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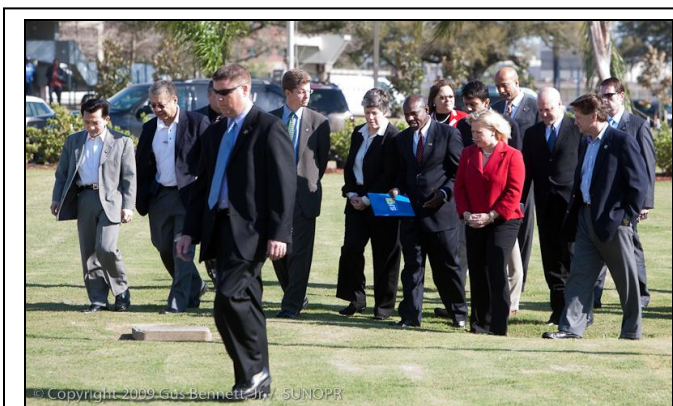
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Southern University at New Orleans receives HUD and Homeland Security leaders



Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (front, 4th from left), discusses Southern University at New Orleans' recovery with Sen. Mary Landrieu. Also in the delegation were (l. to r.) Congressman Joseph Cao, Dr. Ed Blakely, Sec. Shaun Donovan, Sec. Janet Napolitano, Rep. Karen Carter Peterson, Gov. Bobby Jindal, Mayor Ray Nagin, Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu and Congressman Charlie Melancon. *Photo by GusBennett, Jr.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Today Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) greeted a delegation of national, state and local leaders in their tour of New Orleans.

Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and Shaun Donovan, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), made SUNO their first stop on a visit to view the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. The officials were also in the Crescent City to discuss funding for the continued recovery of New Orleans.

Other federal, state and local government leaders who participated in the tour included: U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon, U.S. Congressman Joseph Cao, Governor Bobby Jindal, Lt. Governor Mitch

Landrieu, State Representative Karen Carter Peterson and Mayor Ray Nagin.

“Having this important delegation to visit our campus bodes well for both Southern University at New Orleans and the entire city. Secretary Napolitano assured me that SUNO’s recovery is very important to President Barack Obama’s administration, and that answers we have been seeking regarding various aspects of our recovery will be addressed in a timely fashion,” said Dr. Victor Ukpolo, Chancellor of SUNO.

The delegation toured the heart of SUNO’s Park Campus including the library, the multipurpose building, cafeteria and the university center. The campus was devastated by 4 to 11 feet of flood waters as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. After the tour, officials met briefly with Southern University System chairman of the board, Tony Clayton, president Ralph Slaughter, as well as several members of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors.

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