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## CLTT Industry Summit News



Over 70 representatives from both the private and public sector attended the CLTT's Industry Advisory Council Summit on May 17 at the university's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach. The summit featured guest speaker was Mississippi District 13 Senator and Chairman of the Highway and Transportation Committee, **Willie Simmons**, who discussed game changing events in Mississippi's transportation and economy. **Senator John Polk**, Sub Chair of

Inner Mobile Transportation, shared his passion for the university and that he is a proud Southern Miss graduate. CLTT director **Dr. Tulio Sulbaran**, provided an update of the center's accomplishments since its inception nearly three years ago.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

#### Center for Logistics, Trade and Transportation

- Produce Monthly electronic newsletter to keep stakeholders updated
- Received several grants to date, including one from USDOT
- Classified as a Tier 1 through USDOT University Research Center
- Change of Bylaws to include the Industrial Technology and Logistics undergraduate programs

#### Master of Science in Logistics, Trade and Transportation Program

- 3 graduates who are now working professionals
- Over 50 applications have been submitted
- Admitted 18 new students within the past several weeks
- New Panama Study Abroad opportunities for students

**Robert Burt**, CLTT Industry Advisory Council Chair, emphasized the need for help in the logistics area. Now that the Center is established, assistance from the advisory council is necessary to make further improvements to the Center.

**Mary Ann Moon**, Industry Advisory Council Vice Chairman, talked about the importance of transportation in our state and how now is the time for Mississippi to capitalize on this. She stressed the need for our state to be prepared to recruit, have strategic planning, stay involved, market and develop proposals. She believes the CLTT program being offered is the perfect time and place to do these things.

**Dr. Frances Lucas**, V.P. and Campus Executive Officer for the USM Gulf Coast Campus, expressed the potential for the future. The university wants to do everything in their power to serve the state, public and private leadership, as well as support the legislature in our state. Frances also discussed the new research labs being built on campus, which will be helpful with the expansion of both the port and airport.

**Dr. Joe Whitehead**, Dean - College of Science and Technology, discussed the need to utilize our brains in different ways -- both academic and non-academic to solve complex problems of today and tomorrow. Whitehead believes the CLTT provides the platform to do such things.

**Dr. Tom Lansford**, Gulf Coast Dean, described the uniqueness of the CLTT, in that it is one of only a handful in the nation with both the academic and research side. He believes the program will become part of the economic engine that drives the community.

**Dr. Tulio Sulbaran, CLTT Director**, concluded the meeting by inviting participants to become involved in the Industry Advisory Council and asked for continued support of the Center.