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# Louisiana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Newsletter

Spring 2010

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### Annual Meeting News

Read about the events of the 2010 LAFCS Annual Meeting, speakers, research and business meeting highlights

### LAFCS Award Recipients

The 2010 LAFCS award recipients were honored on February 26, 2010.

### Election Results

Election results were revealed during the 2010 annual business meeting and the incoming officers were installed on February 26, 2010. See who will be leading you and seeking your contributions to better our profession.

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## President's Message

I can never say thank you enough for the opportunity to serve as President of Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. This term proved a prophecy to the AAFCS Theme *New Century for FCS: New Challenges, New Solutions*. Your support afforded me the opportunity to attend the AAFCS Centennial Conference in Knoxville and the 2009 Fall Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent professionals who are committed to improving the lives of individuals and communities. The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences leadership have provided us many resources to "take our profession to the streets". I trust that we will all take advantage of a strong centennial heritage of Family and Consumer Sciences involvement and response to community issues. All of our collective disciplines are needed to impact our environment with solutions to the challenges.



**Vickie Smith**  
President  
June 2009 -  
May 2010

Thank you also for the opportunity to try new things. We began the term in June using meeting technology as a solution to reducing our carbon footprint. Thank you for sharing in an innovative telephone conference to set our work for the year. Again in September we convened the executive meeting via teleconference. Both calls proved to be an effective and efficient use of our time and resources.

We are searching for solutions to the scholarship challenge. In recent years, we have not had any applicants for scholarships. I am thankful for Dr. Debbie Johnson who stepped in and worked with us to research and report the status of our scholarships. We have a better understanding of the challenges that our colleagues have faced in trying to award the scholarships in recent years. The report from Debbie's research offers some solutions to the challenges. We have consulted with the national office and resolve to work towards scholarship awards for the 2011 Spring Semester.

Since our last conference, our communities, state and the nation have been hit with a recession, faced H1N1 as a major health issue, and experienced even more attacks on the family structure through media sources. All of the headlines offer opportunities for us as Family and Consumer Sciences Professionals to offer solutions to these problems. We each have an opportunity to promote Family and Consumer Sciences in our daily work. The national office is especially interested in our work relating to the H1N1 "take it to the streets" campaign. Dr. Sha Pate agrees to report our individual and collective work on this issue at the 2010 National Conference in Cleveland. Please share your work with her as soon as possible.

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**Annual Meeting Rotation**

LAFCS has four districts which share responsibilities for hosting annual meeting. The following is a schedule of rotation for the location and district hosting of annual meeting.

- Year District
- 2011 Southeast
- 2012 Southwest
- 2013 Central
- 2014 Northern

**2010 Annual Meeting Committee**

We offer a heartfelt thanks to the annual meeting committee for providing LAFCS members and guest with a very informative and renewing annual meeting in Ruston, LA . Those members are:

- Miranda Smith      Dr. Lori Myers
- Harriette Black      Linda Harrell
- Dr. Daisy Daniels      Dr. Amy Yates
- Anne Marie Lindsey

**President's Message, cont.**

We are inspired by the recruitment of seventeen students at the Southern University New Orleans campus. Dr. Pamela Wanga and other colleagues at SUNO are doing a great job of promoting the value of AAFCS/LAFCS membership. As President of LAFCS, I have worked to reclaim members not reported on our membership list. We are grateful for the support of the national office to help us to resolve some membership issues and properly credit LAFCS with membership dollars. Individuals are reminded to properly note their associations with LAFCS when paying membership dues. Members are also encouraged to note the proper districts within LAFCS.

It was very rewarding to hear about the activities of the districts. I was inspired to hear from Mollie Abadie about the interesting meetings of her district. At the invitation of Sha Pate, I was blessed to attend the Southwest Meeting in October. Sarah DeRouche, Student Chair, joined me as a LAFCS Senator at the AAFCS Conference in Knoxville. In the aftermath of program cuts, Sarah continued to carry the banner for student engagement. We look forward to a revitalized student chapter. I also look forward to the new visions that Gail McMillon and the other 2010 elected officers will share with us in the new year.

I have a deeper appreciation for our professionals who plan our annual meetings. Miranda Smith, VP of Annual Meetings and the North District are commended for planning a quality meeting. I trust that our meetings will continue to be sources of professional development. May we continue to work on relevant projects and promote our profession. There is much to be done. I truly believe that we have all the knowledge that we need to get things done. Yes we have had our share of challenges...this is the time for solutions. Even the weather patterns have been challenging this year. Our 2010 AAFCS Ohio host president reminds us "Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together." As humans we may not be nature's most "fragile things," but what we can do when we stick together is often nothing less than amazing!"

See you in Cleveland,

Vickie R. Smith

**Professional Achievements**

**Gail McMillon, Director**



Congratulations to Gail McMillon! At the start of the 2010 fall semester, Gail McMillon was promoted to Director of the Office of Student Teaching at Southeastern LA University in Hammond, LA.

# **New Century for FCS** *New Challenges, New Solutions*

Louisiana Association for Family and Consumer Sciences  
2010 Annual Meeting  
February 25-27, 2010  
Ruston, LA

## **Celebrating A Century...Embracing the Future**

Dr. Lori Myers, AAFCS, opened the 2010 annual meeting of the Louisiana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences with a presentation on how AAFCS is embracing the future. Her presentation began with a brief journey through the history of AAFCS and LAFCS. LAFCS started with club in Ruston, LA not far from our meeting site.

AAFCS is involved in new accreditation standards in several areas. Dr. Pat Pierson and Dr. Debbie Johnson are involved in revisions regarding university programs. Pre-professional assessments for certifications are being developed. This will help meet Perkins requirements for industry certification. Three were launched in November 2009: Personal and Family Finances, Early Childhood Education and Broad Fields of Family and Consumer Sciences.

AAFCS has a strategic plan that includes a branding initiative and use of internet to serve members and control costs. A branding initiative has been initiated including improving the website and professional associations. Virtual professional development has been implemented with sessions launched in a few months. AAFCS is active with social media including Twitter and Facebook. Recent research of the most uncommon or overlooked professions revealed that family and consumer sciences is number one and some of these efforts should address that issue. More of this will be revealed during the annual meeting June 24 - 26, 2010.

## **New Challenges and New Solutions in Communications**

### **Understanding Generational Differences**

Anita Pumphrey, M.S., CCLS, of Louisiana Tech University said that for the first time in history, we have four generations together working side by side in the workplace: Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, and Millennials. After explaining the each generation has shared its own set of historical events, cultural experiences and changes in technology, she presented a general overview of their differences in values and other tendencies. Understanding this will help in your role as teacher or supervisor.

Traditionalists, born between 1900 and 1945 tend to be loyal, patriotic and collaborative. They were shaped by the Great Depression, World War II, the G. I. Bill, and the Korean War.

Baby Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964 have been shaped by television, the Vietnam War, Assassinations, Watergate, and leaps in technologies. Their tendencies are individualism, optimism, competitiveness, consumerism and they tend to reject authority. They are driven by a need to make a difference and want recognition for hard work.

Generation Xers, born 1965 to 1980, were shaped by working mothers, aids, single parent homes, increased violence, the Gulfwar, child kidnapping, and technology. These young adults are independent, skeptical, and questioning. They want to be evaluated by merit, not seniority.

Millennials, who were born between 1981 and 1999, have been shaped by situations such as scandals and bombings. They are also the first generation that we are able to protect. They are wanted, civic minded, protected and nurtured, achievement minded and expect economic prosperity. They feel special, are highly protected and sheltered. Millennials want supervisors to be leaders, want to be challenged and would like to work with friends.



*LA Tech faculty members pose before their poster presentations during the 2010 LAFCS annual meeting.*

## Research and Resource Briefings

### Assessing Health Information of the Internet

A team from the LA Tech University School of Human Ecology provided information on health topics available on the internet, gateway sites, sources, generational demographics of online health information seekers and how to evaluate the health site.

To evaluate the site, you should easily be able to identify the site sponsor and its advisory board. Notice the nature of the site: .gov, .com, .org or .edu. and remember that commercial sites are more likely to be selling products. Locate the date of the latest revision of the site, which reflects the currency of information. Readability should be easy for non-medical personnel. There is an online assessment tool to use for the quality of health information:

[www.discern.org.uk](http://www.discern.org.uk).

Authors of this research include Dr. Heather Haberman, Dr. Amy Yates, Dr. Yeonsoo Kim and Dr. Mary Murimi.

### Daily Hassles, Family Resources & Children's Cognitive Ability in Intact Families

Dr. Troy Stuart, Southeastern LA University, spoke on the hardiness of children in intact families and offered suggestions to help children in other family situations. He also mentioned that educators need to develop a forum to address different situations.

Elementary school children of intact families, which are parented by married parents who have never experienced separation, tend to have hardiness. There is bonding and closeness, which is developed through participation in activities together, time for family meals each day, family activities, helping others, developing a sense of spiritual values. This happens because there is a rhythm of time together. One suggestion for parents is to identify days when one or the other has more hassles and be aware not to dump emotions on the children or spouse. Children in single parent families that need help in developing hardiness can use resources such as movies and books of others who have overcome great odds.

### Invigorate! Intrusive Candidate Advisement and Documentation as Strategic Viable Tools for Preparing CDFS Professionals in a Challenging Environment

Dr. Pamela Wang, Southern University, along with Celina Carson, Dr. Jenny Cheuk and Dr. Sherry Bachus discussed the strengthening of the family and consumer sciences program at Southern University in New Orleans after identifying family needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Their presentation involved a mock intake process of a distressed student change her major to CDFS.

The SUNO College of Education and Human Development sought accreditation in recent years for the Child Development and Family Studies program. There are four full time faculty members and 120 students; three are transfers from studies in social work. The program received accreditation just before annual meeting and will have its first three graduates in May 2010.

## New Challenges and New Solutions in Merchandising

Dr. Kathleen Heiden shared insights into how globalization concepts are relevant to FCS professionals, including information from [Hot, Flat and Crowded](#) and [The Olive Tree](#). Her presentation included discussion of an infrastructure gap, the need for leadership and other factors affecting individuals, consumers and families.

American jobs are decreasing with manufacturing being outsourced to other countries. Everything is political. We need to invent a new middle ground between outsourcing and American jobs. Workers need portability of benefits because they are likely to experience transitions in employment due to this. Portability of benefits will help sustain employability. Workers should embrace life long learning.

Consumer purchases make political statements and express their social activism. This is evident today in commitments to purchase products from "green" companies, the use of recyclables and similar concerns.

Parents are ultimately responsible for teaching children what it takes to thrive. They will need more ambition and drive because they will be competing with children across the world.

### Running on Empty and Not a Gas Pump in Sight

A retreat, "Running on Empty and Not a Gas Pump in Sight," led by Robbie Alford of Eagles Training. The first insight learned was the need to plan for wiggle room so that there is flexibility in our lives.

Many other insights were reviewed and members were given moments to reflect and resolve. There was a revelation of all of the overstimulation our lives and the insight that we need to mind our emotions and recognize when we cannot or should not get hung up in one more little thing. We are the one species that God gave a brains to have control and dominion over things.

We live with paradigms that define boundaries and establish behaviors. Recognize that change happens and it brings confusion and sometimes hurt. We need clear rules to have some order while major shifts are occurring. Our biggest drain is trying to make sense of these paradigm changes and how we are going to do the behavior changes.

More insights gained:

1. Know when to call a day a day.
2. Exercise your right to say no.





## 2010 LAFCS Awards Recipients

LAFCS uses an awards program to recognize members who have achieved excellence in the field and in the area of community service. Non members are also recognized for contributions that they have made to foster the ideals of the FACS profession. For professional level awards, the process starts with a nomination from the district through the use of a nomination form that is submitted to the district awards chair. These nominations are submitted to the state awards committee which is made up of representatives from all of the districts. Student awards are submitted through the universities. During the Pacesetter Dinner, Awards Chair Harriette Black recognized three members for five years of service on the committee: Mollie Abadie, Audrey Jo Weaver and Mary Junot.

### Maude Thevenot Volunteer Service Award - New LAFCS Award



During the September 2009 board meeting, a motion was submitted and successfully passed to add a new award to those offered by LAFCS. This is a memorial award used to honor members who are committed to strengthening families through volunteer service in their communities. It is named after a deceased

member who was very active in her community, Maude Thevenot. The first recipient of this award is Elsie Castille of Breaux Bridge, LA. She was the first president of the Southwest District, and is a retiree of the LSU Agricultural Center. She is a 56 year member, who served as an extension agent for St. Martin Parish from 1954 to 1985. She was the first Southwestern District president and has served on many committees for the organization. During her career, Elsie was very involved with the homemakers program and continues to serve in leadership for the program. She is involved in many activities in her community.

### Teacher of the Year

This award recognizes outstanding educational programs, methods, techniques and activities that provide stimulus for and give visibility to family and consumer sciences elementary and secondary education. The member who is chosen must be a teacher in grades K-12 and a paid member of AAFCS/LAFCS. Lorna Albers, Southwest District, was named the 2010 LAFCS Teacher of the Year. Lorna is a graduate of McNeese State University and has a masters in school counseling. She is currently the responsible for the Culinary Arts Institute in her parish which is the first accredited ProStart secondary program in Louisiana.



### Friend of Family & Consumer Sciences

This award honors a non-family and consumer sciences professional or a group/agency/business. Nominees should exhibit the gift of exceptional service within the interest of LAFCS and family and consumer sciences.

Each district may submit one nomination per year. This is a one time award and does not move on to the national process. The 2010 Friend of Family and Consumer Sciences is Dana Reed, a very committed volunteer in the Opelousas area. Among her commitments is a food bank that not only provides food, but also helps clients learn about nourishment, meal planning and budgeting so that they can provide the most possible for their families.



### LAFCS Keeper of the Flame

This award was created by the awards committee and by board action as a part of the celebration by LAFCS of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AAFCS in 2009. Because of its popularity, the board voted to make it an on going, yearly award. This award is designed to honor FACS professionals who have contributed in their chosen FACS area and who have had active participation in AAFCS/LAFCS. So that a long term record of dedication, accomplishment and service to the association is evident, a nominee and recipient should be a paid member for at least 10 years and should be considered by all to be "the best of the best".

The award recipients for this years were: Myrtle Deranger, Southwest District; Bette Howell-Maroney, Central District and Daisy Daniels, Northern District. Daisy Daniels was also named the 2010 LAFCS Keeper of the Flame.



## Southwest District News



The Southwest Louisiana District of the Louisiana Family and Consumer Sciences held their annual meeting October 08, 2009. The meeting was held at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette and was planned and conducted by Dr. Sharon Pate, President and Dr. Janice Weber, President Elect. While this may seem like a mundane beginning to a news item concerning a district, this was somewhat different in that neither of these professors are currently in a Family and Consumer Sciences college. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette disbanded the Family and Consumer Sciences Department three years ago and all the programs once known as Family and Consumer Sciences are now in six other colleges. The meeting was well attended by forty-five students and twenty professionals from the five majors.

The goal of this meeting was to bring awareness to the organization by bringing the professors once in the department to speak about their current programs as they related to New Challenges New Solutions in Family and Consumer Sciences. Attendees were invited to attend and were entertained and informed by the Fashion Design Director and Students while dining on a meal prepared by the Hospitality Students.. Students presented their designs while the Fashion Design and Merchandising program directors presented information about the Fashion Design Program.

Following the Design presentation, the Hospitality professor and FCS Grant Recipient and program director spoke about their program and the skills necessary for Hospitality Students to succeed in the industry.



After dinner members and additional students joined for a panel discussion by professors in Dietetics, Child and Family Studies and Sociology. Topics discussed by the panelist included service learning, study abroad, current Dietetics Trends and Research on Aging Attitudes. Membership applications for AAFCS were handed out and students were invited to become members and attend state/and or national meetings. We thank Sharon Pate, SW District President, for this article and the photos.



## 2010 LAFCS Annual Meeting Poster Sessions



*Southern University of New Orleans research team members left to right: Jenny Cheuk, PhD; Sherry Bachus, PhD; Pamela E. Wanga, PhD; Celina Carson, MEd and Angelle Hobbs.*



*Troy D. Stuart, PhD, Southeastern Louisiana University, with research poster presentation.*



## President-Elect's Message

Hello Everyone! Wow! Some sunshine after what seemed like a very long winter!

Can you feel the stress all around you? "Economics" seems to be the buzz word for this time in our country and around the world. Oddly enough, we as members of LAFCS/AAFCS, and as professionals in the field, are able to handle this better than most. Why? Because our knowledge of family well-being and quality of life helps us adjust using knowledge of management of our own finances and through techniques of stress management. I know sometimes things don't turn out as we planned, but we persevere. In writing for *Qualities of Living: A Platform for Practice* (2006), Barbara McFall says, "Historic and contemporary conventions, boundaries, hierarchies, disciplines, specialties, and taxonomies embraced by FCS academics and professionals may be unknown or even irrelevant to the public" (p. 25). McFall further states that all members and stakeholders in the AAFCS community share the common goal "to improve the experience of living" (p. 25).

As your president for 2010-2011, I would like to challenge the members of LAFCS to focus on improving your experience of living and to contribute to making someone else's experience better also. As a profession, we have so much to give to a world suffering from economic and personal woes. Our professional predecessors at the Lake Placid Conference of 1902 recognized this profession as well-suited to assisting individuals and families in managing the relationship between the physical environment and our nature as social beings. So what can we do to help in our communities? First, find other FCS professionals in your community and enlist their help toward making a difference where you live. Conduct educational sessions for citizens on subjects in your areas of expertise. Offer to conduct these lectures/seminars for non-profit organizations, churches, or social groups in the community. And don't forget to ask these FCS professionals to join LAFCS!! Second, let middle/high school FCS programs know that you are available to speak to classes. This may be a career spot or related to your areas of expertise. Third, write articles for the local newspaper, an FCS subject-related blog, open a Facebook account and make it all about FCS content, or join someone who does this already, produce "how-to" video clips for YouTube, or start your own website or online newsletter to rave about things we know in FCS.

FCS professionals are a bounty of information relevant to issues occurring in lives today. Let's get involved in the mission of AAFCS which is, "to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life" (aafcs.org). After all, isn't *quality of life* what your personal and professional life is all about?

I look forward to serving with the other LAFCS officers this year to work toward the goals of growth in the profession and community contributions toward sustaining well-being for individuals and families.

Celebrate Spring !

Gail McMillon, LAFCS President, 2010-2011

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East Lansing, MI: Kappa Omicron Nu.

## 2010 LAFCS PACESETTER DINNER MEMORIES



Gail McMillon, President-Elect, presents the traditional gavel as an expression of appreciation to outgoing President, Vickie Smith.



During the Pacesetter dinner, these leaders ended up at the same table, but their only decisions concerned who would get what flavor cheese cake. Left to right: Guest, Vickie Smith, Audrey Jo Weaver, Jan Zeringue and Sarah Deroche.

## 2010 Election Results

We thank Dr. Doze' Butler for her work on the ballot for the 2010 elections, as well as the candidates who agreed to be on the ballot.

President-elect ..... Sharon Pate  
 VP of Annual Meeting ..... Debbie Johnson  
 VP of Membership ..... Bette Maroney  
 Secretary ..... Troy Stuart  
 Treasurer ..... Audrey Jo Weaver

During the awards banquet on February 26, 2010, there was an installation of officers for these and those who will continue their service on the board. Gail McMillon will move from the position of president-elect to president.

## Financial Report

LAFCS financial report for the second quarter, June 1 through December 31, 2009 is:

LAFCS Operating Budget  
 Beginning Balance ..... \$7484.55  
 Income ..... \$741.25  
 Expenses ..... \$2982.96  
 Balance ..... \$5242.84

Student Member balance ..... \$183.52

Savings Total ..... \$7849.85  
 Daisy Daniels Scholarship Fund ..... \$1772.16  
 Lela Tomlinson Scholarship Fund .... \$2929.57  
 LAFCS Endowed Scholarship Fund .. \$3148.12

## Membership Report

As of February 22, 2010:

Total Membership ..... 88

Member Type  
 Student ..... 32  
 Active ..... 38  
 Life ..... 03  
 Emeritus ..... 15  
 Districts  
 Northern ..... 13  
 Central ..... 17  
 Southeast ..... 45  
 Southwest ..... 13

## 2010 Scholarship Fundraiser

In February 2010, we raised \$210.00 in the annual basket fundraiser. This money was deposited equally in the scholarship savings accounts.

## Student News

Sarah Deroche, a recent graduate of Nicholls State University who is planning to attend graduate school, is currently the Chair of the LAFCS Student Unit. She has issued an appeal for students from other universities to contact her if they are interested in meeting and serving in leadership. The leadership positions of the student section are listed below:

Chair	Vice-Chair
Reporter	Treasurer
Historian	Awards

You can contact her at sarahderoche@gmail.com.

## Student Section Awards

The future of the association and the continuation of FACS as a profession rests squarely on the shoulders of the students who are sometimes referred to as pre-professionals. After graduation, these young people will be the professionals who fill the many jobs available in the field. It is necessary to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of this group. LAFCS has a long record of appreciating students and this tradition will continue in the future. Debbie Johnson, Southeastern LA University, is serving as the chair for student awards, which are being updated.

The opportunities for student recognition are:

## Outstanding Senior in Family and Consumer Sciences

This award is designed to honor a senior level student who is a paid member of AAFCS/LAFCS for contributions and accomplishments during their college years. The nominee must be an undergraduate student when applying and interviewing for this award. Application/dossier packets should be prepared and submitted using forms that are provided. Dossiers will be judged by a panel composed of the LAFCS Awards Committee.

### Lela A. Tomlinson Scholarship

This scholarship was named to honor a long time professional who was active in association activities through the years. "Miss Tommie", as she is affectionately remembered by those who knew her, served for many years in the Home Economics Section of the Louisiana State Department of Education. One of her duties was being the state advisor to the Future Homemakers of America organization. She was an exemplary role model to so many of the professionals who make up LAFCS and those non-members in the field. Students who wish to be considered as a recipient should complete and submit an application that is provided and include the required documents. Currently the scholarship value is \$250.00.

The committee is working to increase awareness of these awards and improve accessibility of applications.



## **CDFS Program Conditional Acceptance and Board of Regents (BoR) Request**

The Board of Regents accepted the proposed Child Development and Family Studies program at Southern University New Orleans on condition that prior to program implementation, the University must hire an appropriately qualified Program Director. Once this person was hired, University administrators would meet with Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, to discuss immediate funding needs and sources of such funding for the first year of program operations. These discussions would focus primarily on resource issues directly related to required AAFCS program accreditation and efforts by the University to afford such resources within existing state funding. Thereafter, *"beginning January 15, 2008, and on that same date until the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) program accreditation has been achieved, an annual report addressing these [resource] concerns shall be sent to Mr. Vandal and Mr. Killebrew and necessary follow-up meetings scheduled to resolve any outstanding issues."*

The Program Director, Dr. Pamela E. Wanga, was hired on August 1, 2007. Since then, four reports have been submitted in a timely manner to the Louisiana BoR; 1) January 15, 2008 (with responses to follow-up questions submitted on March 7, 2008), 2) August 1, 2008, 3) January 15, 2009 with concerns of BoR staff arising from the January 15, 2009 appropriately addressed in the February 10, 2009 follow-up submission, and 4) January 15, 2010. No major issues or concerns have arisen following submission of these reports, which are included in **Appendix B**. Furthermore, based on the January 15, 2010 report as well as the timeliness and adequacy of earlier reports, the BoR staff has recommended **full approval** status to the program. The CDFS program is, therefore, no longer conditionally approved, it is a fully APPROVED program as stipulated in the e-mails and BoR Agenda Item VI E for Wednesday, January 24, 2010 pasted below:

2/24/2010 @ 12:32 p.m.

Thank you.

Actually, Drs. Adegboye and Wanga deserve all the praises for their hard work on this matter.

Thanks again.

Victor (SUNO Chancellor)

From: Andrea G. Jefferson  
[\[mailto:andrea\\_jefferson@sus.edu\]](mailto:andrea_jefferson@sus.edu)  
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 11:53 AM  
To: Victor Ukpolo  
Subject: BoR

Victor,

Congratulations!

Academic Affairs committee just voted full approval for SUNO's B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies. As you know, full board approval tomorrow is just a formality.

Andrea Jefferson (Southern University System Office)

2/18/2010 @ 4:00 p.m.

Dr Wanga,

Please see the forwarded document. Congratulations for your excellent work on the CDFS program! Based on your January 2010 report which is coming up at BoR meeting on Feb 24, 2010, BoR has recommended that the CDFS program does not need to submit any progress report henceforth, i.e. BoR is satisfied that all requirements have been met by the program. Congratulations for your excellent work!

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2/18/2010 @ 3:33 p.m.

Chief Academic Officers:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents' Academic and Student Affairs Committee is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. next Wednesday, February 24. The meeting will be held in the Louisiana Purchase Room (Room 1-100) of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For an agenda and all related staff summaries and

recommendations, please see the attached PDF or visit the Board of Regents' main website ([www.regents.la.gov](http://www.regents.la.gov)) and click on the "Board" tab. From there, click on "Board Meetings," then "2010 Schedules and Agendas." Once you click on "Academic and Student Affairs Committee" under the appropriate month, the hyperlink on the words "Download Agenda" at the top of the page will also pull up the master PDF that is attached.

As always, we encourage your attendance particularly if your institution has an item scheduled for discussion. Please let me know if you have any questions, and staff looks forward to seeing you next week.

Cordially,

Stephen

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**AGENDA ITEM VI E**  
**Louisiana Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY**  
**APPROVED PROGRAM**  
**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS**  
**B.A. - CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES**  
**(CDFS)**

In October 2009, the Board received the most recent progress report from the CDFS program and directed the University to submit a subsequent report (due January 15, 2010) addressing staffing concerns for the program as expressed by Regents' staff.

The requested report was received prior to its due date.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

The University reports that an additional FTE faculty joined the ranks as assistant professor on October 1, 2009. With her hiring, the program now has four (4) full-time faculty, including the program director. Enrollment in the program has grown from 25 students during the program's initial semester of implementation (Fall 2007) to 109 students enrolled

this Spring 2010 semester. The program's first three (3) graduates will receive their diplomas this May, and at least ten (10) students are scheduled to graduate in Spring 2011.

Additionally, the CDFS Advisory Committee remains active providing curricular guidance and direction as it relates to the bid for accreditation by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)\* - the University plans to begin this bid in Fall 2012 and has earmarked monies for a consultant to assist with these efforts.

**STAFF ANALYSIS**

The staff commends both University and program officials on addressing all of the stipulations associated with conditional program approval (originally granted in January 2007). As all these conditions have been met, the staff recommends full program approval at this time. As such, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the January 2010 progress report from Southern University at New Orleans relative to implementation and development of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS). As all previously stated stipulations associated with conditional approval have been met, the staff recommends full program approval at this time. As such, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.

\*The staff notes that accreditation (per Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Policy 2.13 - Program Accreditation) is recommended, not mandatory.

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