

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to conduct roll call. A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Chadwick and unanimously approved to convene the special session of the Board of Regents of Harris-Stowe State University. The meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, starting at 11:30 a.m., via conference 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
- Mrs. Deborah Price, Member

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE**

**Present:**

- Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, President
- Mrs. Lea Sutherlin, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board

**FOREWORD:**

The minutes presented below are a summary of the discussions, deliberations and actions of the Board of Regents at its January 19, 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. Chairman Norwood asked Lea to conduct roll call.
2. PROVOST.....Dr. Dwyane Smith

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THREE MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS:** Dr. Warmack stated that this is a monumental historic time at HSSU to offer graduate degree as result from Senate Bill 334. He stated that everyone worked hard to get the bill passed and that this recommendation has been approved by the Faculty Curriculum Committee, and that it was now being presented to the board. He asked Dr. Smith to comment.

Dr. Smith explained that the next phase will be approval by the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE), then on to the Higher Learning Center accreditation agency. Dr. Smith then shared that meetings were also held with the St. Louis Regional Chamber and other area university presidents and high school superintendents to determine the need for which degree programs would be offered. He stated that these degrees will be competitive and in line with Missouri goals to degree citizens of the State. A copy of the recommendation with background information can be found with the January 2016 Board Booklet.

Regent Dickson referred to supporting document page 2 of 12 that discusses feedback from schools, and asked if those are those formal MOUs.

Dr. Smith explained that at this time they are not formal MOUs but faculty met with these districts for their support, and that these districts are firmly committed to offering these degree programs.

Regent Dickson requested information on meeting dates and individuals included so when he is in community he will have accurate information.

Dr. Warmack noted that a meeting was also held with the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) and that prior to his

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arrival the relationship had not been a good one in 15 years. He further noted that he is now in discussions with the SLPS superintendent for a more productive and positive relationship and that HSSU hopes to participate in their grant which pays for teachers to return to school. He then noted that HSSU could not participate in this grant in the past because the institution did not offer a Master's program. Dr. Warmack then shared that the superintendent has agreed to re-visit the relationship once HSSU's graduate degree program is in place.

Regent Dickson stated that he would also like a copy of survey mentioned in the background information.

Chairman Norwood asked that the information be sent to the full board and asked about the deadline for the next phase.

Dr. Smith stated that upon board approval he will fine tune everything and that the deadline for MDHE is Feb 1, at which time they will post publicly for two weeks then CBHE will bring for vote on April 1.

**A motion was made by Regent Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chair Cooksey and unanimously approved for the following degree offerings at Harris-Stowe State University: Master's in Business Administration in Health Administration, Master's in Business Administration Certificate in Health Administration, Master's of Education (Teachers for Diverse School Settings: Urban and Rural), Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management, and Master's of Science/Certificate Cybersecurity Management.**

President Warmack mentioned another historic moment that occurred on January 15. He reported that the MOU signing was held between Harris-Stowe State University and Washington University for a 3+2 Occupational Therapy Program.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Norwood asked Mrs. Sutherlin to again conduct roll call. A motion was made by Regent Dickson, seconded by Regent Norwood, and unanimously approved to adjourn the January 19, 2016 special session at 12 noon.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved by:**

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**Lea Sutherlin**  
Executive Assistant to the President  
Secretary to the Board of Regents

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**Ronald N. Norwood**  
Chair, HSSU Board of Regents and