The Transforming Power of Education
2011 Faculty Conference

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
Student Union, Centennial Hall

ASU
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Program

8:00 a.m. Faculty Association Meeting – Auditorium

8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Spring River Room

9:30 a.m. Faculty Conference—Centennial Hall

Welcome and Introductions by Dr. Glen Jones, Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost

Campus Update by Dr. Dan Howard, Interim Chancellor

Introduction of Keynote Speaker by Dr. Jack Zibluk, Faculty Association President

Keynote Address: Dr. Muriel A. Howard, President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. ASU System Overview by Dr. Charles Welch, President

11:15 a.m. Strategic Planning Update by Dr. Lynita Cooksey
11:30 a.m.  Higher Learning Commission by Dr. Lynita Cooksey and Ms. Julie Isaacson, Co-Chairs of HLC Steering Committee

11:40 a.m.  Assessment by Dr. Josie Welsh

11:50 a.m.  Research Update by Dr. Michael Dockter

12:05 p.m.  Shared Governance Update by Ms. Angela Daniels

12:30 p.m.  Lunch – Spring River Room
(Sponsored by Chancellor’s Office)

Keynote Lunch Speaker: Sen. Shane Broadway, Interim Director of Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Keynote Speakers

Dr. Muriel A. Howard

Dr. Muriel A. Howard was named president of AASCU in April 2009. She is the first African-American to lead one of the six presidentially based higher education associations in Washington, D.C. She is also AASCU’s first female president.

As AASCU president, Dr. Howard is an advocate for public higher education at the national level, working to influence federal policy and regulations on behalf of member colleges and universities; serving as a resource to presidents and chancellors as they address state policy and emerging campus issues; and providing professional development opportunities for presidents, chancellors, and their spouses.

Formerly the president of Buffalo State College, State University of New York, Dr. Howard has been an active member of AASCU for many years. Her volunteer involvement with AASCU includes serving as chair of the board of directors (2006–2007) and committee and commission memberships that include the Voluntary System of Accountability Presidential Advisory Committee, the Millennium Leadership Initiative, the Commission on Public University Renewal, and the Alliance for Regional Stewardship. Dr. Howard also served as a faculty member for AASCU’s New Presidents’ Academy.

A graduate of the City University of New York’s Richmond College, Dr. Howard holds a master’s degree in education and a doctor of philosophy in educational organization, administration, and policy from the University at Buffalo. She earned a certificate from the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. She has also received many awards for her contributions to public higher education, for service to the community, and for her commitment to diversity.

Dr. Howard is the recipient of Honorary degrees from various Universities across the nation.

Dr. Howard succeeds Constantine W. (Deno) Curris, who had served as president of AASCU since 1999.

Senator Shane Broadway

Sen. Shane Broadway is the interim director for the Department of Higher Education and has been with the agency since January 2011. Broadway is a member of Gov. Mike Beebe’s fall cabinet as well as the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, an appointed group of state government leaders charged with creating 21st Century jobs and skilled workers.

Broadway’s primary responsibility is oversight of staff whose jobs are to carry out the policy directives of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) and to develop funding recommendations for the state’s 11 public universities and 22 public two-year colleges as well as several other post-secondary entities. In addition, the agency is responsible for distributing approximately $170 million annually from state revenues and lottery funds intended to ease the financial burden of students seeking an education beyond high school.

An Arkansas State University alumnus, Broadway served three terms as a representative for Pulaski and Saline Counties, and two terms in the senate. He was elected speaker of the house by his colleagues in 2001.

While serving in the General Assembly, Broadway was at the forefront of the legislature’s push to continue improving Arkansas’s educational system, serving on the education committee every term except when he was Speaker of the House. Creating economic development opportunities to bring jobs to the state has been another focus of Sen. Broadway’s efforts, both as a legislator and as a private consultant.

He previously served as chairman of the 15-state Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), which fosters intergovernmental cooperation among member states, and as chairman of the SLC’s Education Committee. Beebe appointed Broadway to the advisory board of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in 2007.