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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ATTY. THOMAS MICKES

NISA SCHMITZ, PR/ ALUMNI SPECIALIST

Board Highlights

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Chairman's Report

Chairman Smith noted that student representative to the Board Derek Collins, was attending a Thurgood Marshall meeting and that he would present a report at the March session of the Board of Regents.

President's Report

Prior to his report, President Givens stated that members of the Board would be proud to watch HSSU as it prepares for the NCATE/DESE re-accreditation scheduled in March. He further stated that the administration is very proud of the progress of the NCATE/DESE planning team.

President Givens reported that a hearing was held during the Higher Education presentations to the Missouri House Appropriations Budget Committee. He stated that each institution was given 10 minutes to make a presentation and that he and members of the administration were able to again, tell the Harris-Stowe State University story. He further stated the major question asked was whether or not any institutions had given raises. President Givens noted that there were no raises given throughout the State colleges/universities. He further noted that his presentation lasted seven minutes with only two questions, and that Harris-Stowe's only con-

cern

was being able to sustain the 5.2 percent budget cuts. He added that Mrs. Gully made a valid point that anything higher than the 5.2 percent would present a major problem. President Givens further added that he told the House Appropriations Budget Committee that Harris-Stowe has good managers of its funds. He asked Mrs. Gully to comment.

Mrs. Gully stated that the main concern from the House Committee was how institutions planned to move forward with the proposed budget cuts. She then stated that Harris-Stowe has increased class sizes and has established aggressive efforts to pursue grant opportunities – an area where HSSU is actually progressing ahead. She noted that these grant opportunities have enabled the University to upgrade technology and science programs and has helped with retention and closing the achievement gap. President Givens remarked that Harris-Stowe has an outstanding team in the area of Business and Financial Affairs, and that the House Appropriations Committee was very interested in the University's campus expansion.

President Givens displayed the replica of the check in the amount of \$6,200 presented to the American Red Cross from members of the Harris-Stowe faculty, staff, students and alumni, for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. He stated

that the University almost immediately started a campaign to assist with the efforts to assist with the devastation in Haiti. He further stated that Cindy Erickson, CEO of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Red Cross, and members of her staff, were present to receive the donations. He noted that in 2008, numerous crates of new school supplies and other materials were collected by HSSU personnel and sent to students at the Eben-Ezer des Abricots School Primary School, Harris-Stowe's service learning project school in Haiti.

President Givens reported that the University Administration had recently completed an update of the Harris-Stowe Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual. He stated that the updates were reviewed by the University Attorney Thomas Mickes. He reminded everyone that the table of contents for the manual were distributed at the January 2010 meeting and noted that a copy of the complete document was included with the February 2010 Board booklet for review by the Board of Regents. He noted that the 2010 Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual holds a significance with the upcoming NCATE/DESE re-accreditation visit in March.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS:

Commencement brochures will be out soon. Stay tuned for all of the upcoming Commencement-related events that will be held on campus.

Academic Affairs

Dr. LaTisha Smith reported that the planning team has been working diligently on the NCATE/DESE re-accreditation process. She stated that President Givens has assigned members of his "A" Team to assist with preparations. She further stated that the team was pleased with the results of the pre-visit, and that as a result of the pre-visit, the planning team continues to receive communication and requests for Harris-Stowe's Tom Joyner Teacher Preparation Program, which according to DESE representatives, could possibly become a model for the State of Missouri. She then reported that Dr. Hairston (DESE) stated during his statewide education conference, that he was very impressed with the Teacher Education programs at Harris-Stowe. Dr. Smith also reported that the Institutional Report was submitted by the deadline and that the DESE Report and CDs were sent and confirmation has been received. She added that logistics meetings were still

being held to ensure that everything is being done and that "no stone is left unturned." She then reported that the pre-visit team requested a poster session during the main visit to be held in March, and that Teacher Education students have already been contacted to present on the field experience component; student teaching experience; undergraduate research; the Tom Joyner Praxis II Program and the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education. Dr. Smith stated that orientations are being held to prepare faculty, staff and students for the NCATE/DESE visit on March 13-17, 2010. She concluded her report by stating that it is her hope to give a preliminary response at the next Board of Regents meeting.

Dr. Zakery reported that the Busch School of Business Spring Speakers Series was held on February 18, 2010. She stated that the keynote speaker was Marcus Creighton who presented a credit management seminar, and that the Speak-

ers Series was sponsored by the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development Inc. and HSBC-North America.

Dr. Zakery reported that the business school sent seven students and two faculty members to compete in the American Mock Trial Association's Regional Competition on Feb 19-20, 2010. She stated that HSSU student, Anthony Daniel was awarded the Outstanding Witness Commendation during the ceremony.

Dr. Robert Kamkwala, presented his paper, "The Effects of Privatization Process on Organizational Effectiveness in Least Developed Countries," at the National Association of African-American Studies (NASS) 8th Annual Conference in Louisiana, on February 8-13, 2010.

Dr. Zakery gave an update on the Tax Clinic. She stated that to date, the total number of tax forms submitted were federal – 93 and state – 78. She noted that the expected total by April 15, 2010, is 1,000.

Student Affairs

Mr. Gooden reported on the following ongoing activities within the Division of Student Affairs: (1) the Annual Black Heritage Series Stamp Unveiling, held on February 19, 2010, in the Emerson Performance Center. He stated that Anna Julia Cooper was immortalized on postage as the 32nd inductee into the Black Heritage Series; (2) Mid-Week Enrichment Events from noon – 12:45 p.m., held during the months of February, March and April and include instrumental music provided by HSSU students, Black History by Adjunct Instructor Ronald Henry and a

most exciting presentation on February 26, 2010, by Lt. Col. Leo Gray, an original Tuskegee Airman from World War II; (3) *A Taste of Soul* hosted by Student Activities on February 26, 2010; (4) A Career Fair, a Teacher Interview Fair, and HSSU students to attend the Thurgood Marshall Fund Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, all sponsored by Career Services; (5) 15 selected HSSU students completed applications for the Des Lee Fellow Program. If chosen, each student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year; (6) the HSSU

Honda All-Stars are busily preparing for this year's competition; (7) a copy of the HSSU Athletics Web page, which could be found under Tab 8 of the February Board Booklet and (8) the Gillespie Residence Hall continues to remain at full capacity with many applications submitted for consideration upon a vacancy.

Business & Financial Affairs

Mrs. Gully reported that the Financial Report for January 2010 was reviewed and discussed, in detail, with the Board Finance Committee on February 16, 2010. She further reported that budgeted revenues realized to date for January were at 77 percent and expenditures were at 59 percent. She further reported that Gillespie Residence Hall remains at 100 percent capacity with revenues at 11 percent above budget and expenditures at 54 percent. Mrs. Gully then reported that total grants and contracts were at 43 percent realized.

Mrs. Gully reported that the Personnel Reports for February 2010 could be found under Tab 9 and included new employees, promotions and conclusions. She stated that she was pleased to announce that the new director of public safety had begun duty at Harris-Stowe. She noted that Chief Keith Williams comes to Harris-Stowe with 24 years of law enforcement experience.

Mrs. Gully thanked Board members for their support in helping to keep the second residence hall project on target. She stated that the new facility will boast 200 beds, a dining facility and will include small study areas on each floor. She further stated that the residence hall will be more of a freshman dorm and that the planning team is currently conducting student surveys. Mrs. Gully then reported that the new facility will be located approximately 40 feet from Gillespie Hall, and the University is working with Ameren UE to participate in an energy efficiency program for the new residence hall. She noted that weekly conference calls are being held with the loan financing program administrators.



Communications & Marketing

Mrs. Nisa Schmitz, Assistant to Ms. McCall, made the report.

Mrs. Schmitz stated that McCall regretted not being able to attend the meeting because of all of the remarkable events taking place in the area of Communications, Marketing and Alumni Affairs. She distributed the very attractive and new brochure which highlighted the operations of the department and how their team helps to enhance the promotion of the University. She encouraged everyone to peruse the brochure. Mrs. Schmitz then reported that the March edition of *St. Louis* magazine has already been released and included Harris-Stowe ads, some targeted at the Early Childhood Center and some on the Busch School of Business. She noted that in the current edition, a general Harris-Stowe ad was included. She then reported that Ms. McCall wanted everyone to know that as a member school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund,

she serves, along with Constance Gully, LaShanda Boone and Wanda McNeil on the planning committee for the conference each year, and that this year, she is extremely excited that five of her suggested workshop topics were accepted and will be featured and discussed at this year's conference. She further stated that Ms. McCall noted while she is not well-versed in ALL of the topics, she simply suggested areas that Harris-Stowe has dealt with, and they were widely agreed upon. Those topics include: (1) Student Recruitment in an Online; (2) World: Creating a Recruitment Communications Plan in a World without Paper; (3) Using Public Relations Strategies to Keep Alumni Informed; (4) How to Increase Graduation Rates on Urban Campuses; (5) Keys to Successful Student Affairs: What Campus Activities Actually Engage Students and (5) Assessment: How Are We Measuring What is Truly Working.

She stated, on behalf of Ms. McCall, that such involvement continues to keep Harris-Stowe on the map, while sharing best practices with other member HBCUs. Mrs. Schmitz then reported that their office, which in part, serves the HSSU Alumni Association, was proud to announce that the Association has begun promoting two upcoming special events, including the 6th Annual Recognition Luncheon and the 12th Annual Gold Gala Scholarship Dinner Dance. She distributed copies of information for both events and stated that this year's theme for the Recognition Luncheon is "The Wiz," and the areas for awards all encompass an aspect of the movie, such as heart (humanitarian efforts), brain (academic achievement), courage (taking the courage to pioneer new initiatives and also our armed forces), etc. She encouraged everyone to attend.

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regalia today!
Commencement
activities are underway.



Picture of the Month: An annual tradition at Harris-Stowe, the Black History Month Heritage Stamp was unveiled at Harris-Stowe last month in the Emerson Performance Center's Bank of America Theatre. Please see Dean Gooden's report for all the details on the program.