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Spring 2021 Virtual Faculty Convocation

Faculty Convocation took place on January 13th. Due to the pandemic, this convocation was held via video conferencing. A total of 428 faculty and staff participated via ZOOM.

Dr. Ray Belton, our President-Chancellor, welcomed the faculty, gave important updates, and encouraged the faculty to persevere during these challenging times. Dr. Damien Ejigiri, Dean for Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences presided over the Convocation. Southern Alumni, Rev. James Moody, Senior Pastor, Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago, Illinois, gave the invocation. Updates from Academic Affairs office was provided by Dr. Bijoy Sahoo and Dr. Joycelyn Harrison.

Seventeen faculty members, select administrators, plus the academic Deans helped welcome new employees and provided useful information through focused presentations. The topics and updates discussed include our successful reaffirmation of SACSCOC Accreditation; SU Return to Work guidelines; External Affairs updates; Navigating Technology in the Classroom; Updates from Registrar and Financial Affairs; American Disability ACT (ADA)/Title VII and IX; eLearning and Online and Distance Education.

Lunch was provided with onsite pickup at the Event Center. Overall, the Spring 2021 Virtual Faculty Convocation was a success and provided a forum to discuss learning tools and strategies to help our faculty and students succeed in any environment.

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris's Inauguration

The Human Jukebox's Presidential Inauguration Performance

Southern University Human Jukebox has performed at four presidential inaugurations. The band performed at President Ronald Reagan, inauguration in 1981 and 1985. Also, they performed in both of President Bill Clinton's ceremonies in 1993 and 1997.

The inauguration for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, on January 20th, 2021, is the fifth time the band performs for the swearing-in of a United States President. Southern University Director Bands, Kedric Taylor, is elated for the honor, saying, "We have been keeping up with the legacy that Dr. Greggs left in place. He left a blueprint like none other. We always pride ourselves on being ambassadors of Southern University and A&M College and Louisiana."

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the band has faced difficult challenges. However, they were very successful in leading the way giving the best virtual performance as the "Best Band in the Land." The band performed the songs; "Lift Every Voice and Sing", "Outstanding", and "We Are One."

"We wanted to put on a great presentation for the event. The students did a great job and I am proud of them! The late Dr. Isaac Greggs would say that you have got to educate and entertain. This is what we are doing for Vice President Kamala Harris, and President Joe Biden, as well as Southern University," says Kedric Taylor.



Congratulations to our very own "The Human Jukebox" and Mr. Kedric Taylor!



College of Nursing and Allied Health

The Southern University School of Nursing received a 100 percent pass rate for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certification Exam for 2020. There were 15 students who took the exam. They passed on the first attempt and yielded an average score of 611, exceeding the national average of 576. Southern's nursing students who took the FNP exam also met or exceeded the national average on all four testing domains: assessment, diagnosis, planning and evaluation.

Dean Sandra C. Brown said, "This accomplishment is a reflection of the level of excellence and dedication of both our faculty and students. Despite the challenges we faced in 2020 due to the pandemic, our faculty persevered and our students excelled. I am grateful that we are able to produce stellar nurse practitioners to serve our communities during this critical time."

According to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, a FNP "is an advanced practice registered nurse who provides a wide range of family-focused health care services to patients of all ages, including infants, adolescents, adults and seniors. FNPs maintain patient records; perform physical exams; order or perform diagnostic tests; prescribe medications; develop treatment plans; and treat acute and chronic illnesses, conditions and injuries that fall under primary care. FNPs practice in a variety of health care settings, including community health care settings, including community health centers, private practice, health care systems and universities."

Congratulations to Dean Sandra C. Brown and the College of Nursing on a job well done!

Three Modes of Instruction

Three modes of instruction are offered at Southern; to meet the needs of our students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Traditional classroom learning accommodates students who do not have to change their classroom style. Secondly, Hybrid learning brings in-person and technology together to give flexibly. Lastly, Online learning adapts to the student's needs because of the pandemic.

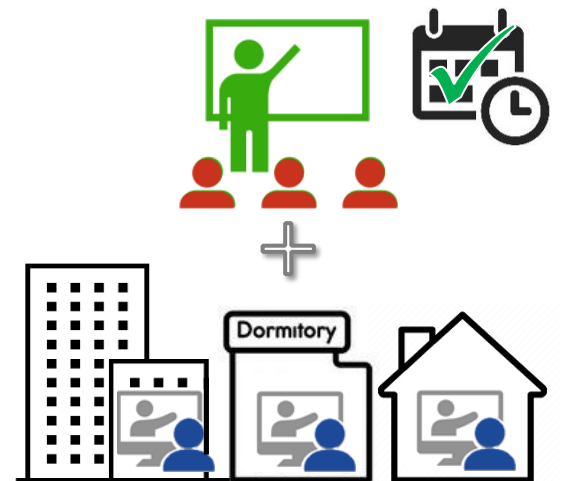
Traditional

The students and instructor are in a designated classroom at scheduled days and times.*



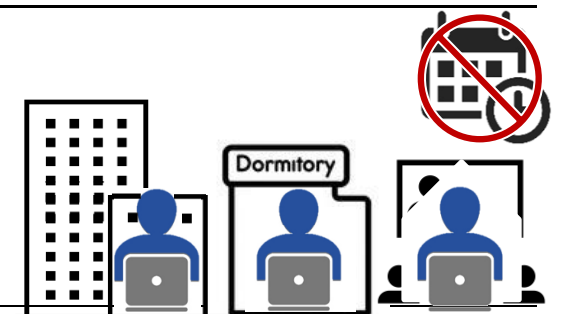
Hybrid

At scheduled days and times, students will meet in-person or choose to receive remote instruction synchronously via Microsoft Teams and Moodle. Faculty will provide instruction from the designated classroom and let students know who and how many can be accommodated.



Online

Instruction is fully online and asynchronous with no day and time specified. However, office hours can be hosted at a day and time specified by the instructor.



*Students may request to receive remote instruction synchronously (as in the hybrid mode) ONLY IF the content and/or activities can be delivered/conducted remotely. Classes with content and/or activities that cannot be adapted to a remote setting (for example, laboratory exercises) are conducted only in the traditional mode with mandatory in-person attendance. Students are responsible for confirming options with the instructor in advance.

In the Classroom ...

Multimedia Technology in the Classroom

Marcus Brown leads the charge for the Office of Academic Affairs' multimedia technology implementation in the classroom. This technology covers many aspects of classroom design, including quality service and sustainability, design, construction, renovation of existing classrooms, maintenance, faculty training, and support.

Multimedia technology is in 183 classrooms on the SUBR campus. The core equipment in the classrooms consist of:

- 1 IN1604 Video and Audio Presentation Switcher
- 2 Flat Field Speakers
- 1 Amplifier
- 1 PC
- 1 Microphone
- 2 Web Cameras
- 1 Equipment Rack/Podium
- 1 Cable for Laptop Connectivity
- 1 MLC104 IPlus Control Panel
- 20 Cisco 4300 Switches to increase network connectivity/capacity for Multimedia classrooms
- 550 Network Drops increased Network capacity in classrooms
- 333 Receptacles were placed in the classrooms to provide power to the equipment
- Training sessions were held for faculty to orientate them to new technology in the classrooms.

A website was created, <https://www.subr.edu/index.cfm?action=pagebuilder&pageID=multimedia-classrooms>. The website's purpose is, first, to show how many classrooms are available and their locations. Secondly, a Multimedia Classroom Checklist Form is available where faculty can report problems with classroom equipment. Training videos and a Multimedia Classroom Quick Reference Guide note card are in each classroom; to assist the professors with questions or concerns. Additionally, there are six liaisons assigned to each academic College Dean. They help to facilitate and troubleshoot classroom issues to further the success of this advancement.

Lastly, Extron Global Viewer Enterprise software is on our server farm. We will populate this software with Extron MLC 104 IPlus Controllers that reside in the Multimedia Classroom. This software allows remote management of the 183 classrooms.