



E-SPIRIT

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FROM THE DIVISION OF
RESEARCH, SPONSORED PROGRAMS, AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

*G*reetings and *W*elcome *B*ack to an *E*xciting *Y*ear!

The journey continues in the Division of Research, Sponsored Programs, and Institutional Effectiveness (RSPIE). The core values of RSPIE - **Truth, Loyalty, Sharing Information, and Elevation of the Mind**—continue to motivate and drive the operations that support our vision and mission – focused on creating a culture infused with excellence, accountability, and collegiality. First, let me say, “Thank you, RSPIE Team”, for your dedication and diligence in serving Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) – you are truly an awesome and committed team! Next, let me say, “Thank you, SUSLA,” for your participation, effort and success in all SACSCOC activity—from reaffirmation in 2011 to the substantive change activity that allows us to offer online programs. You have demonstrated the quality of our operations here at SUSLA.

Yes, the journey continues.... We continue our engagement with SACSCOC as we kick off our efforts in preparing for the Fifth-Year Interim Report. Again, this is an exciting time for SUSLA to demonstrate the quality of our operations through this report of compliance with SACSCOC standards, as well as to demonstrate how our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) has impacted the institution. Although this effort will be driven by the SACSCOC Leadership Team, it is an ongoing, institutional-wide process.

The **Office of Planning and Institutional Research** is diligent in efforts to refine existing procedures and processes that will consistently assure the integrity of data and reporting measures. A new Standing Committee, *Data Integrity and Management*, has been organized to bring focus to our reporting practices. The **Office of Outcomes Assessment and Quality Management** is persistently engaging the faculty and staff in the process of strengthening assessment practices and exemplifying continuous improvement. Additionally, we press forward in centralizing and reinforcing our grant procurement activity. Because of the great work of the faculty and staff, supported by the **Office of Sponsored Programs**, SUSLA continues to be successful in obtaining external funding.

Certainly, the Division of Research, Sponsored Programs, and Institutional Effectiveness has been very productive in efforts to build a culture that speaks quality, excellence and accountability. We are most proud to announce the realization of the newly established **Academy of Excellence**, which is a campus-wide professional development enterprise driven by our core values and designed to enhance scholarship, research, and skills of the faculty, staff and administrators. The ultimate aim is to enhance all campus operations.

We look forward to future endeavors that will be pivotal in propelling this institution to be the premier enterprise of higher education. Please continue to journey with us as we work to move SUSLA from good to great!

Always in the *S*pirit of *E*xcellence!

Regina S. Robinson, Ph.D.

**SACSCOC
FIFTH-
YEAR
INTERIM
REPORT**



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“Esprit de Corps!”

Inspiring enthusiasm, devotion and strong regard for the honor of RSPIE with a common spirit of excellence.”

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SUSLA

HISTORY IN THE MAKING!

Ensure Quality
Ensure Accountability
Enhance Scholarship
Enhance Skills
Enhance operations
Enhance institutional
Effectiveness

THE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE



Support Strategic Plan
Support QEP
Support SACSCOC
Activity
Support LA BOR Man-
dates
Increase Opportunities for
Promotion & Tenure

The Academy of Excellence supports the following Title III objectives: *to increase the number of well-qualified and diverse faculty and staff, supporting the institutional role, scope, mission and plan for quality improvement through professional development strategies; to ensure quality and accountability; and to strengthen leadership and managerial capacity while motivating individuals to excel to the highest level possible.* Additionally, the academy supports the responsibility of the Division of Research, Sponsored Programs & Institutional Effectiveness to *provide leadership in organizing training seminars, workshops for faculty, staff and administrators.*

Leadership & Management

A Component
of
RSPIE

Support—Title III
*Academy of Excellence
Activity*

- ◆ **Formal, centralized, and organized unit responsible for campus-wide professional development**
- ◆ **Encourages a culture of continuous learning and performance improvement**
- ◆ **Addresses SUSLA's core values that drive operations**
- ◆ **Offers formal professional training for all entities**

Location

Library
(ACE Lab)
2nd Floor

