Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith congratulated Atty. Steven C. Roberts on his gubernatorial appointment to the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents. He thanked Judge Donald McCullin for conducting the swearing-in ceremony of Regent Roberts.

President Givens began his report by stating that the University has had an outstanding beginning of the new academic year, with the largest enrollment of first-time, full-time freshmen. He noted that many exciting reports were forthcoming, and that he was very pleased with the progress of the Institution.

President Givens reported that Dr. Stein has taken on new initiatives for higher education in Missouri. He stated that HSSU, along with the other institutions of higher education has been attending the CBHE/COPHE meetings to address the new initiatives. He added that because of the in-depth nature of the proposal, he would wait until a later meeting to report on the new initiatives.

President Givens reported that a magnificent meeting of the African-American Business Leadership Council was held on September 17. He stated that the AABLC has agreed to take on the roles of mentors, speakers, visiting professor and overall working closely with the Busch School of Business Administration. He stated that the fundraising efforts of the AABLC are going very well.

President Givens reported that there would be a Jazz Concert held on October 5, in honor of former Regent Don Wolff and his wife Heide. He stated that the Concert would be a show of appreciation for their major contribution of Jazz memorabilia to establish the Wolff Jazz Institute at Harris-Stowe. He further stated that the concert would be held as a part of the 2008 Homecoming activities, and would include a brunch and a tour of the Wolff Jazz Institute. He noted that Board members were invited to attend. President Givens further noted that Ms. Jordan would include more details later in her report.

President Givens reminded everyone that the first new building at Harris-Stowe was the SBC Library and Technology Resource Center. He stated that the new president of AT&T Missouri, Mr. David Nichols, would visit the Harris-Stowe State University campus, tentatively, on October 9, to tour the facilities and discuss how AT&T can become more involved with the improvements of the Library and Technology Resource Center.

President Givens reported that the America Midwest Conference would hold its next quarterly President’s meeting on Harris-Stowe’s campus on October 2. He explained that this organization monitors the athletic standards of the NAIA institutions.
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Dr. Smith added to his reports, the announcement of a wonderful service learning project taking place at Harris-Stowe. He stated that the 2008 planning committee’s theme is Preparing HSSU for the Global Community, and that such, a school located in Haiti was selected to receive school supplies. He noted that the initiative would continue until October 3, 2008, and that the items would be shipped to the school. He added that during the month of November, there would be a live Internet hook up so that the University can view the students and see the impact made on the global community.

Dr. Kemp gave an update on the NCATE re-accreditation preparation and the submission of the Teacher Education Program reports. The program reports for Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary English Language Arts Education, Middle and Secondary School Mathematics Education – all rejoiners -- Middle and Secondary School Science Education full program reports, and Middle and Secondary School Social Studies Education Rejoiner. He stated that, as always, the faculty, staff and students appreciate President Givens’ continuing strong support of the Teacher Education degree program.

Dr. Kemp reported that the Teacher Education Department continues HSSU’s tradition of maintaining strong collaborative partnerships with its metropolitan school districts. He stated that school districts are essential in the preparation of teachers, and that this academic year, the Parkway School District principals will engage Harris-Stowe Teacher Education students in a variety of unique, professional curricula and instructional activities. He noted that these activities are designed to enhance students understanding of unique characteristics of the school district’s programs, students and faculty.

Dr. Zakery gave an update on the Black Executives Exchange Program (BEEP) Program Exchange. She stated that this is the second year the Busch School of Business Administration will sponsor the conference. She reminded everyone that BEEP is a program to assist students, faculty and staff and black executives throughout the state with discussing trends in the community.

Business and Financial Affairs

Mrs. Gully reported that the Financial Report was reviewed and discussed in detail with the Board Finance Committee on September 18. She reported on budgeted revenues realized to date were 34 percent and expenditures 23.5 percent through August 31, 2008. She added that fall tuition revenues were already at a record 108 percent by the end of August.

Mrs. Gully reported that the Campus Expansion committee, along with the Program Construction Manager, KWAME Building Group; the Architect, KAI and the Kozeny Wagner Construction Leadership Team, have been meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month. She stated that furniture presentations have been scheduled for several Tuesdays and alternating Thursdays. Mrs. Gully then reported that efforts for the project during the month of August, focused on the south-wing completion of electrical and plumbing rough-ins, and other under floor piping.

She added that the carpenters formed the edge of floor slab and placed wiring reinforcing. Ms. Tilghman distributed copies of the Early Childhood and Parenting Education Center monthly report for August 2008, prepared by KWAME Building Group Inc., to members of the Board of Regents.

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Prior to her report, Ms. Jordan noted that there has been an increase in news clippings for Harris-Stowe. She stated that she was pleased to announce that she is utilizing a new national clip service, which means Harris-Stowe is making national news on a regular basis.

Ms. Jordan reported that she was pleased with the national press coverage Harris-Stowe State University has received for its $2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. She added that news of the grant also received very good coverage throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Ms. Jordan reported that the Heart Gallery, was founded by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department in 2001 as a unique way to help children in foster care who are waiting for adoptive families, step from the shadows into the light. She stated that the Gallery includes stirring portraits, which reveal the children’s amazing spirits and individuality, and have helped many find permanent, loving homes. She further stated that the Missouri Adoption Heart Gallery travels throughout the state, and would be displayed on Harris-Stowe’s campus, as a part of Homecoming week, from October 3-10.

Dr. O’Brien reported that the Volunteer Fair had been recently held in the Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building. She stated that 17 organizations recruited student volunteers to help with community programs. She further stated that organizations included, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Better Family Life and United Way, just to name a few.

Dr. O’Brien reported that during the weekend of September 12-14, 30 student leaders went on a three-day retreat to Camp Lakewood, located in Potosi, Missouri. She stated that upon their return, students were very excited about the experience in learning about the important role of leadership. She then reported that topics for the retreat included Leadership Skills, How to Facilitate Meetings, Managing School and Organizations, Time Management, Team Building and Communication Skills, How to Manage a Budget, Preparing for Events, The Importance of Appropriate Dress and Accountability. Dr. O’Brien noted that members of her staff continue to do an outstanding job in preparing for the annual Student Leadership Retreat.

Dr. O’Brien reported that everyone was excited about the upcoming 2008 Homecoming activities at Harris-Stowe State University. She stated that the Kickoff would be held on October 3, and would include the introduction of athletic teams, the Chilli Bowl and an intramural flag football game. She then reviewed the entire Homecoming schedule with members of the Board.
HSSU Fighting Basketball Hornets
Vs.
Saint Louis University Billikens
in an exhibition match up

Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Chaifetz Arena
7 p.m.

Go Hornets!

Picture of the Month: In true HSSU Homecoming fashion, the 2008 freshly crowned Majestic Assembly were a big hit at the Gold Gala Scholarship Dinner Dance, held Saturday, October 11, 2008. Don’t they look marvelous!!???