



To inform the SURA Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents, and other stakeholders, here is our Quarterly Update for **August-October 2010**:

### ***Jefferson Lab / Jefferson Science Associates, LLC***

JLab Director Hugh Montgomery provided an update on progress and priorities at the lab in a [Report to the SURA Board of Trustees](#) in October. The review included a look at the current 6 GeV program, progress on the 12GeV upgrade, and potential new photon science at JLab ...

After being appointed deputy director for science at Jefferson Lab earlier this year, Robert D. McKeown was [congratulated by Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell](#) for the "distinction" he brings to the Newport News-based laboratory ...

The JSA Programs Committee met last month to finalize decisions on the 2011 Initiative Funds awards and hear various reports on activities at the lab, all noted in a [full report](#) from the committee ...

Nominations are [now open](#) for the JSA Outstanding Nuclear Physicist Award. This inaugural award will be presented at the JLab Users Group meeting in June 2011.

### ***Information Technology***

The [Fall SURAgrid All-Hands meeting](#) was held in late September – overlapping with Coalition for Academic Scientific Computation (CASC) meeting in order for participants to hear presentations from federal agency program officers, on the NSF-supported sustainability workshop, and more ...

SURA IT support for the Super-Regional Modeling Testbed has resulted in the acquisition of 1 million hours of high performance computing time on national (TeraGrid) and regional (LONI) systems. More can be found in the latest [IT program summary](#) ...

At last month's Fall Board of Trustees meeting, the [IT Committee meeting](#) discussed several priorities including the testbed, the sub-award with the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) and the status of SURAgrid ...

### ***Coastal Research***

Since receiving the \$4M award from NOAA this summer, SURA's making great progress on the regional testbed program, as noted in the [latest progress report](#). A recent [program update](#) for the Coastal & Environmental Research Committee is also available ...

A great deal of work has been completed to outline the work of the regional testbed program as well, including explaining "[What is a Testbed](#)", what are its [benefits](#), as well as a [list of participant](#) in the SURA Super-Regional Modeling Testbed ...

## ***Development***

The Development Committee of SURA deliberated a number of issues at its recent meeting, including energy research opportunities and leveraging SURA's management and operating experience with JLab. A survey of SURA members was an action item called for in the [committee's report](#) provided at the fall meeting ...

SURA continues to examine possible collaborations between with its member universities, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Savannah River National Lab. Contact [Russell Moy](#) for additional information ...

## ***Relations & Communications***

The SURA Executive Committee selected former Virginia Governor and U.S. Senator Charles S. Robb to receive its [2010 Distinguished Friend of Science Award](#), presented on October 20. The [presentation](#) occurred at a reception in conjunction with the Fall Board of Trustees meeting ...

Nominations are **now open** for the [2011 Distinguished Scientist Award](#), to be presented at the Spring board meeting to be held at Virginia Tech ...

Last month, [SURA joined the Task Force for American Innovation](#) in urging the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility to consider investments in science and technology as part of a long term strategy for deficit reduction ...

## ***Governance, Administration & Finance***

The [FY11 budget](#) was recommended by the Finance Committee and passed by the board at the Fall meeting. A full [report of the committee](#) was also presented and reviewed by the board ...

In his [President's Report](#) at the trustees' meeting, Jerry P. Draayer also highlighted the [Strategic/Business Plan Follow-up Report](#) – noting that SURA is on track to achieve 77% of cumulative reductions in the first two years of the five-year plan ...

The Spring Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Blacksburg, Virginia – hosted by Virginia Tech. Committee agenda, plenary plans and logistics will be available early next year ...

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