TSU Participates in the U.S. State Department Diplomacy Briefing

On June 14, 2010, the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs (BJML SPA) participated in the United States State Department Diplomacy Briefing on Sub-Saharan Africa via interactive telecast. The teleconference was sponsored by the Office of the Provost and coordinated by Dr. Olurominiyi Ibitayo, Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy and Mr. LaRence Snowden, Director of Programs from the BJML SPA.

Twenty-six graduate and undergraduate students, six faculty members, Dean Theophilus Herrington, and LaRence Snowden were in attendance to hear the briefing from key policy decision makers of the United States Department of State. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered keynote remarks on a wide range of issues regarding United States policy in Sub-Saharan Africa. Texas Southern was joined by two other invited universities (Florida A&M University and University of Central Florida) to participate in the conference. Each school posed a question to Secretary Clinton. The TSU question focused on US policy towards unconditional debt forgiveness for Sub-Sahara African countries to promote economic development in the region.

TSU was recognized by Secretary Clinton when she introduced Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who was in the audience. The Secretary stated that TSU was in the district of Congresswoman Jackson Lee; located in Houston, Texas.