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### *FROM MY DESK TO YOURS*

#### **Greetings!**

What is the integrated scholar? As educators we are constantly reminded that the pillars of our profession are likened to the legs of a three-legged stool, teaching, research, and service, but I am obliged to add a fourth leg to that stool, advising. A little more than a week ago, I had the special opportunity to spend an hour with the Dr. Robert Smith, Provost at Texas Tech University and author of **Where You Stand is Where You Sit – An Academic Administrator’s Handbook**, during which time he reminded me, and others at the seminar, of the special privilege we all have as members of the university community. All of us, faculty, staff, students, and administrators, are engaged in the noble occupation of scholarship, thus, as we toil in the fields, halls, and classrooms of Alcorn State University, we are involved in integrated scholarship. We may be providing only one leg of the “four-legged stool” upon which rests our mission and values, but we are all contributors to the success of this wonderful enterprise— ASU.

We know what business leaders mean when they are called upon to be “entrepreneurs” that is, to take some degree of risk in undertaking business ventures. Now as we face some very vexing challenges in the world of higher education, all of the members of the Alcorn community will be asked to become “academic entrepreneurs.” As entrepreneurs (a person who has an entrepreneur skill set but works within and organization) we will have to be especially creative as we look internally as well as externally to find additional resources and to develop new approaches to how we offer our educational wares in the face of the ever-evolving fiscal challenges of today. As the Roman Orator, Cicero wrote, “There is no occupation as sweet as scholarship; scholarship is the means of making known to us...the infinity of matter, the immense grandeur of Nature, the heavens, the lands and the seas... it snatches our souls from darkness and shows them all things; furnishes us with the means of living well and happily; it teaches us how to spend our lives without discontent and...vexation.”

Teaching is a challenging occupation! We are up to the challenge and will be more than able to respond as “integrated scholars.” The Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) continues to meet and will be available to help us complete the assessment documents in the best “entrepreneurial” and “intrepreneurial” fashion possible. To help everyone better understand the work of the APRC, members are available to answer any questions. To this end, I will hold a series of informal “Coffee and Conversation” sessions to have open discussions of the APRC process and any other topics of interest to the participants in the sessions. The first of the Coffee and Conversation session is scheduled for November 11 and 12.

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Richard Green  
November 6, 2009

## “COFFEE and CONVERSATION”

**Date:** November 11 & 12, 2009

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Morris Boykin's Assembly Room

**Hosted by:** Dr. Richard Green, Interim Provost/Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

### **Topics:**

- Academic Program Review Committee
  - Budget
  - Adjunct overload stipends
- Working relationships with community colleges
  - Topics of interest



**PROVOST/VICE PRESIDENT  
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2009**  
BAC

**NOVEMBER 11& 12, 2009**  
Learning House

**NOVEMBER 11-12, 2009**  
3:00-4:00: Coffee and Conversation

**NOVEMBER 16, 2009**  
3:00-5:00: Weekly Meeting With VP's

**NOVEMBER 17, 2009**  
12:30-2:00: Strategic Planning Meeting  
2:00-4:00: Deans Council Meeting

**NOVEMBER 18, 2009**  
IHL Board Meeting

**NOVEMBER 19, 2009**  
IHL Board Meeting

**NOVEMBER 23, 2009**  
3:00-5:00: Weekly Meeting With VP's

**NOVEMBER 23-25, 2009**  
Faculty/Student Fall Break

**NOVEMBER 26-27, 2009**  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**NOVEMBER 30, 2009**  
3:00-5:00: Weekly Meeting With VP's

*Upcoming Event...*

**Annual Meeting of the Cooperative Weed Management**

November 12, 2009

9:00 a.m.-until

Lake Tiak-O'khata

Louisville, MS

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dr. John Byrd at (662) 325-4537 for an agenda and registration form.

*Opportunity...*

**The National Academies**

Nominations for qualified candidates for the 2010 Jefferson Science Fellows Competition

Nomination/application forms, instructions and more information can be found at [www.nationalacademies.org/jsf](http://www.nationalacademies.org/jsf). Deadline for Nominations: January 15, 2010.

*Faculty members are encouraged to continue to inform the Office of the Provost of any significant activities.*

*Congratulations...*

**Alcorn Professor is a recipient of the 2009 Humanities Teacher Award.** Dr. Dickson A.M. Idusuyi has been selected as a recipient of a 2009 Humanities Teacher Award. The award is given to a faculty member who has excelled in the area of Humanities.

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