

April
2010**VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING**April 5, 2010, 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room**HONORS DAY PROGRAM**April 6, 2010, 11:00 a.m.
Campus Union Ballroom**ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW
COMMITTEE MEETING**April 6, 2010, 12:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room**DEANS COUNCIL MEETING**April 6, 2010, 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room**VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING**April 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room**IHL BOARD MEETING**April 14-15, 2010
Jackson, MS**VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING**April 19, 2010, 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room**SACS SMALL COLLEGE INITIATIVE**April 20, 2010
Atlanta, GA**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**April 22, 2010, 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
School of Nursing Auditorium
andApril 22, 2010, 3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Morris Boykin's Assembly Room**VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING**April 26, 2010, 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room**ASSOCIATION OF TECHNOLOGY,
MANAGEMENT AND APPLIED ENGI-
NEERING (ATMAE) ON-SITE VISIT**

April 26 & 31, 2010

**FROM MY DESK TO YOURS**

Greetings!

As we approach the conclusion of the semester, I am sure you are preparing for graduation and/or summer school. There is much to do in the next few weeks. I am asking faculty to ensure that all prospective graduating seniors are making preparations for graduation and are aware of the final examination period and other important dates associated with the 2010 Commencement activities. All participating faculty and graduating seniors are required to take part in the mandatory commencement rehearsal and the commencement ceremony.

Despite the uncertainties of the future, the following can be most reassuring, "There are few earthly things more splendid than a University. In these days of broken frontiers and collapsing values, when the dams are down and the floods are making misery, when every future looks somewhat grim, and every ancient foothold has become something of a quagmire, wherever a University stands, it stands and shines; wherever it exists, the free minds of men [and women] urged on to full and fair inquiry, may still bring wisdom into human affairs", (John Masefield, *The University*).

Masefield (1878-1967) further proclaims: "To be a member of one of these great societies [Universities] must be a glad distinction". May the sage words of John Masefield ring true for Alcorn State University. We have endured much this academic year, and the future is ours to make better. Grounded in the foundation of our mission and the clarity of the expression our conviction, our mission remains to be a caring higher education community.

As you celebrate Easter may you and all our families be blessed with Peace, Grace, and Happiness.

Sincerely,

Richard Green
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April 1, 2010

Commencement 2010



Please take the time to visit the ASU homepage and review the *Commencement 2010* link for important dates and times. Click here: [Commencement 2010](#).

Cap & Gown Pick Up

May 6-7, 2010

E. E. Simmons Gymnasium

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rehearsal for 2010 Commencement

(Attendance Required)

Friday, May 7, 2010

5:00 p.m.

Jack Spinks Stadium

Commencement

Saturday, May 8, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Jack Spinks Stadium

*Line-of March formation begins at 7:30 a.m.

Drafts of Alcorn State University's Self-Study Plan for NCAA Will Be Posted on the University's Web Site

By: Peter Malik

Alcorn State University will make available drafts sections of its Self-Study Plan for NCAA recertification on the university's web-site in April. A PowerPoint presentation about the self-study process has already been posted at www.alcorn.edu/FAR which is the new location on Alcorn's web-site for the Faculty Athletics Representative, the Faculty Athletics Committee and Alcorn's Self-Study Plan. A feedback option is available so that faculty, students, staff members, alumni and members of the general public can provide input on the self-study drafts or other issues related to the university's oversight of athletics.

For the past several months, Alcorn State University has been engaged in a campus-wide effort to study its athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification program.

The study has covered academic integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance, and commitment to gender and diversity and student-athlete well-being.

The Steering Committee for NCAA Recertification is responsible for the study and includes Dr. Norris Edney, president of Alcorn State University, Dr. Peter Malik, chair, Dr. John Igwebuikwe, faculty athletics representative, faculty and staff members, department of athletics personnel, administrators, and students.

"I have been very pleased with the self-study process so far," notes Dr. Edney. "I encourage all members of the Alcorn community to visit the web-site to learn about the process and also provide us with input about our athletic programs."

On October 26-28, 2010, an external team of reviewers will conduct a three-day evaluation visit on Alcorn's campus. Those reviewers will be peers from other colleges, universities or conference offices. The peer-review team will report to the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification. The Committee on Athletics Certification will then determine the institution's certification status and announce the decision publicly.

APPLICATION FOR DEGREE “Forgiveness Day” MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010 ONLY!!!

Applications for Degrees will be accepted by the University Registrar for those who missed the January 22nd deadline on Monday, April 5, 2010 only. This is the final deadline for submission for Spring 2010 commencement. Applications submitted without proper documentation (substitutions/waivers, program of study sheets , etc.) will be returned to their respective departments.

Evaluations:

- Deans should conduct department chair evaluations.
- Departmental Chairs should conduct faculty evaluations.

Chairpersons of academic departments are expected to conduct faculty evaluations using the *Chair’s Evaluation of Faculty* instrument during the Month of March and forward evaluation results to the appropriate Dean as soon as possible. All Evaluations should remain in the departmental office.

Faculty Scholarship

As we approach the end of the 2010 Spring Semester, the Provost’s Office is requesting that all faculty members review their activities and send examples of their scholarly activities which they engaged in during the past two years. This information will be compiled in a document entitled “Faculty Scholarship at Alcorn State University” and posted on our website. Information interest to be included, but not limited to the following: books, book chapters, articles, presentations, performances, exhibits, commissions, poetry/creative writing and awards/grants. Documentation of these activities illustrates John Masfield’s enduring theme of a splendid university: Alcorn State University. Hopefully, the Faculty Scholarship document will be completed during the Summer of 2010.

Seventeenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium— Call for Proposals

October 21-23, 2010
Hilton Riverside Hotel
New Orleans, LA
<http://hbcufdn.org>