



Update

To inform the SURA Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents, and other stakeholders, here is our Quarterly Update for July-September 2009:

Jefferson Lab / Jefferson Science Associates, LLC

U.S. Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu helped celebrate [JLab's 25th anniversary](#) as a special guest speaker at the September 29 event. Commenting on the Obama Administration's goal to double Office of Science funding in 10 years, Chu said, "I will do all I can to make that happen ..."

Evaluation is underway for the 30 proposals received in response to JSA's [Call for Proposals](#) this summer for the FY10 Initiatives Fund Program. The fund supports programs, initiatives, and activities that further scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab ...

See the latest edition of [On Target](#) for news from Jefferson Lab, including an article on the successful test of the first U.S.-built superconducting radiofrequency niobium cavity for the proposed International Linear Collider....

Information Technology

A SURAgrid All Hands meeting was held September 23-25 in Washington. A full report of that event, and the just released draft white paper – [Enabling and Sustaining Campus-to-Campus Cyberinfrastructure](#) – will be reviewed at the Board of Trustees meeting this month ...

The Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) has been awarded a 3-year grant from the NSF TeraGrid XD Visualization Program to provide a suite of visualization and data analysis (VDA) services. SURA, a funded partner in the proposal, is finalizing a subaward of \$50K per year to deliver outreach services for this new visualization service center ...

Coastal Research

Our Coastal Research team submitted an NSF "Multi-scale Modeling" proposal in August – a collaborative proposal with UAH, USF, VIMS, UT-Austin and TAMU with a budget was \$2.3M. In addition, the team plans to complete a SBIR proposal to NASA with Intelligent Automation Inc. ...

The latest [Coastal Research Update](#) highlights outreach, funding and planning activities of SURA's coastal research team ...

Development

SURA sponsored an [Energy Workshop](#) in Atlanta on August 11-12 with eight SURA member institutions participating. Several topical areas for collaboration were proposed; the Development Committee will begin to formulate a strategy to address those opportunities at the October Board meeting ...

SURA hosted its tech transfer brownbag recently on "Patent Reform" with guest speaker Dr. Bob MacWright of Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP. Participants included representatives from SURA member institutions as well as the National Institutes of Health, Department of the Treasury and SRI International, among others ...

Relations & Communications

The International Light Cone Advisory Committee held its annual meeting in Brazil this summer, presenting its [McCortor Fund Fellowships](#). ILCAC was incorporated last year under SURA sponsorship ...

Norman R. Augustine was named recipient of the 2009 [SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award](#) on September 14. SURA will present him with the award at a reception on October 20 at the Fall Board of Trustees meeting ...

Governance, Administration & Finance

A Strategic/Business Plan Task Force report, to be reviewed at the Trustees meeting, recommended cutting SURA's current reliance on the portfolio (~\$3M) by more than half in 5 years. The FY10 installment toward this goal (net reduction of ~\$800k) was attained by conservative revenue enhancements, spending reductions, and a 3.35 FTE [reduction in force](#) of consultants and staff. A full report will be made at the meeting ...

Joanne Bintz resigned last month as Senior Program Manager for Coastal Research, having accepted a position with the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. In expressing her hope to continue working with SURA, she wrote that she was "very fortunate to work with the incredible SURA staff, the SCOOP partner universities, and the SURA Board and Coastal Committee members" during her five years at SURA ...

The latest [financial report](#) for the end of August is available for Trustee review ...

For additional information, contact [Greg Kubiak](#) at SURA.