



Update

To inform the SURA Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents, and other stakeholders, here is our Quarterly Update for **April-July 2011**:

Jefferson Lab / Jefferson Science Associates, LLC

An MIT professor, recognized for his leadership in the development of the use of electron scattering, was the recipient of the inaugural [JSA Outstanding Nuclear Physicist Award](#) at the annual JLab Users Group meeting ...

In May, JSA awarded [graduate fellowships to eight doctoral students](#) to conduct research at their universities and JLab. The students, from SURA member institutions, will do research on a broad scientific spectrum including experimental and theoretical physics and particle accelerator research and development ...

Students from George Washington University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and University of Virginia won [prizes for their posters](#) presented at the annual JLab Users Group meeting. Sixteen young researchers participated in this year's poster competition. This prize is supported by the JSA Initiatives Fund Program

JSA issued its [call for proposals](#) for the FY12 Initiatives Fund Program. Last fall, JSA awarded \$574,000 to 31 projects that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of JLab

SURA facilitated Congressional visits this summer to support the FY12 budget for the the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and outline the harsh, [potential impacts to Jefferson Lab](#) from the House committee passed funding bill ...

Information Technology

SURA was among 17 institutions sharing in an [NSF-funded project](#) – the Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) – which will be the most advanced, powerful and robust collection of integrated advanced digital resources and services in the world ...

A [SURAggrid Spring All Hands meeting](#), held at SURA on May 2-3, focused on OSG Virtual Organization implementation activities. Resources from participating member schools are now available via the SG-VO

As [AtlanticWave](#) reaches its 5th anniversary, its governance committee is discussing options for maintaining the AWave community. The group met in April and agreed to review the existing agreements with National Lambda Rail and Florida Lambda Rail and to explore ways to seek agency funding

Coastal Research

SURA was granted a No Cost Extension of the [Super Regional Modeling Testbed](#) project – the \$4M award received from NOAA last summer. An [all hands meeting](#)

was hosted at SURA in June, at which Rich Luettich of UNC-Chapel Hill was presented as the new PI of the project

SURA submitted a proposal to British Petroleum in response to their announcement of opportunity for oil-spill related, consortia-based studies in the Gulf of Mexico. Bob Weisberg from the University of South Florida, is our Principal Investigator on the proposal to develop a multi-regional, cross-disciplinary Cyber Infrastructure ...

Development

SURA held discussions with its Virginia institution members regarding an emerging photon science opportunity at JLab. An abstract was submitted in response to an RFI from the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) seeking seed funding for the effort. More details will be unfolding, and be reported at the SURA Board of Trustees meeting in November. Contact [Elizabeth Lawson](#) for more information ...

SURA's engaged with Auburn University on a number of issues for possible, multi-university collaboration, including regional health issues and alternative energy. Contact [Russell Moy](#) for additional information ...

Relations & Communications

SURA helped facilitate Senate staff meetings in support of JLab and other nuclear physics labs funded in the Energy and Water Development bill. Those leaders [co-signed a letter](#) to demonstrate the value of these DOE funded labs. Additionally, SURA and JSA signed onto an [Energy Science Coalition/Task Force for American Innovation letter](#) to Congress regarding FY12 funding ...

Nominations were accepted through May 6 for the [2011 SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award](#), to be presented at the Fall board meeting. The Executive Committee's selection will be announced in the next several weeks ...

As the administrative sponsor for the International Light-Cone Advisory Committee, SURA announced [ILCAC's annual travel awards](#) last month ...

Governance, Administration & Finance

NSF approved SURA's [proposal for support of the 2011 Joint Annual Conference](#) of the National Society of Black Physicists/National Society of Hispanic Physicists – to be held in Austin this September. SURA signed a "conference support agreement" with both organizations last year for the purpose of supporting this meeting. [Registration](#) is now open ...

The Board of Trustees class of 2013 has been installed and includes new trustees:

Elizabeth Anderson Fletcher, Associate Vice President for Research and Tech Transfer, University of Houston. Development Committee.

Lisa Clough, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Division of Research and Graduate Studies, East Carolina University. Coastal and Environmental Research Committee.

Spiros Dimolitsas, Senior Vice President; Georgetown University. JSA Programs Committee.

Kelvin Droegemeier, Vice President for Research, University of Oklahoma. Development Committee.

Thomas Klei, Interim Vice Chancellor, Office of Research and Economic Development, Louisiana State University. Development Committee.

Stephen Kresovich, VP for Research and Graduate Education, University of South Carolina. Development Committee.

Steven Lerman, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, George Washington University. Development Committee.

James O'Connor, Interim Associate Vice President/CIO, Georgia Institute of Technology. Information Technology Committee.

Doug Rigney, Vice President for Information Technology, University of Alabama-Birmingham. Information Technology Committee.

Gerald Sonnenfeld, Vice President for Research, Clemson University. Development Committee.

Fred Tompkins, Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University of Tennessee. Development Committee.

Keith Williamson, Associate Vice Provost for Research and Innovation, Virginia State University. Development Committee.

The Fall Board of Trustees meeting will be held at Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel in Washington, DC on November 8-9. Committee agenda, plenary plans and logistics will be available later this summer ...

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