The present Dean of the Sorrell College assumed the position on July 1, 2006 and the following information is provided from files for the 2005-06 Academic Year. The primary thrust of the 2005-06 Academic Year was the continued merger of academic units and academic programs under one SCOB umbrella. Also, initial planning was undertaken in preparation for re-accreditation of the Sorrell College by the American Council of Business Schools and Programs.

1. A planning and assessment structure was put in place for the Sorrell College, beginning implementation of the “OGU” concept. This structure included the formation of Discipline Committees, and Program Quality Committees with representatives across SCOB sites.

2. Following on the structure activities, an assessment was made of course offerings and syllabi across sites. This activity led to the development of common syllabi for all courses offered by the Sorrell College.

3. Program objectives and student learning outcomes were established for all programs in the SCOB insuring common delivery of courses and programs across SCOB sites.

4. In response to concerns expressed by the Program Quality Committee, adjustments were made to the “core” structure of undergraduate programs by adding a second finance course and a second statistics course. The purpose being to improve student outcomes in finance and statistics.

5. Activities were completed for preliminary funding for the Center for International Business and Economic Development, resulting in notification in June of 2006 for the funding of $500,000 for implementation of the Center. Initial activities were undertaken for the employment of a Director for the Center and the Director was bought on board in August of 2006.

6. The Department of Housing and Urban Development grant for the extension interactive classrooms to Dothan and Phenix City was completed and notification of funding was received in August of 2006.

7. Initial planning for the renovation of Bibb Graves Hall was undertaken and the Development Office was supported in fund raising activities for the renovation.