

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH HAITI VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims impacted by the recent earthquake in Haiti and those with family and friends who are there.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY ACTIVITIES

All faculty members are encouraged to take students to the "*Commemorating the Legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*," convocation
Thursday, January 21, 2010
at the **Oakland Memorial Chapel** at
9:30 a.m.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Please plan to attend the "**Coffee and Conversation**" gathering **January 26th and 27th** in the **Morris Boykin's Assembly Room** from **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Roger Bennett has been appointed the Interim Dean for the School of Education and Psychology.

Dr. Vivek Bhargava has been appointed the Interim Dean for the School of Business effective Spring 2010. Dr. Bhargava is replacing Dr. William Piper who has served in the position of Dean since Spring 2008. Dr. Piper has decided to return to the classroom.



FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

Greetings!

I am sure you had a restful and rejuvenating time with family and friends, and you have returned to "tropical" southwestern Mississippi to experience the cold weather and snow and the approaching Spring Semester. By the time classes resumed Monday, January 11th, classrooms were toasty and warm, and students were ready and eager to learn.

Registration has taken place in Vicksburg and Natchez with new cohorts in education and new online courses in the School of Business. These courses are a part of the new online initiative that is supported by Learning House, Inc., an online support organization that will assist faculty with course development and provide a 24/7 help desk for students. Additional courses that attract students beyond our traditional boundaries will be offered later during the Spring Semester.

Both the Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) and the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) met to consider potential changes to ALC expenditures to address the budget problems facing the State of Mississippi and will continue with new academic initiatives that reflect our mission as an institution of higher education. For example, we will continue to explore the development of cooperative agreements with Central Michigan University, Marshall University, the University of Nebraska and other colleges and universities in Russia. While we address these possibilities, we want to take advantage of the emerging opportunities to work with community colleges in southwestern Mississippi and surrounding counties.

Again, I want to thank all department chairpersons and others for excellent program review reports submitted to the Academic Program Review Committee. The future of Alcorn State University is much brighter because of the outstanding reports. The reports and deliberation, of the Academic Program Review Committee are available on the Provost's website.

Have an excellent week.

Richard Green
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