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DR. FATEMEH ZAKERY, DEAN OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DR. LEROY KEMP, DEAN OF TEACHER EDUCATION

DR. EILEEN O'BRIEN, DEAN OF STUDENTS

MRS. COURTNEY JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF PR

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ATTY. THOMAS MICKES

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# Board Highlights

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## President's Report

President Givens reported that the new president of AT&T Missouri, Mr. David Nichols, recently visited Harris-Stowe State University's campus, along with his vice president, Debra Hollingsworth and Donna Wilkinson, Harris-Stowe consultant. He stated that Mr. Nichols promised to replace SBC signage on the Library and Technology Resource Center with AT&T. He added that Mr. Nichols looks forward to working with Harris-Stowe in keeping current technology at the institution.

President Givens reported that, as a part of the 2008 Homecoming activities, a jazz concert and brunch was held in honor of former Regent Don Wolff and his wife, Heide, on Sunday, October 5, 2008. He reminded Board members of the outstanding collection the Wolffs donated to Harris-Stowe to establish the institute. He then reported that Dr. Bernard Watson recently contributed 600 jazz albums to add to the jazz institute collections. He noted that more than 350 people attended, and that the concert included major artists from around the St. Louis area. He then shared photos with members of the Board.

President Givens called for the distribution of the Harris-Stowe State University 150<sup>th</sup> Year Commemora-

tive President's Report to the Community, with the assistance of Ms. Courtney Jordan. He added that the report is an outstanding document designed by Ms. Jordan and members of her staff.



## Jazz Brunch 2008



## CLUB HSSU



## On the Horizon:

Ms. Tilghman reported on the development of a major domestic security regional training center at Harris-Stowe State University, as a collaboration with

Congressman Clay and agencies in Washington D.C. She stated that the center will offer a wide range of courses and certified programs, and will offer an undergraduate degree in Homeland Security. She further stated that the program will include specialized training in Environmental Security, Cyber-security and Biometrics. Ms. Tilghman added that this security program will be the most comprehensive of its type at any college or university in the nation, and that it will serve as a national model. She noted that Harris-Stowe will be the premier institution for other national Homeland Security programs.

Ms. Tilghman then reported on another collaboration between Congressman Clay and Harris-Stowe – funding for the former Vashon Center renovation. She stated the FY 2010 Missouri capital budget, has recommended \$5,781,491 for the renovation of the Vashon Center, and that the U.S. Department of Interior and the National Park Service, has earmarked \$500,000 toward the renovation.

## Academic Affairs

Dr. Smith reported that through the leadership of Dr. Patricia Johnson, Director of the Early Childhood and Parenting Education Center and the University's Grants Office, Harris-Stowe was recently awarded an ARCHES grant for \$35,000. He stated that this grant will focus on early childhood education and will open the door for further grant awards at ARCHES. He then reported that through the leadership of Shana Sharp in the Grants Office and the Busch School of Business, Harris-Stowe was awarded a \$12,500 grant from Commerce Bank to enhance technology at the Busch School of Business. Dr. Smith stated that because of ailing banks nationwide, Harris-Stowe is extremely gratified to receive this award. At the Academic Affairs retreat this summer, each academic department set the goal to receive at least one grant for \$10,000, and that Teacher Education and the Busch School of Business has already met this goal. He will keep the Board informed on other grant awards.

Dr. Smith reported that the National Science Foundation (NSF) Target Infusion Grant, National Science Foundation Educational Research Grant and the Missouri Department of Higher Education Teacher Quality Grant, would all be due in December 2008. He stated that there are three significant grants that the institution is vying for this academic year. The goal of the Target Infusion Grant, also an NSF grant, is to strengthen science curriculum, and

that the funds would be used to develop a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with minors in Pre-Medical and Urban Ecology at Harris-Stowe. He noted that a team of science faculty is working on the Target Infusion Grant, including Dr. Anbreen Bashir, a new faculty member in Biology. Dr. Smith added that the NSF Educational Research Grant would enable HSSU to strengthen its academic offerings particularly Math and Science. Dr. Smith then reported that the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) Teacher Quality Grant would allow HSSU to collaborate with Jennings High School in an effort to strengthen the science curriculum as well as help Harris-Stowe prepare more teachers in the area of science.

Dr. Smith announced that, in staying the course with Harris-Stowe's Five-Year Strategic Plan, Academic Affairs is moving forward with the expansion of new degrees programs including a Political Science Degree (B.S.), Sociology Degree (B.S.), Biology Degree (B.S.) with minors in Pre-Medical, Forensic Science and Urban Ecology. The process would begin with the various departments in consultation with Academic Affairs, and upon completion by the faculty, the recommendation would be taken to Academic Affairs and then to Dr. Givens, followed by the Board, for its approval. Following Board approval, the institution would apply for approval from MDHE. The last step in the process, Harris-Stowe

would begin completing the application from MDHE to ensure that all necessary information is in place to make informed decisions regarding the majors.

Dr. Kemp provided members of the Board with an update on the HSSU/UMSL's Collaborative Master's Program. The partnership began in fall 2006. He stated that the collaborative is progressing very well because, since the partnership began, UMSL has offered graduate courses taught by HSSU faculty at HSSU.

Dr. Kemp gave a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the upcoming NCATE/DESE accreditations and the emerging themes of Teacher Education, including courses offered at HSSU. He spoke of program enrollment; and renewed efforts including enhanced recruitment efforts.

Dr. Zakery reported on the Black Executive Exchange Program Conference held at the BSBA on October 22 and 23. The conference went very well, and that more than 100 students were engaged in the sessions. Local and national executives participated, including but not limited to nine executives from Southwest Bank, who engaged with students regarding small business development.

BSBA is currently developing a collaborative with Michigan State University-East Lansing, on a master's program in accounting. Upon graduating from HSSU, students will be admitted directly into the master's program at Michigan, where they will receive room, board, tuition, etc. This program was developed at Michigan State to address the national accounting shortage.

## Business and Financial Affairs

Mrs. Gully introduced Steven Harris and Craig White, representatives from Rubin Brown, LLP, External Auditors for Harris-Stowe.

Mr. Harris explained that the documents that would be reviewed at this meeting would be the Financial Statements, the OMB Circular A-133 Single Audit Report and the Business Performance Analysis. He began by thanking Mrs. Gully and Ms. Tilghman for their cooperation and undivided attention during the process of performing the audit. He then provided a high level summary of the various reports. He expressed an opinion on the Financial Statement, and the A-133 report. He stated that there were no audit findings, exceptions or adjustments found in the single audit report, and, no disagreements with management. Mr. Harris' review including, but was not limited to, strengths found during the audit, including funding for the Early Childhood Center currently under construction; Andrea Davis "on board" as comptroller; the recent \$2.5 million National

Science Foundation Grant; increase in gifts from alumni; along with other key components of the audit documents. The audit team brought to attention of Harris-Stowe management, the review of invoices for new construction, and implementing procedures for estimating expenses on new construction projects. Mr. Harris then extended congratulations management for implementing prior comments into current academic year.

The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed in detail with the Board Finance Committee on October 21. He reported on budgeted revenues realized to date were 37.18 percent and expenditures 33.2 percent through September 30, 2008.

Mrs. Gully gave a PowerPoint presentation on the September 2008 financial report, the comparative income statement, the general operating fund and supplemental information, including the economic impact on Harris-Stowe State University, a follow up on the 2007-2008 audit, and Gillespie

Residence Hall "break-even" projections.

Mrs. Gully reported that the site excavation was then 95 percent complete for the Early Childhood Development and Parenting Center. Footings and foundations were 90 percent complete, along with the casting of the north wing floor. She then reported that the carpenters formed and laid out the interior wall locations in the south wing, and that the concrete floor for the vestibule had also been cast. Mrs. Gully then reported that the concrete floor had been cast in for the north wing after the plumbing and electrical contractors completed their under floor pipe installations. She noted that the Campus Expansion Committee held two construction progress meetings during the month of September. She then shared the September Cost Report, the construction schedule and photographic highlights as a part of her PowerPoint presentation.

# Communications, Marketing & Alumni Affairs

Mrs. Jordan began her report by sharing with members of the Board, recent media coverage highlighting an interview with Attorney Robin Shaw, Criminal Justice professor at Harris-Stowe, and coverage of the Harris-Stowe State University 2008 Homecoming Parade.

Mrs. Jordan reported on the St. Louis Commerce Magazine's feature article on the economic contributions of local colleges and universities in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. She distributed a copy of the magazine to each Board member, and pointed out the half-page commentary on economic contributions that Harris-Stowe provides to the St. Louis region.



## Student Affairs

Mr. Johnson reported that the HSSU Student Government Association had recently finished a very successful Homecoming celebration including a dance, organization day, and hosts of one of the presidential debates followed by an open-floor forum. He stated that the forum focused on the importance of the presidential election to college students. He then reported that the HSSU Student Government Association would host the "Bring a Friend to the Polls" day on November 4, whereby students would walk from Gillespie Residence Hall to nearby polls. He stated that the activity would be followed by a presentation by Professor Robin Shaw and bipartisan representatives from the student body. Mr. Johnson noted that Harris-Stowe registered hundreds of students to vote. He then reported that he is working along with Professor Eugene Royster on developing a student

research program, whereby students would "tag along" as research coordinators along with faculty conducting research.

Dr. O'Brien reported on Harris-Stowe State University's participation in the Thurgood Marshall Student Leadership Recruitment Conference and Career Fair held in New York City on October 24-28, 2008. She stated that seven students attended from Harris-Stowe, and that four of those students were given on-site interviews from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Accenture, General Electric, Shell Oil, AIG and Phillip Morris. She then stated that the focus of the conference included the importance of critical thinking, leadership, education and job preparedness. Dr. O'Brien noted that the program advantages included mentoring, networking and career coaching. As a result of attending the 2007 Thurgood Marshall Student Leader-

ship Conference, Marneice Wise, Business Major at Harris-Stowe, was offered an internship during the summer 2008, at the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C.



### **Upcoming Events:**

*The Bluest Eye*, presented by the HSSU Players, November 20-22, 8 p.m., Bank of America Theatre

Feed the City, Saturday, November 22, HSSU Dining Hall and Annex

Annual Sounds of the Seasons Holiday Concert, presented by the HSSU Concert Chorale, Sunday, November 23, 6 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Parade, traveling down Market Street, featuring the HSSU Drumline and Honeycombs



**Picture of the Month:** Bring on the jazz! After much anticipation, the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute at HSSU is open and ready for business! It has been, actually for the past three years. This year, however, marked the first Afternoon of Jazz, a tribute to the founders of the institute. It was a huge success!