



*Key issues to report of recent importance include:*

- We have worked on two specific issues affecting JLab funding at the federal level through the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. First, the House language reported out a cut of \$10M in 12GeV construction money from the President's Budget Request (PBR) of \$22M. We pursued a strategy to restore this funding, which accomplished restoring all but \$2M of the original request for FY10. Second, the Senate and House reported out a base funding gap for Nuclear Physics (NP) operations of between \$23.4M and \$29.5M below the PBR. With assistance from our federal consultants, Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA) and JLab leadership, the resulting conference report adopted earlier this month has a considerably lower impact to the non-construction NP line, (5.3% below the PBR, but \$2.8M above the FY09 appropriations.)
- A Commonwealth of Virginia funding strategy for JLab's 12 GeV upgrade and base support will be finalized soon. (A meeting with the Department of Planning & Budget is scheduled for late October.) It should be noted that a 15% across-the-board cut was sustained earlier in the fiscal year, (lowering our \$1.5M to ~\$1.2), with an additional cut of 10-15% expected. This comes in addition to an expected cut of the College of William & Mary positions funded by Virginia, per a July 31 letter from President Reveley to Hugh Montgomery. These positions is currently funded by Virginia at \$342k per year. The Governor's biennial budget submission is to be announced in mid-December (which can be adjusted by the incoming, newly elected Governor.)
- We have continued support for the Senate Appropriations Committee language which proposes \$4.5M for the NOAA/IOOS budget for a "super regional test bed that enables data integration and dissemination" of ocean/coastal research in the Atlantic and Gulf regions. This is meant to engage "academic partners and research institutions to guarantee it is multi-disciplinary, and inclusive of community-modeling." The legislation should pass the Senate after its Columbus Day recess and be conferenced with the House before the end of October when a short-term continuing resolution (CR) will expire.
- Plans were completed and several invitations extended to the reception honoring the 2009 SURA Distinguished Friend of Science, Norman R. Augustine. The press release is included with this report.
- A draft charter for the Relations Committee, is also included with this report, for consideration by the joint committees and adoption by the Board of Trustees.
- The SURA Update for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter was distributed on October 9.  
<http://www.sura.org/news/docs/Oct09.pdf>