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## Michael Holmes to Head Harris-Stowe Presidential Search Committee

ST. LOUIS, MO (October 7, 2013) – Thelma V. Cook, chairwoman of the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents, is pleased to announce the Board's appointment of Michael Holmes, president of Rx Outreach, as chair of the university's presidential search committee. The search will begin in early November and conclude in the spring of 2014.

The search committee includes representation from Harris-Stowe students, faculty, staff and alumni, in addition to prominent members of the St. Louis community.

"This is an exciting time for the university," said Holmes. "It's an opportunity to get a dynamic leader who can build upon the great tradition of Harris-Stowe."

Well versed in the area of human resources, Holmes led the function at Express Scripts and Edward Jones. He is a member of numerous not-for-profit boards, including BJC Health Care, United Way, St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Ascension Health Care. Holmes, who currently leads a not-for-profit that provides affordable medication to low-income individuals across America, is one of the founding members of the Harris-Stowe African-American Business Leadership Council; the Anheuser-Busch School of Business advisory board was created to support HSSU.

"Michael Holmes has extensive experience in the area of HR," said Chairwoman Cook. "He also has vast knowledge of both the St. Louis and Harris-Stowe communities."

Constance G. Gully was appointed Harris-Stowe's interim president on September 1, 2013.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 15 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Middle School Education, Educational Studies, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the state of Missouri. HSSU is home of the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.