

# HSSU Alumni Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to order:** The September 14, 2011 Alumni Association Board Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by President Candace Dickson. The meeting was held in the Seminar Room of the HSSU Technology Center.

Roll Call:  
Attendees listed below:

### **Alumni Officers**

Candace Dickson- President (present)  
Jeanine Riley- Vice President (present)  
Jessica Kelly- Recording Secretary (present)  
Sarah Archibald-Corresponding Secretary (present)  
Scharad Hutchins- Financial Secretary (present)  
Kalifa Gray- Treasurer (present)  
Thomas Stenger- Parliamentarian (present)

### **Board Members**

Suzanne Goodwin (present)  
Darius Chapman (present)  
Catherine Metzger Stenger (present)  
Benny C. Lewis (present)  
Shirley Brown (present)  
Dolores B. Malcolm (present)  
Edward Scruggs (present)  
Shirley McCullough (present)

### **Other Attendees:**

Brooke Presley  
Dorothy A. Sevier  
Joan Metzger-Moehl  
Marlon Lee  
Armetta Whitmore  
Yvonne Chatwell  
Terrell Wayne  
Derek Collins

**Minutes from August 2011:** The minutes from August 2011 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes from August 2011 were approved. The motion was approved and carried with no opposition or unreadiness.

**Correspondence: (Sarah Archibald):** The corresponding secretary received an ad for clocks as well as an ad for the national alumni association leadership summit.

**Financial Reports:**

Financial Secretary: Scharad Hutchins

Report not ready, will be emailed to board.

Treasurer: Kalifa Gray

The copy of the August 2011 treasurer's report was sent electronically. A revision to the July 2011 report will be sent electronically as well to reflect the correct amount for the original purchase of the Gold Gala tickets. A discussion was brought up as to why the full 5K was not awarded to the students. The treasurer was not sure why this was not awarded or not reflected in the report. Kalifa Gray will follow up with the scholarship community in order to provide the answer at the next meeting. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made. The motion was approved and carried with no opposition or unreadiness.

**President's Report (Candace Dickson):**

Harris Stowe State University has hired a new president. Dr. Albert Walker will be starting on October 3, 2011.

Dr. Michelle McCluer will be receiving the STL American salute to education award. The ceremony will be held this coming Friday at 7PM at the American's Center.

**Gold Gala (Shirley Brown) :** see attached documents

The invitations for the 2011 Gold Gala were sent out. The theme for the ceremony is "Glitz, Glamour & Giving a Tribute to Dr. Henry Givens Jr." The reception will begin at 6PM and then immediately following guests will proceed to the ballroom at 7PM for dinner. The deadline for the AD book is September 23, 2011 so it is very important to get those ads in to Jeanine Riley so that the AD book can be complete. The next meeting for the Gold Gala committee will be held on September 21, 2011. There was much discussion held around presenting Dr. Henry Givens Jr will a personal gift totaling or up to \$500. This will be brought up in the new business.

**Scholarship (Marlon Lee):**

Venus Smith gave contribution to the scholarship committee. There was a question asked around the dollar amount that was raised in 2010 for scholarships. It was stated that this dollar amount would usually be found in the financial secretary or treasurer's report. The scholarship committee will get with those individuals to find out the amount.

**Membership (Terrell Wayne):**

A membership meeting was held August 16, 2011. There are total of 259 alumni members, 30 of those are lifetime members, 91 are paid members and 138 are new graduates. It was stated that the membership committee is striving to have at least 500 members by October 31, 2011. It was suggested that each member should come up with at least 5 new members before then to help the membership committee achieve their goal. There are several events coming up including the 2011 HSSU Homecoming, Tailgating and Gold Gala to help bring in new members. It was also suggested by the membership committee that there be a series of monthly events in order to bring in new alumni. Ideas such as casino night, springfest, summer events and Mardi Ggras were some examples. The next membership meeting is to be determined.

**Homecoming (Benny Lewis):**

The schedule for the 2011 HSSU Homecoming week was passed around to the board. It was highly recommended that the alumni should come out and talk to the students and introduce themselves. The alumni conversations were something that was discussed. This is an event where the alumni come out and talk to the students and answer any questions they may have. It was suggested that this event not only be held at the main campus but at the south campus as well. Shirley McCullough suggested that the informal conversations be held in the new Bosley Hall. This might be successful because there are so many students that gather in the hall during lunch hour. All those that wanted to participate in the conversations should contact Benny Lewis. The idea of having the conversations at both campuses was an excellent idea but enough alumni would be needed in order to make it successful. The alumni conversations will be held on September 27, 2011 from 11AM – 1PM.

**Unfinished Business:**

Darius Chapman brought up that the Collegiate 100 will have a “Rock the Vote” day concert, where students are able to register to vote. This event is also ran by the studentss and will be held September 28, 2011 from 11AM – 7PM.

**New Business:**

The idea of presenting Dr. Henry Givens Jr a personal gift in the amount of \$500 was still up for debate. It was suggested that each board member donate at least \$50 as contribution to this amount. It was also suggested that a scholarship be renamed after Dr. Givens. There are a total of 6 scholarships which include 2 academic scholarships and 4 book vouchers. \$10K is the academic scholarships and \$4K is for the book vouchers. A motion was placed on the floor to take \$10K (as well as any additional amount donated by alumni for this cause) from the \$14K and name it the “HSSU Alumni Association Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Scholarship.” When this motion was placed there were 10 alumni in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstain. The motion was then carried.

Terrell Wayne brought up that the membership committee was debating on raising the membership dues for the association to \$50 next year. This is in great debate and will be discussed at the next membership meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM**