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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ATTY. THOMAS MICKES

Board Highlights

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Auditor's Report

Mrs. Gully introduced Steven Harris and Jeff Winter, representatives from Rubin Brown, LLP, external auditors for Harris-Stowe.

Mr. Winter reported that the recent audit was a very productive and effective one. He explained that the documents that would be reviewed at this meeting would be the Financial Statements, the single audit report and the Business Performance Analysis, which is an executive summary of the audit. He began by thanking Mrs. Gully, Ms. Tilghman and Ms. Blackshear for their cooperation and undivided attention during the process of performing the audit. Mr. Winter then provided a high-level summary of the various reports and stated that this audit included the student financial aid program, which had no findings and held a clean opinion on compliance. He expressed an opinion on the Financial Statement for June 30, 2009, and stated that there were no audit findings, exceptions or adjustments found in the single audit report and that there were no disagreements with management. Mr. Winter then reviewed, by page, the summary of the audit with members of the Board. The audit team received full cooperation of management and asked Mr. Harris to explain the strengths and highlights

found on page seven of the report.

Mr. Harris congratulated Harris-Stowe on the completion and opening of the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center, which is now in full operation. He reported that the ECPC was listed as one of the University's strengths in the report, along with an increase in student enrollment during a down economy; receipt of a significant contribution from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation and priority placed on a competent, credentialed accounting staff. He then extended congratulations to management for implementing prior comments into the current academic year.

President's Report

Prior to his report, President Givens asked Mrs. Sutherlin to read "acknowledgement of thanks" from Mrs. Armetta Whitmore regarding the loss of her husband and HSSU alumnus, Artie Whitmore, and her son, Michael Whitmore.

President Givens announced that Dr. George H. Hiram, HSSU consultant and former Executive Vice President for Administration, had recently undergone emergency major surgery and was listed in critical condition. He asked Vice Chair Gillespie to share special thoughts and words of best wishes for Dr.

Hiram and his family.

Dr. Givens asked Atty. Shaw for an update on the flu prevention at Harris-Stowe. Atty. Shaw reported that as reported at the September 2009 Board meeting, the HSSU Flu Prevention manual has been completed, and that she was pleased to report that the University has not experienced any concerned cases. She stated that there had been some staff and students ill with flu-like symptoms, but that thanks to Mr. Gooden, the University nursing staff and Shawn Baker, Director of Gillespie Hall, the responses were handled well and none were diagnosed as H1N1. She added that hand sanitizers are in place throughout HSSU, and that she was pleased to report that everyone appears to be adhering to policies.

President Givens listed a few of the many achievements the University is making and that there is much more in the future of this great and historic Institution. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Board of Regents, faculty, staff and students of Harris-Stowe State University for helping to make the Institution what it is today.

DEPARTMENT OF
TEACHER EDUCATION

Dr. LaTisha Smith reported on Harris-Stowe's upcoming mock NCATE visit to be held on November 22-24, 2009. She stated that the mock visit would be held to make sure that Harris-Stowe is fully ready for the actual visit in March 2010. She then reported that there were many wonderful activities taking place in Teacher Education while preparing for the mock NCATE visit. She distributed copies of the visit outline/overview and reviewed it in detail with members of the Board. She then shared the flier which advertised the formal session with candidates to reiterate the Teacher Education Conceptual Framework and to explain the mock NCATE visit. She stated that she is confident that the mock and actual NCATE visit will be successful.



Dr. Smith reported that he was very pleased to report on Harris-Stowe's Annual National Science Foundation-HBCU Undergraduate Research Symposium. He asked Dr. McClure to distribute copies of the printed program which featured the student scholars who presented at the symposium, including Brooke Presley, who presented on The Effects of Pollution on Dolphins (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Shereen Abdel Kader); Muziwi Nyamapfene who presented on the Mathematical Model for Incidence of AIDS Within African-American Males (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lateef Adelani) and Brooke Presley, who presented on An Application of Cellular Automata to Study Classroom Organization and Motivation (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ann Podleski). Dr. Smith then reported that the students would be traveling to Washington, D.C., to present their research along with their peers nationwide. He stated that President Givens has given strong support for the undergrad research program at HSSU and has awarded President's Tuition Waivers to the participating student scholars.

Dr. Smith reported on the Harris-Stowe State University Faculty Noon Series. He stated that the series chronicles the extraordinary research conducted by some of HSSU's faculty and that outstanding research abstracts were presented during the 2009 spring semester including Dr. Mark Abbott, Professor of History, *A Plan for the Region: Harland Batholomew and the 1948 Regional Plan*; Dr. Shereen Kader, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, *A Significant Need for Educational Reform: Creating a Center for Creativity*; Mr. Rick Hocks,

Assistant Professor of English, *Reclaiming Romanticism: Rick's Reconciliation of Opposites*; Atty. Robin Shaw, former Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, *Unorthodox Criminologists*; Dr. Brian Elsesser, Assistant Professor of Urban Specializations, *Shattered Spirit: Civic Fragmentation and St. Louis Public Schools, 1942-2005* and Dr. Lorenzo Thompson, Adjunct Professor of History, *Black Laws in St. Louis*. He noted that the series was successful and would be continued. He reminded everyone that a copy of the brochure could be found under tab 6 of the October 2009 Board Booklet.

Ms. Boone reported on the college fair hosted by Harris-Stowe State University in conjunction with the Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS) College Fair Committee. She stated that Harris-Stowe has become the first choice for many students in the St. Louis community, particularly those in the SLPS. She further stated that Harris-Stowe recently hosted 510 students, the largest number of all the fairs that had been held and 45 colleges and universities. She noted that 40 percent of the attendees asked to see the Harris-Stowe representatives and that other college fairs held during that same week at other locations, did not have the same turnout as that of Harris-Stowe's. She added that HSSU is making a definite impact, not only on SLPS, but on the St. Louis community as a whole.

Dr. Zakery reported that members of the Anheuser-Busch School of Business faculty and staff are busy representing HSSU. She stated that faculty, staff and students attended the National Association of the Black Accountants'

Conference at the Boeing Corporation. She stated that students perceived the conference to be very enlightening and were taken aback with the various aspects of the Boeing Corporation, its diversity and ethics of the workplace. She noted that the many speakers were outstanding and provided a wealth of knowledge during an open forum for HSSU and other students who attended.

Dr. Zakery reported that President Givens, ABSB faculty, staff and students attended the Regional Business Council's Higher Education Fall Reception. She stated that this was another great event where students had an opportunity to network with leaders of corporations and other students. She added that this was also an opportunity for students to dress professionally and hold professional conversations with their peers. She noted that Kathy Osborne was very pleased with the outcome of the event. Dr. Zakery reported that several students attended the Thurgood Marshall Fund School Conference in New York. Some of the students had already contacted her to inform her students interviewed with AT&T, Shell Oil and other corporation representatives in attendance. She then reported that faculty members Marvin Steward attended a conference on Economics and Business Research, and Dr. Owolabi Tiamiyu attended the Midwestern Regional Conference of Internal Auditors.



Student Affairs

Mr. Gooden highlighted Counseling Services and that department's collaborations with Webster University and Lindenwood University. He stated that those institution's counselors are working under the direction of Dr. Vickie Bernard, HSSU's Director of Counseling, on peer education projects. He added that the HSSU SWAT Team (Students Working Against Trauma) has developed several programs to combat drug and alcohol use on Harris-Stowe's campus, including four Web-based sites on Program Student

Health 101: a newsletter on wellness issues; *Ask, Listen, Refer* – a suicide prevention tutorial for students; and *Staff E-Check to Go* – an assessment of personal marijuana use and alcohol consumption. Mr. Gooden then reported that Counseling Services hosted a National Depression Screening Day which will be conducted on Campus twice per year.

Mr. Gooden reported that the Thurgood Marshall Fund Leadership Recruitment Conference and Career Fair was held in New York, and attended by 12

HSSU staff members and students. He further reported that attendance at the conference was coordinated by the HSSU Department of Career Services and that a full report on the conference would be submitted at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Gooden reported that the Division of Student Affairs has been very busy with activities for the students and finalizing for the recent 2009 Homecoming events. He stated that preparations are underway for next year's events, which will hopefully be spectacular!

Business & Financial Affairs

Mrs. Gully began her report by giving kudos to Kevin Burnett and Andrea Davis for their support in achieving a successful audit. She then distributed photos of damage done to the U.S. Bank Entryway Arch as a result of a student accidentally hitting its barricade. She stated that the student was insured and that Paul Kennon, HSSU's Facilities Manager, has already looked into repairing the damage.

She then reported that the Financial Report for September 2009 was reviewed and discussed, in detail, with the Board Finance Committee on October 22. She further reported that budgeted revenues realized to date were at 37.72 percent and expendi-

tures were at 29.01 percent through September 30, 2009. She further reported that Gillespie Residence Hall remains at 100 percent capacity with total revenue at 58 percent and expenditures at 21 percent. She noted that grants and contracts are at 43 percent through September 30, 2009.

Mrs. Gully asked Ms. Tilghman to distributed copies of a report on various community activities and events held on Harris-Stowe's campus. She stated that the report served as an update for members of the Board to review how Harris-Stowe State University avails its campus to the community on a regular basis.



Communications & Marketing

Ms. McCall distributed copies of the Harris-Stowe State University Crisis Communication Plan, which was developed in her office and is included in all of the emergency documents on campus. She stated that the plan; speaks to the role that each campus entity takes in communicating with the media and processes in the event of emergencies. She encouraged Board members to review the plan to contact her with any questions or suggestions.

Ms. McCall also reported that the HSSU Alumni Association has announced that they are researching the possibility of forming chapters outside the metropolitan St.

Louis Area. She stated that a more national focus will be placed on HSSU alums and that her role is to research where the national alumni are located, along with getting information to them about the HSSU Alumni Association. She further stated that everyone involved is working toward a common good for the success of the Alumni Association. She asked Mr. Gooden to distribute photo albums from the Homecoming 2009 Celebrations.

Regent Rollins thanked President Givens and members of the staff for the outstanding presentations and briefings made at his orientation. He remarked that the

staff was open to answer questions and added insight to the ongoing operations at Harris-Stowe State University.





Picture of the Month: Dr. Givens greets “his babies,” as he calls them, which are the young ones at the Clay Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center, during a special homecoming parade for the kids. The parade was decided upon after rain washed out the actual plans for the annual event, which takes place down Market Street in celebration of Homecoming. Look at how they are looking at him! Too cute!