Dr. F. King Alexander, LSU President and Chancellor, spent time in New Orleans this week meeting with business, civic, and political leaders, as well as media. But the largest amount of his time here was devoted to getting his first look at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans and learning more about us.

Since it was impossible on this trip for him to take an extensive tour of our downtown and Dental School campuses, Dr. Alexander was given an overview of LSUHSC’s physical campus, as well as information about the scope of our educational, research, patient care, and outreach activities.

The tour began with a close-up view (from the 8th floor of the Resource Center) of the projects under construction including the University Medical Center, the new Dr. Edward Trapido, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Epidemiology at LSUHSC’s School of Public Health, gave an invited talk on “Public Health Issues Following the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill,” at the 2013 National Cancer Institute Directors Meeting in Lyon, France, this week. The meeting, held by the International Prevention Research Institute, included NCI Directors and researchers from Asia, Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Europe. Only two universities were invited to present.

Dr. Trapido, who is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to study women and their children in the seven southeast parishes of Louisiana most affected by the spill, talked about the early physical, social, and mental health outcomes...
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Foundation building, and the Human Development Center. Stops on the tour also included the library, the new lecture room in the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health Professions building, the School of Public Health, the Russell Klein, MD Center for Advanced Practice, and the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD Student Learning Center.

We are grateful for the amount of time President Alexander was able to give us in his travels to LSU campuses around the state. We hope to welcome him back soon and often.

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reported by the women, and explained the need for long term follow up to assess the potential cancer outcomes. He reported results on associations between exposure levels and experiencing worse health after the spill, and on public health issues related to resilience and recovery, health communications, economic issues, environmental justice, and policy issues. Dr. Trapido’s study is one of a number of important studies funded by the NIEHS on the impact of the skills on clean up workers, other populations, and seafood around the Gulf. A brief interview about Dr. Trapido’s talk will be appearing on eCancer.org, in a few weeks.

LSUHSC Book Club News

The Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic & Multicultural Affairs is pleased to announce that Po-boy Contraband: From Diagnosis Back to Life, by Patrice Melnick, has been chosen for the 2013 LSUHSC Campuswide Book Club.

This creative non-fiction book is an enlightening and entertaining story of one woman’s journey from “diagnosis back to life.” This journey includes a very diverse spectrum of people who help to shape the protagonist’s outlook and disposition.

The Book Club will gather on Thursday, November 14 from 12:15 - 1:30pm in MEB Seminar 4 for a “brown bag” discussion. The book’s author, Ms. Melnick, has agreed to join us for this discussion.

Po-boy Contraband is available in the campus bookstore, in many major bookstores, and online. We look forward to a lively discussion, so please consider joining the conversation in November.

Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner accepts the second check from the Al Copeland Foundation for LSUHSC cancer research in a week. Al Copeland Ruiz presents the check, along with Jefferson Parish President John Young and JP Councilman Ben Zahn at the Uncle Sam Jam.