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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ATTY. THOMAS MICKES

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Board Highlights

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Chairman's Report

Chairman Smith called for a report from Mr. Derek Collins, student representative to the Board.

Mr. Collins gave a Power-Point presentation on his attendance at the 2010 Missouri Governor's Leadership Forum on Faith and Values, with 80 students in attendance representing 22 universities. He stated that he was honored to participate in very interesting panel discussions which also included Harris-Stowe students Jeremy Mitchell, Virgil Pearson and Bri'Anna Calhoun. Mr. Collins then reported on his participation in the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute Project held in New York. He reported that Harris-Stowe students Justin Buck, Sierhah Price, Crystal Elam and Cameron Ward also attended the Thurgood Marshall Conference. He then reported that there has been much discussion on student communication and the importance of partnering and building collaboration for more student activities at Harris-Stowe.

President's Report

Prior to his report, President Givens welcomed HSSU consultant, Dr. Bernard Watson, who is serving as a mentor to the HSSU faculty and staff while preparing for the NCATE visit in March 2010. He reminded everyone that Dr. Watson is the former executive vice president of academic affairs at Temple University, and former president of the

William Penn Foundation, the 21st largest foundation in the nation. The NCATE consultant team has indicated that the University needed an outside mentor to work with the faculty in preparation for the re-accreditation evaluation in March, and Dr. Watson is the most appropriate person. He added that Dr. Watson is familiar with the culture and thoroughly understands the mission of Harris-Stowe State University. He noted that members of the University appreciate his advice and counsel.

President Givens reported that a magnificent retirement dinner was held in honor of Rev. William G. Gillespie after serving as pastor of Cote Brilliant Presbyterian Church for 53 years. He stated that many dignitaries spoke highly of Rev. Gillespie's service to the community, state and nation. He added that he made a presentation to Rev. Gillespie on behalf of the University.

President Givens reported that there was a strong Board of Regents attendance at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State-wide Celebration Kickoff for Missouri, and that he was most grateful. He further noted that Rev. Al Sharpton served as an outstanding keynote speaker, and that Rev. Sharpton, along with other deserving community organizations and individuals, received awards. He added that members of the University's logistics committee help to make the Statewide Celebration possible.

President Givens called for the distribution of copies of the *State of the State* address made

by Governor Jay Nixon on January 20, 2010. He stated that Governor Nixon is a strong supporter of education, and that while higher education in Missouri did not receive cuts, institutions were not allowed to raise tuition. He noted that Mrs. Gully and her team are doing outstanding working in the budget operations of the Institution.

President Givens reported that it has become a tradition for Harris-Stowe to recognize those who have given great service to the institution. He stated that the Annual Faculty Emeritus Retirement Luncheon and Years of Service Awards Program was held on December 11, 2009, at the Missouri Athletic Club, and that Harris-Stowe employees who had reached 20, 25 and 30 years of service were presented with service pins.

President Givens reported that each year, the Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA) announces 50 major top awards for organizations that are doing good work for the Metropolitan St. Louis area. He stated that he was most pleased to announce that Harris-Stowe was honored as one of the Greater St. Louis 2009 Top 50 on November 18, 2009. He then displayed the crystal plaque/award that he received on behalf of the University.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

The HSSU Players present *The Piano Lesson*, directed by Gregory Carr: February 25, 26 & 27, 8 p.m. in the Bank of America Theatre. Call (314) 340-5975 for more information.

Sigma Tau Delta Open Mic Poetry Event, Thursday, March 4, from 7-9 p.m. in the Dining Hall Annex

"A View of HSSU", Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. This event is hosted by the Office of Admissions and is geared toward incoming freshmen for the fall.

Teacher Interview Day, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Emerson Performance Center. Professional attire is required!

2010 Career Fair, Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Emerson Performance Center

Academic Affairs

Dr. Smith reported that a team from the National Science Foundation will visit Harris-Stowe to gather information on how well the Institution is progressing in meeting the goals of the NSF project and to provide technical assistance. He stated that the NSF team, headed up by Dr. Caesar Jackson, has scheduled to meet with key stakeholders on February 4-5, 2010. Dr. Smith noted that this will be an opportunity for Harris-Stowe to showcase its success with the \$2.5 million Implementation Grant.

Dr. Michelle McClure reported that the Spring 2010 Faculty/Professional Staff Institute was held on January 5-7, 2010. She stated that the Institute was truncated because of an unexpected snowstorm. She then reported that the theme for the Spring Institute was *Improving Student Learning Outcomes*, and that highlights included remarks from President Givens; NCATE Break-Out Sessions and a student panel discussion on *Best Practices in Engaging Students*. She noted that the Office of Academic Affairs sponsored an Adjunct Faculty Orientation with similar sessions.

Dr. Latisha Smith provided Board Members with an update on Harris-Stowe's upcoming

NCATE re-accreditation visit. She reported that a full copy of Harris-Stowe's Institutional Report (IR) has been submitted to the NCATE Board of Examiners Chair, Dr. Robert Carr of Langston University and to the Institution's consultants, Dr. Marilyn Feldmann and Dr. Thilla. She stated that copies of the IR and samples of state program reports have been forwarded to Dr. "Hap" Hairston, Director of Educator Preparation, at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and to the state chair, Dr. Sue Abegglen of Culver-Stockton College. She then shared the following important dates: January 28, 2010 – accreditation pre-visit; February 12, 2010 – All final reports must be submitted to the AIMS system and forwarded to the state and the joint on-site visit is scheduled for March 13-17, 2010. Dr. Smith reported that in addition to preparation for the NCATE visit, the Teacher Education unit continues to focus on quality programming and expanding their knowledge and expertise in the field. She shared 10 major accomplishments in Teacher Education and stated that there are many more to come as the year continues.

Mrs. Bostic reported that

\$3,939,201 in grant funds were awarded to Harris-Stowe during fiscal year 2009. She stated that the total represents a record amount of grant funds received and a 23 percent increase over fiscal year 2008. She then gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2010 grants received to date and stated that for the first time in its history, Harris-Stowe has received more than \$5,000,000 in competitive grant awards, and that the year-to-date total of \$5,005,888 represents a 21 percent increase over fiscal year 2009, and a 54 percent increase from 2005.

Dr. Zakery shared that everyone at the ABSB is excited and looking forward to Rodney Kinzinger's presentation as the ABSB's first speaker of the Spring Semester Speaker's Series on January 26, 2010. She stated that Mr. Kinzinger is managing partner of the Deloitte and Touche Corporation. Dr. Zakery reported, that under the supervision of Quentin Davis, Dr. O. Tiamiyu and a committee of campus constituents, the Tax Clinic and VITA would begin operating on February 1, 2010. She stated that the program will serve the campus community, including faculty, staff and students. She thanked Courtney McCall for doing a wonderful job in publicizing the program.

Student Affairs

Mr. Gooden reported that the Harris-Stowe State University Marching Hornets, under the direction of Mr. James Garrett and Ms. Courtney McCall, had been very busy over the past couple of months. He stated that on December 6, 2009, the band participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of Highway 40/64, and that on December 31, 2009, the group performed at the Grand Center First Night event. He further reported that the band performed at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State-wide Celebration on January 9th, and performed and

marched from the Old Courthouse to Powell Symphony Hall on the King Holiday.

Mr. Gooden stated that as reported earlier by Student Regent Collins, four Harris-Stowe students, along with staff member Carol Norrington, attended and participated in the Governor's Leadership Conference on January 5-7, 2010, in Jefferson City, Missouri. He added that the Conference concluded with a breakfast meeting hosted by Governor and Mrs. Nixon at the mansion and that the University administration is very proud of the students as they

experience leadership opportunities and develop strong skills, knowledge and interaction with other University students nationwide.

Mr. Gooden added that Department of Career Services is busily preparing for teacher interviews with many school districts scheduled to participate in career fairs on March 9, 2010, and on March 16, 2010. He also extended sincere appreciation on behalf of the student athletes for the increased attendance of the fans at sports competition events, especially the current basketball games.

Business & Financial Affairs

Mrs. Gully reported that the Financial Report for November and December 2009 was reviewed and discussed, in detail, with the Board Finance Committee on January 21, 2010. She further reported that budgeted revenues realized to date for November were at 55.48 percent and expenditures were at 47.6 percent and that revenues were at 66.25 percent and expenditures at 53.12 percent through December 31, 2009. She further reported that Gillespie Residence Hall remains at 100 percent capacity with revenues at 82 percent and expenditures at 36%. Mrs. Gully then reported that total grants were at \$10,958,150.

Mrs. Gully gave a financial update on the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center. She reported that while there is currently a monthly shortfall, the budget is supported by a grant previously received from the Danforth Foundation. She stated that there are sufficient funds remaining within this grant to support the

Center shortfalls until July 1, 2010. She then reported that the Center is currently generating revenue at a ratio of 53 percent of the monthly operating expenses, and is required to achieve a break-even budget by July 1, 2010. Mrs. Gully noted that the current enrollment numbers were at 39 children, and that a waiting list has begun for a second infant room to be opened in February, 2010. She further noted that there are currently six children on the waiting list.

Mrs. Gully presented to the Board, for its approval, a recommendation to award and execute an agreement with Trivers Associates for Professional Design Services in connection with a second Student Housing Facility. She noted that in accordance with Missouri State Statutes, the University issued a request for design services for the new student housing project and qualifications were received from eight firms. She reported that the Campus Expansion Committee members then reviewed the qualifi-

cations and evaluation sheets were completed for each firm. The firms were ranked according to the number of points received and the three highly qualified firms were scheduled to do a presentation on their firm's qualifications to the committee. Presentations were made by Bozoian Group Architects, KAI Design and Build and Trivers Associates. She stated that because of Trivers' extensive design experience, ability to meet the design schedule and exemplary manner in which matters of concern were addressed, the Campus Expansion Committee recommended approval to award and execute a proposed agreement with Trivers Associates for Design Services for the second residence hall.

Communications & Marketing

Ms. McCall reported that the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Kick-off Program had a record number of attendees. She stated that this year, her team promoted the overall program, the keynote speaker and awardees via newspaper, radio and television ads. She further stated that some television stations donated coverage time, and that the program received strong coverage from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *St. Louis American*. She noted that overall, the event received great coverage.

Ms. McCall stated that because of the large volume of media clips regarding Harris-Stowe, the clips were handed out at the meeting instead of being included in the Board booklet. She reported that her office has been assisting Ms. Boone and the Enrollment Management team with recruitment efforts by way of staying current with ads. She stated that some of the advertising venues include the MetroLink,

bus, and ongoing ads on radio stations. She added that it is important to keep the public aware of the University's message about campus expansion and degree programs, and shared Harris-Stowe's latest advertising theme – "New Facilities – Bright Futures."

Ms. McCall reported that she and Ms. Boone are members of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund conference (TMCF) Planning Committee. She stated that a recent conference call with the committee indicated that while many individuals are anti-technology, it is a huge phenomenon with youth right now. She stated that the next TMCF will feature a conference on how students should present themselves on Facebook pages. Ms. McCall then showed members of the Board Harris-Stowe's Facebook page. She noted that the page is administered by her office and cannot be defamed or include any inappropriate material.

Ms. McCall then reported that the Harris-Stowe Alumni newsletter is selling ads, and that alumni will have the opportunity to submit articles as well. She stated that her office keeps the alumni informed about ongoing activities and events taking place on Harris-Stowe's campus, and that the e-mail list of alumni is now more than 400.

Ms. McCall concluded her report by stating that each year, Harris-Stowe State University advertises in the publication, *Who's Who in Black St. Louis*. She stated that a major event is held to unveil the cover of the publication, and that to the pleasant surprise of President Givens, he and Dr. Zelema Harris, chancellor of St. Louis Community College, were featured on the cover of the publication's 6th edition. She further stated that President Givens was listed as one of St. Louis' most inspiring individuals, and that he also wrote the introduction.

Go Hornets!



Picture of the Month: This is the face of one of Harris-Stowe's finest. Freshman student Stephaniee' D. Martin is an-out-of-state student from Chicago. She came to HSSU and hit the ground running, achieving a 3.9 GPA for the fall 2009 semester. In addition, she is a valued member of the HSSU Marching Hornets, where is a Honeycomb! Next month, she will be featured in *St. Louis Magazine's* special education section. Go Steph!