

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



April 27, 2007

LRA urges swift approval of LSU hospital

Dr. Norman Francis, LRA Chairman, and three LRA committee chairs sent a letter to US Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson and US Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson on Wednesday.

Dr. Francis and Board Members Kim Boyle, Chair,



Health Care Committee, Donna Fraiche, Chair, Long-Term Community Planning Task Force and John T. Landry, Chair, Infrastructure Task Force, called for Secretary Jackson's immediate approval of the LRA's plan to commit \$300 million toward rebuilding an academic medical center in downtown New Orleans. They also urged Secretary Nicholson to unequivocally commit the VA to building its hospital in partnership with LSU.

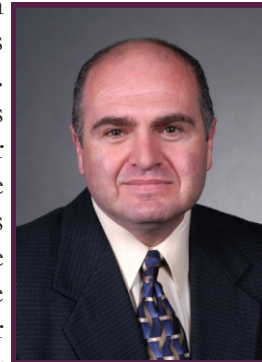
You can read and download the letter at:

<http://lra.louisiana.gov/assets/LetterHUDVA042507.pdf>

We are indebted to the LRA for its support.

Porche permanent Nursing Dean

Following a national search, I have accepted the Search Committee's unanimous recommendation of Dr. Demetrius Porche as permanent Dean of our School of Nursing. He has accepted this appointment, and the appointment will be presented for confirmation at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.



Serving as Acting Dean since last December, the School has enjoyed Dr. Porche's steady guidance through the challenges of transition, response and recovery. Joining

our faculty in 1999, his previous appointments include Associate Dean for Nursing Research, Evaluation and Graduate Studies, Director of the Office of Nursing Research and Evaluation, and Director of the Doctor of Nursing Science Program. Demetrius is also highly regarded nationally. He was elected President of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing last fall, serving from 2007 through 2009.

I know you will extend your support and congratulations to Demetrius on this well deserved appointment.

Board of Regents meets on our campus

The Board of Regents held its regular monthly committee and board meetings on our campus this week. As part of their visit, Board members and staff had the opportunity to take a tour and learn how we are using patient simulators and skills building resources in our curriculum and in educational outreach for practicing professionals. Drs. Russell Klein and Sheila Chauvin conducted the tour.



Commissioner Joseph Savoie, Ed.D., tries his hand at the minimally invasive surgical trainer with Daryl Lofaso



LSUHSC police officers were commissioned by NOPD yesterday extending their policing powers and increasing their ability to keep us safe.