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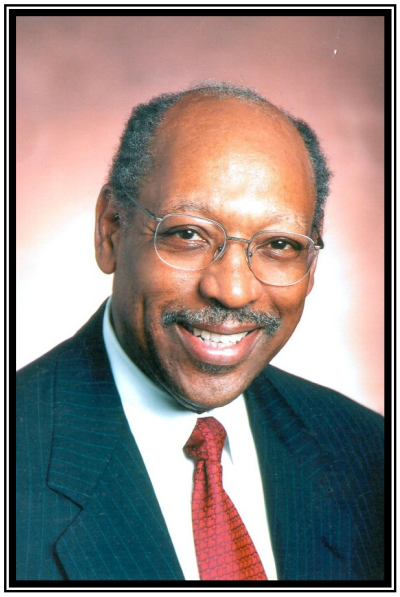

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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

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Greetings.

I hope you had a summer filled with relaxation and renewing ventures. Dorothy and I spent several days in our home town of Louisville, Kentucky attending a wonderful family reunion and visiting with friends. We are back in Lorman and looking forward to another exciting year at Alcorn.

Richard Green
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August 25, 2010

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FALL FACULTY AND STAFF CONFERENCE

Thanks to everyone who attended the August 16 – 17, 2010 Convocation. Approximately 500 faculty and staff members were in attendance. Former Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and former U.S. Representative, Mike Espy, gave an inspiring keynote speech. His comments were especially appropriate for this year's conference theme- Developing a Culture of Quality and Assessment. Also, a special thanks to everyone responsible for this very successful conference.

FALL 2010 SEMESTER

Classes for the new semester has started the usual flurry of activities and questions from first year and returning students. We make every effort to prepare for the arrival of students and the start of classes, but still have a few minor inconveniences at the start of each new academic year. I hope students were able to find their classes and we all are now ready for an exciting and event filled year. Please make a special effort to assist the new students as they ask questions about building and classroom locations.

ENROLLMENT

As of Monday, August 23, 2010, the registration count is 3576 students (incomplete registrations, 1347; complete registrations, 2229). The final registration count will be available later this week.

NOTABLE EVENTS

Friday, August 27
-Last Day for ALL Registration

-Classes Purged for Non-Payment of Fees

Monday, August 30
-Vice Presidents Weekly Meeting
Office of Academic Affairs
WWASB Room 401

Monday, September 6
-Labor Day Holiday

Thursday, September 23
-Mississippi Summit on the Deepwater Horizon Disaster
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
2350 Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS 39531

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Agriculture	Alyona Funtikova

ARTS AND SCIENCES

English	Michael Grattan
Biotechnology	Audie K. Thompson
Military Science	Susie S. Hubbard
	Steven Womack

BUSINESS	PJ Forrest
EDUCATION	Robert Carr
NURSING	Erica Bridges
	Gloria Chatman
	Amelia Davis
	Iva Ward
	Deloris Williams

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Support Services	Mary Coleman
	Derwin Miller
Counseling and Testing	Doretha Rankin
J.D. BOYD LIBRARY	Mary Selmon
	Kwanz Skinner

SACS REAFFIRMATION REPORT

Several faculty and staff members spent most of the summer months writing sections of the reaffirmation report which has to be posted on the ASU Web Site and forwarded to the SAC-COC in Atlanta, Georgia. A special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the creation of the final document.

IHL BOARD ACTIONS(AUGUST 19, 2010)

Dr. Robert Z. Carr has been named the Dean of the School of Education and Psychology and Associate Professor of Education effective August 2, 2010.

PROMOTIONS AND TENURE ACTIONS

Recommendations for promotion and tenure were approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 16, 2010 meeting as follows.

- Dr. Diane Blanchard Promotion to the rank of Professor and Tenure
- Dr. Cynthia Scurria Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and Tenure
- Dr. Edward Vaughn Promotion to the rank of Professor and Tenure
- Dr. Sarah Ware Tenure

If you have any questions or concerns regarding promotion and tenure please contact the Office of Academic Affairs.

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS
ASU – GS 101-285 – Natural Gas Pipeline

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests permission to initiate a project Natural Gas Pipeline and to appoint Atherton Consulting Engineers as design professional.

Design Professional: Atherton Consulting Engineers

Purpose: Alcorn State University is seeking to construct a natural gas pipeline to serve the university's Lorman campus. Through pre-planning and master planning the university has verified a need to construct a natural gas pipeline to transport gas to Alcorn State's main campus in Lorman, MS. The pipeline will run approximately 17 miles from Port Gibson, MS along Highway 552 (Old Port Gibson Road) to the Alcorn State University campus in Lorman. Alcorn State University is seeking approval to initiate the project in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUEST
ASU – Naming/Dedication of New Student Housing Complex

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests permission for the naming/ dedication of the new student housing complex to The Medgar Wiley Evers Heritage Village.

Purpose: The new student housing complex is being built by the Alcorn State University Educational Building Corporation and includes four (4) housing units plus an amenities building featuring a convenience store, fitness center, computer labs, and leasing offices. The new complex scheduled to open in the fall of 2010, will replace 1002 beds, providing Alcorn students with comfort and convenience in a modern, secure living space.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

ASU – Naming of the Academic Student Support Center

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests permission for the naming of the Academic Student Support Center to the Dr. Newtie J. Boyd Academic Student Support Center.

Purpose: Since its inception in 1983, the Academic Student Support Center, formerly the College of Excellence has provided the General Education Core Curriculum as well as supporting services, activities, and programs for all undergraduate students who matriculate at the university. The Center serves as the initial point of entry for all undergraduate students enrolling in the institution for the first time, including transfer students. Specific programming available in the Center include First year Experience, Counseling and Testing and Upward Bound.

The Academic Student Support Center provides students with comprehensive academic advising and social development that maximizes their chances of success upon entry into a program of study in a selected academic department. Services include but are not limited to free-tutoring, computer-assisted instructional labs and workshops in academic skill development and social skills development. The Center has been successful and achieved national recognition in retaining first year students and increasing the percentage of students who acquire degrees from Alcorn State University.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

Congratulations…

Dr. Rejoice Addae, Department of Social Sciences, on completing your Ph.D.

Dr. Sherlynn Byrd, Department of Mass Communications, on having your testimony as an expert witness in the Mass Communication field recognized and quoted in the Marilyn Mitzel's age discrimination case.