

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS OF HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY
Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

A motion was made by Regent Cooksey, seconded by Regent Dickson and unanimously approved to convene the regular session of the Board of Regents of Harris-Stowe State University. The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, starting at 8:05 a.m., in the Dr. Thelma V. Cook Board Room (101), the HGA Building. Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to conduct roll call. Attendance at this meeting is summarized below:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS:

Present:

Atty. Ronald Norwood, Chairman
Mrs. Vanessa F. Cooksey, Vice Chair
Mr. Reginald Dickson, Member
Ms. Debra Hollingsworth, Member
Atty. Deborah Price, Member

Absent:

Mrs. Christine Chadwick, Member

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Present:

Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, President
Mrs. Lea Sutherlin, Director of Internal Operations and Liaison to the Board

MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Present:

Dr. Dwyane Smith, Provost
Dr. Michelle McClure, Associate Provost
Mr. James Fogt, Vice President, IT Services
Mr. Brian Huggins, Vice President, Administration & Finance
Ms. Leslie Holloway, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of Institutional Advancement
Mrs. Heather Bostic, Executive Director, Title III and Sponsored Programs
Dr. Chauvette McElmurry-Green, Registrar & Interim Executive Director, Enrollment Management
Ms. Loretta McDonald, Director, Admissions
Dr. Sudarsan Kant, Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Dr. Owolabi Tihamiyu, Faculty Senate President
Dr. Fara Zakery, Dean, Anheuser-Busch School of Business
Dr. Leila Vickers, Dean, College of Education
Mr. Robert Arbuthnot, Staff Association President

Absent:

Mr. Emmanuel Lalande, Dean of Student Success
Mr. Jamaal Mayo, Director, Athletics
Ms. Taevin Lewis, SGA President

Others Present:

Dr. Latonia Collins-Smith, Assistant Provost and Director, Career Engagement and Experiential Learning
Mr. Shawn Baker,
Mr. Gregory Carr, HSSU/NEA President
Mr. Brion Dunlap, HSSU Men's Basketball Coach
Ms. Shantelle Allen, Coordinator of Athletic Operations and Asst. Softball Coach

FOREWORD:

The minutes presented below are a summary of the discussions, deliberations and actions of the Board of Regents at its August 23, 2016 meeting. As such, only the main ideas, suggestions and courses of action are substantively presented. Verbatim statements or detailed descriptions of discussions and actions are not included.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS, DELIBERATIONS AND ACTIONS:

1. REPORT(S) OF THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2016 MINUTES: A motion was made by Regent Chadwick, seconded by Regent Dickson, and unanimously carried for approval of the April 2016 Board minutes.

2. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON A VARIETY OF INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:
.....President Warmack

Prior to his report, President Warmack introduced new HSSU Men’s head basketball coach, Brion Dunlap from Winston Salem University and bringing 18 years of experience of coaching.

President Warmack then asked the Provost to make his reports because he had extensive oral surgery the day prior.

PRESIDENT’S STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS PRESENTED DURING OPENING OF THE FALL 2016 FACULTY/STAFF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE ON AUGUST 15, 2016: On behalf of President Warmack, Dr. Smith first recognized the recent passing of Missouri State Senator Betty Sims.

Dr. Smith then reported on behalf of Dr. Warmack, and shared the President’s report recent given at the Fall 2016 Faculty/Staff Institute, on why “it’s a great day to be a Hornet” as follows: (1) update on aggressive legislative agenda and partnerships with Washington University, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Anheuser-Busch, and the new Dr. Thelma Steward Scholarship; (2) 2016 was the highest grant award year in HSSU history; (3) Residence Halls are full and 50 students over occupancy; (4) upgraded security cameras with approximately 40 new cameras, and added dedicated faculty bandwidth to the internet; (5) the 2016 graduation class was the 5th largest in more than 30 years of 152 graduates - 30% of the 34 universities and colleges in Missouri graduate less than 50 African-American graduates and 60% graduate less than 100 African-Americans; (6) 2015-2016 academic year was a banner year for Harris-Stowe in terms of recruitment and enrollment as the University received more than 4,710 applicants for the fall 2016 (56% increase from fall 2016 and a 211% increase from fall 2014), and more than 2,523 students accepted (64% increase from fall 2015 and 159% increase from fall 2014) – he provided a breakdown of states and countries represented in those numbers; (7) 23 students were offered invitations to join the University Honors College more than tripling the numbers who participated for the 2015-2016 academic year (seven students), and that academic requirements for Honors College are 3.25 GPA and 23 ACT composite score; (8) *CollegeChoice.Net*, an online Resource Guide ranked the Anheuser-Busch School of Business as #13 most affordable Business School in the nation...*Niche Online* ranked Harris-Stowe #28 among HBCUs in the nation - according to Niche, “The top ranked HBCU schools are not only leading academic institutions but offer an exceptional student experience,” and among other schools ranked were Alcorn State University #31, Clark Atlanta University #34, Texas Southern University #40, Lincoln University #47, and Alabama A&M University #62... *The Economist Magazine* ranked Harris-Stowe as one of the institutions in the nation as adding economic value to its graduates...*The 2015 & 2016 Washington Monthly College Guide* rankings listed Harris-Stowe State University nationally on Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship), and Service (encouraging students to give something back to their country); and (9) a snapshot of the HSSU Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and the Campus Master Plan respectively.

President Warmack remarked that he and his team recently met with Otis Williams, Director, St. Louis Development Corporation, regarding a partnership with the city to gain additional land. He added that HSSU wants to become an economic catalyst to help revitalize some of the blighted areas in the city, and that Dr. Mark Abbott and his team have done an amazing job with the Campus Master Plan. He further shared, as an example, that one of the blighted parks could be used for HSSU’s track program.

Chairman Norwood remarked that the past year has been a representation of vision, teamwork, and a commitment to move above the fray. He added that our mission is the keep the ball moving forward and rise above the fray so the

institution can shine and serve this community. He extended kudos to President Warmack and the entire HSSU team.

President Warmack then shared a video clip that was trending on social media, of a transformational experience of HSSU students during Welcome Week. He reminded that when students are happy, we keep them, and noted that it is important for them to have a positive experience as reflected in the video.

Regent Dickson asked about commercial energy regarding the Entrepreneurship Center and if the President had reached out to Dr. Bob Virgil.

President Warmack reminded that he had met with Dr. Virgil and that during their meeting Dr. Virgil provided great insight. He added that he has also met with Dr. William Danforth and both have been instrumental.

Following the President’s report, Chairman Norwood acknowledged the important role of faculty and reminded that great faculty are vital in making sure students make it to the next level. He noted that if we work together as a team we can continue to do great things.

President Warmack concurred, and noted that during the summer work schedule, the critical mass was here working every Friday. He gave kudos to his entire team.

3. REPORT OF THE PROVOST.....Dr. Dwyane Smith

Dr. Smith then gave his report as follows: (1) he reviewed, in detail, the final stages of the process for Harris-Stowe State University to move from a Carnegie Baccalaureate Level Granting Degree Institution to a Carnegie Masters Level Granting Degree Institution and shared that the goal is to offer graduate degree program(s) Fall 2017; (2) update on the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) grant application, and that the officers of the program had recommended Harris-Stowe for an LSAMP grant of \$5 million, which would be the largest grant in the history of Harris-Stowe, and that the alliance would include Harris-Stowe State University (lead institution), University of Missouri, Columbia, University of Missouri, St. Louis, Lincoln University, Washington University, Truman State University, St. Louis Community College System and University of Central Missouri; and (3) through supplemental funding from the National Science Foundation, Harris-Stowe was able to partner with PryCor, one of the first African-American start-ups at the Cortex with Dr. Sandra Leal, associate professor of Biology as the lead researcher on this project.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE..... Mr. Brian Huggins

A. Mr. Huggins presented, in summary, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets, which resulted in a bottom line net asset of \$26,828,679. He noted that the net asset reflected an increase of over \$500,000.

A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Hollingsworth, and unanimously carried for the approval of the University’s Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets.

B. July/August 2016 Personnel Reports

A motion was made by Regent Cooksey, seconded by Regent Hollingsworth, and unanimously carried to accept the July/August 2016 Personnel Reports.

President Warmack thanked the Board of Regents for its approval of a 2% raise last year, and additional 1% at beginning of this fiscal year.

Chairman Norwood noted that President Warmack pushes the effort to ensure salaries are equitable and faculty and staff are well compensated.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TITLE III AND SPONSORED PROGRAMSMrs. Heather Bostic

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Mrs. Bostic presented on grants received at Harris-Stowe State University. She shared the following: (1) Fiscal Year 2016, fourteen awards were made to Harris-Stowe in Fiscal Year 2016 totaling \$4,182,272 and that this was the second highest year in Harris-Stowe history for receiving grants; (2) FY 2016 awards represented the College of Arts and Sciences, the Business School, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Financial Assistance, IT Services, and the Clay Center; (3) FY 2017 awards from the Department of Education, MDHE, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation, DESE and Verizon represent continuing awards totaling \$3,765,091; (4) new proposals for FY 2017 include Minority Science & Engineering Improvement Program –designed to increase enrollment and service to students in the Urban Ecology and Sustainability program. (\$241,231 for year one of a three year grant), USA Funds Completion with a Purpose grant to increase career readiness of Harris-Stowe Students (\$50,000 for year one of a three year grant), and NSF RCN Incubator grant to create a workshop that addresses retaining students in biology, in collaboration with St. Louis University and the University of Arizona. (\$49,997); (5) grants awaiting award include three additional grants currently being processed by NSF and the Department of Education and are expected by October 1 totaling an additional \$1,372,135, thus adding this total to the \$3,765,091 (\$5,137,226) will indeed represent the highest grant award total in Harris-Stowe history; and (6) additional/pending grants include NSF S-STEM -\$1,000,000 over five years, SAMHSA Substance Abuse Prevention -\$1,199,469 over five years, Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science.

6. **CLOSE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to conduct roll call and a motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Price and unanimously approved to convene an executive session at 8:45 a.m.
7. **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:** At the conclusion of the executive session Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to conduct roll call. A motion was made by Regent Hollingsworth, seconded by Regent Price, and unanimously approved to adjourn the executive session, and re-convene the August 23, 2016 regular session of the HSSU Board of Regents.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to again conduct roll call. A motion was made by Regent Cooksey, seconded by Regent Dickson, and unanimously approved to adjourn the August 23, 2016 regular session at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Lea Sutherlin
Director of Internal Operations and
Liaison to the Board of Regents

Ronald N. Norwood
Chair, HSSU Board of Regents