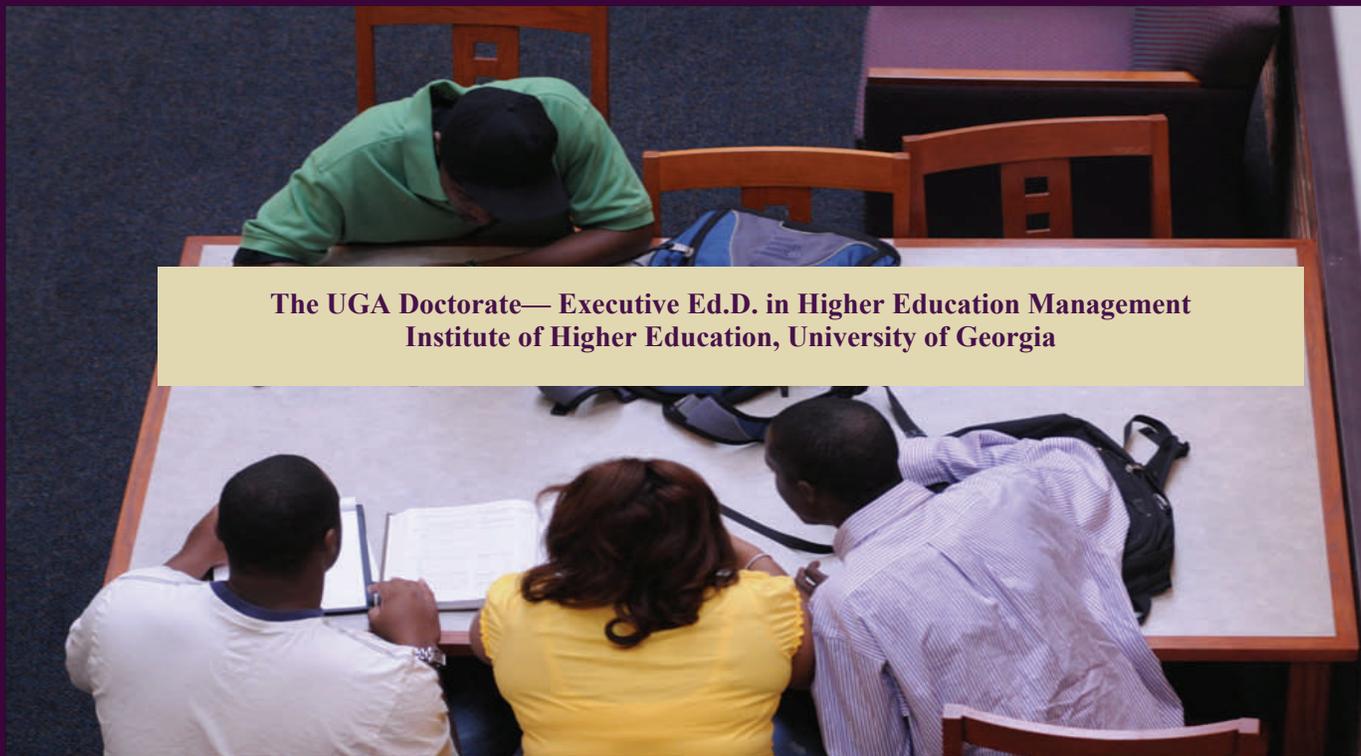


Strategic Planning: The Barthwell Group

The Barthwell Group will be on campus September 24 – 25, 2009 to continue its efforts to complete the ASU Strategic Plan this fall. Additional interviews with department chairs and program staff will be held during these two days, and we will receive a progress report to share with the Alcorn Community. Please contact the Provost's Office if you have questions about the Barthwell schedule and any aspects of the Strategic Plan.

Status of 2009-2010 Academic Budget

- 2009 – 2010 Budget Books are available in the Deans' offices.
- The Budget Advisory Committee will start meeting on a regular basis for the remainder of the academic year.



**The UGA Doctorate— Executive Ed.D. in Higher Education Management
Institute of Higher Education, University of Georgia**

Dear Colleague:

The Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia is pleased to introduce the UGA Doctorate, our executive format Ed.D. in higher education management. Beginning in January 2010, we will offer the program every six weeks over a long weekend in Atlanta. We have targeted the curriculum to senior executives in higher education, those with significant portfolios and responsibilities.

We ask for your assistance in identifying your senior colleagues who might be interested in the program, perhaps through forwarding this note to them.

Coursework in the Atlanta Ed.D. is advanced and focused on management, including international perspectives and addressing the increasingly entrepreneurial nature of universities and colleges. The program is priced well below competitors, while offering a considerably richer experience. We hope that

institutions view supporting their most valuable people to join us in Atlanta as an important part of their preparation and retention.

The Institute of Higher Education faculty, ranked among the leading groups

nationally and internationally, teaches the program. Institute faculty also advise each participant on a dissertation that considers a specific practical higher education management challenge — one that can be directly relevant to an issue at your institution. The dissertation process is structured and embedded in the six-semester curriculum, so participants can complete their work within the two calendar year program.

We are pleased to speak with those interested in exploring the program further. Please contact Elisabeth Hughes at 706-542-0576 or ehughes@uga.edu.

We also invite you to visit our website: www.uga.edu/ihe/edd.

Finally, please contact Elisabeth if you are interested in receiving through the mail the most recent annual report from the Institute.

Sincerely,

The Institute of Higher Education

Upcoming Events...

Proposed ASU Sponsored National Conference on Obesity and Wellness

Planning Session with Dr. Keith Parker, University of Georgia

October 2, 2009

Title II Professional Development Grant for the Upcoming Year

The RFP will be posted on the IHL website beginning October 1, 2009.

Technical Assistance Workshop

October 21, 2009

10:00am - 11:30am

5th floor Conference Room— Paul Johnson Tower

3825 Ridgewood Road

Jackson, MS

PROVOST/VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

The Barthwell Group

8am – 4pm

IHL Board Budget Presentation— Legislative Budget Office

9:15am—1:15pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

The Barthwell Group

8am – 2pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

Deans Council Meeting

2pm – 4pm

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