

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Price and unanimously approved to convene the regular session of the Board of Regents of Harris-Stowe State University. The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, starting at 8:05 a.m., in the Board of Regents Conference 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  
Mrs. Christine Chadwick, Member  
Ms. Debra Hollingsworth, Member  
Atty. Deborah Price, 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. 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  
Mr. Emmanuel Lalande, Dean of Student Success  
Mr. Jamaal Mayo, Director, Athletics  
Ms. Loretta McDonald, Director, Admissions  
Dr. Sudarsan Kant, Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Dr. Owolabi Tihamiyu, Faculty Senate President

**Absent:**

Dr. Dwyane Smith, Provost  
Dr. Fara Zakery, Dean, Anheuser-Busch School of Business  
Dr. Leila Vickers, Dean, College of Education  
Mr. Robert Arbuthnot, Staff Association President  
Ms. Taevin Lewis, SGA President

**Others Present:**

Dr. Latonia Collins-Smith, Interim Director, Career Engagement and Experiential Learning  
Ms. Megan Covington, Summer Intern, President's Office

**FOREWORD:**

The minutes presented below are a summary of the discussions, deliberations and actions of the Board of Regents at its June 28, 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:

**Memorial Service Held in Harris-Stowe’s Bank of America Theater for Chairwoman Emeritus Thelma V. Cook on June 15, 2016 and Renaming of the Board of Regents Conference Room:** Chairman Norwood reported that an uplifting memorial service was held for The Late Dr. Thelma V. Cook. He shared that he and President Warmack had the opportunity to meet with the family during the dedication of the Board of Regents Conference Room in her honor.

President Warmack remarked that the University does not take for granted Chairwoman Cook’s volunteer work for the Board, and that she ably led and served during a very challenging period. He added that he will never forget that she and this Board hired him for his first presidency, and what a fitting tribute to someone who gave countless hours and dedication to this institution. Dr. Warmack noted that a scholarship at Harris-Stowe has been created in her honor.

A. **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  
President Warmack introduced Megan Covington, Masters Student at Western Carolina University and summer intern in the President’s Office. He shared that he is pleased that Megan is shadowing him as president, as she is a brilliant and amazing writer.

Dr. Warmack then shared that this is a great time to be at HSSU as progresses being made are amazing and the team remains focused and not distracted. He then gave a PPT on the following:

A. Commencement Ceremony for the Classes of 2015-2016 featuring Keynote Speaker, Dr. Marc Lamont Hill on May 14. HSSU graduated 153, the largest class in the past 30 years; trends in headcount enrollment for fall 2010-2015 of Missouri institutions showing Harris-Stowe as the institution with highest one year change at 8.6%; and while HSSU graduated more African-Americans than any higher ed institution in Missouri, unfortunately based on rates, only a small percentage count. He noted that the team will continue to keep in perspective the amazing work being done and not get distracted.

Regent Dickson noted that by considering that perspective he would be interested in the rates for Mizzou.

Regent Cooksey asked if there is n effort to get that definition changed.

President Warmack shared that HBCUs are fighting hard to get that changed and that it’s not just an HSSU issue but negatively affects institutions like HSSU with open enrollment.

B. U.S. Senator Roy Blunt held a press conference on Harris-Stowe’s Campus, June 17 to announce his plan to expand Pell grants to summer sessions. He reached out to Harris-Stowe to host this important announcement and students shared their narrative/story about what Pell grant means to them.

C. Harris-Stowe’s first Black Male Initiative (BMI) Empowerment Summit featuring global speakers, April 29-May 1. He reported that the BMI was established in 2014 to develop young men professionally, academically, socially and ethically and boasted more than 300 attendees from around the state and St. Louis region - featured speakers: Author Dr. Kingsley Fletcher, leader from the Greater Accra Region in Ghana, West Africa; Dr. Steve Perry, known as "America's Educator," and Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant, Pastor, Empowerment Temple AME Church , Baltimore, MD; sponsors: Men's Wearhouse, 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. and Fresh Ideas.

D. Harris-Stowe Honors Alumni at Recent Events.....(Ms. Leslie Holloway)

Ms. Holloway shared that ten members of the Class of 1966, received personalized 50-Year Alumni medallions prior to this year's commencement ceremony, and that the standing-room-only crowd showered

the 10 honorees with an ovation during their processional, which included two members carrying a special 50-Year Alumni banner. She added that each year a 50 year class of HSSU will be honored and that next year the University will honor the Class of 1967 and also celebrate 160 years as an institution. She also reported that the College of Education sponsored a reception to honor Dr. Art McCoy, Superintendent of Jennings School District; Dr. Sharonica Hardin, Superintendent of University City School District; and Dr. Sandy Wiley, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Webster Groves School District.

- E. Fall Enrollment Update.....(Dr. Chauvette Green)  
President Warmack Introduced Loretta McDonald, former dean of admissions at Fisk University, who comes to HSSU as Dean of Admissions. He then asked Dr. Green to give a 2016 fall enrollment update.

Dr. Green reported on an applicant increase of 46% from FA15 to FA16, and 190% increase from FA14 to FA16; an full-time freshmen applicant increase of 57% increase from FA15, and 237% increase from FA14 to FA16; an accepted students increase of 55% from FA15, and 145% increase from FA14 to FA16; an accepted full-time freshmen increase of 71% increase from FA15, and 196% increase from FA14 to FA16; and 331 confirmed students with an anticipated increase through June 2016. She also shared the top five (5) applications/acceptances by state including: MO - 1977/1047; TN - 752/300; IL - 671/368; CA - 397/224; and MI - 207/153.

Dr. Warmack also reported on the Verizon Innovative Learning Initiative - a \$399,000 grant to send 100 minority middle-school males to Harris-Stowe for STEM education - teaching coding, entrepreneurship, and working with 3D printers. Harris-Stowe Black Male Institute will serve as mentors to those young men two weeks during summer and one Saturday per week during the academic year. Participants will include Jennings, Riverview Gardens and others. He also reported on the Drs. Thelma and David Steward recent gift to Harris-Stowe. He shared that Dr. David Steward pledged a grant \$250,000 in honor of the couple's 40 years of marriage to establish the Dr. Thelma Steward Scholarship, and that Nancy and Ken Kranzberg gave \$5,105 to the Dr. Thelma Steward Scholarship Fund, also in honor of the Stewards' 40th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Warmack then reported that in looking at long term growth and how to sustain that growth in terms of infrastructure, he asked Dr. Abbott's class to develop a campus master plan as a class project. He shared that this presentation is only information to introduce the concept to the Board, and that there would be additional presentations in the future. He added that this model will be used toward the reactivation of the Harris-Stowe Foundation Board and to help raise funds. He noted that the actual model on display resulted from a collaboration between Open Source Architecture, Creative Exchange Lab and the Center for Neighborhood Affairs. He asked Chandler Ahrens, Director of Open Source Architecture, to make the presentation.

Chairman Norwood remarked that this presentation shows possibilities and what can happen within the next ten years. He added that although there have been challenges resulting from negative media, has the Harris-Stowe State University Family, we need to see beyond the negativity and rise above it, and keep on the path of success. He thanked President Warmack for his strong leadership and his team for the fine work being done, and noted that amazing changes are being accomplished under Dr. Warmack's leadership. He encouraged everyone's support in continuing these outstanding efforts.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE..... Mr. Brian Huggins

- A. APRIL 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Huggins reported that the general operating fund revenues for period ending April 2016 were at 96%, and expenditures at 82%; Gillespie Residence Hall housing rental revenues were at 95% with expenditures at 80%; Bosley Hall housing rental revenues were at 91% with expenditures at 111% (with the way the contract was set up when constructed, it would take 125% occupancy to break even which is impossible); Clay Center revenues were at 89% with expenditures at 89%; and PFM Investments revenue at \$72 and unrealized gain of \$52,915.

Chairman Norwood shared in regards to challenges with Bosley Hall, Vice Chair Cooksey is heading up a committee to look at how we can come up with ideas and recommendations on how to get that under control.

President Warmack gave kudos to Dean Lalande and Mr. Huggins and their staff for the surplus in Gillespie Hall.

Dean Lalande reported that this time last year there were 200 applications for Gillespie Hall and this year they are already at 300, with Bosley Hall 17 applications from being full.

**A motion was made by Regent Chadwick, seconded by Regent Hollingsworth, and unanimously carried for the approval of the June 2016 Financial Report.**

B. May/June 2016 Personnel Reports

**A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Chadwick, and unanimously carried to accept the May/June 2016 Personnel Reports.**

C. **RECOMMENDATION:** The following reports and recommendations were presented to the Board of Regents at its June 28 meeting. The following actions were taken.

1. **A motion was made by Regent Hollingsworth, seconded by Regent Cooksey and unanimously approved to award the contract for AT&T Library and Technology Resource Center roof.**
2. **A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Chadwick and unanimously approved to write off uncollectible FY 2016 account receivables.**
3. **A motion was made by Regent Cooksey, seconded by Regent Price and unanimously approved for the Approval of the 2016-2017 Operating Budgets, Gillespie Hall, Bosley Hall and the Clay Center, respectively.**

7. **CLOSE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to conduct roll call and a motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Chadwick and unanimously approved to convene an executive session at 9:40 a.m.

8. **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:** At the conclusion of the June 28-29 executive session Chairman Norwood asked Atty. Swick to conduct roll call. A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Chadwick, and unanimously approved to adjourn the executive session, and reconvene the June 28, 2016 regular session of the HSSU Board of Regents for the purpose of adjournment.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Chadwick, and unanimously approved to adjourn the June 28, 2016 regular session on June 29, 2016 at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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

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Ronald N. Norwood  
Chair, HSSU Board of Regents