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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ATTY. THOMAS MICKES

MR. KEN BOWMAN, FAC-  
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# Board Highlights

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## Chairman's Report

Chairman Smith called for a report from the student representative to the Board.

Mr. Collins gave a Power-Point presentation on the various University events he had participated in, along with photos. He reported that annual student leadership retreat had been held during the weekend of September 11-13, 2009, and that more than 20 students were in attendance to represent more than 10 organizations, and that everyone was reminded that Homecoming Week was fast approaching. He announced that SGA meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. He stated that 26 students attended the Retreat in Dubois, Illinois, and that it was most successful and informative. He added that the retreat focused on leaders as individuals with discussion topics including creativity, innovation, effective fund-raising, stress management, time management, ethics, multitasking and health and safety. Mr. Collins noted that the overall emphasis was placed on how to balance work and fun.

Chairman Smith then asked President Givens to discuss Board Committee Assignments.

Dr. Givens called for the distribution of Board Committee Assignments. He stated that members of the Board will work with the Administration within their designated assignments. He then reminded members that an orientation date would be set for Regents Rollins, Hollingsworth and Cook.

## President's Report

President Givens reported that a press conference was held on September 18, regarding a major grant from

HSSU's Anheuser-Busch School of Business in the amount of \$1 million. He stated that Mr. Johnny Furr Jr., Vice President of Community Affairs & Consumer Outreach at Anheuser-Busch Inc., made the presentation, and that the grant will be used for scholarships for qualified Business majors.

President Givens reported that, also, on September 18, he received calls from federal Missouri legislators, informing him that as a result of Harris-Stowe's request to the U.S. Department of Education, HSSU had been selected as one of 44 of more than 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), to receive President Obama's HBCU Capital Stimulus Award. He stated that the grant, titled "Interior Recovery Funds to Assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities with Repairs to Historic Buildings," was awarded only a few HBCUs with more than \$500,000, and that Harris-Stowe's grant was in the amount of \$1 million. President Givens noted that the stimulus funds would be used toward the renovation of the former Vashon Center.

President Givens reported that a most successful *Night of Jazz Greats "Statesmen of Jazz" Concert* was held on August 29, with a "standing room only" crowd. He stated that the concert, sponsored by the HSSU Wolff Jazz Institute, was highlighted in a recent edition of the *Ladue News*, and that Don and Heide Wolff, who were in attendance, expressed their gratitude. The Wolff's were very pleased with the concerted efforts of Rhoda Hayes, Courtney McCall and other members of the Harris-Stowe staff, in making the program such a success. President

Givens then asked Ms. McCall to show media coverage of the concert.

President Givens reported that he and members of the HSSU administration attended the Council on Public Higher Education (COPHE) and Coordinating Board of Higher Education (CBHE) meetings on September 9 - 10, 2009. He stated that the focus of the meeting was Dr. Robert Stein's announcement to retire, and as a result, CBHE is in search of a new commissioner. He stated that the Board asked higher education presidents to submit suggestions for the announcement of the position in hopes of finding one of the best and most qualified individuals. He asked Mrs. Gully to comment.

Dr. Shaw reported that communication regarding the Swine Flu has been disseminated to faculty, staff and students by way of posters and correspondence. She stated that a hand sanitizing campaign and a vaccination campaign are underway for individual prevention, and that procedures are being reviewed for self-isolation including, but not limited to, continuity of student learning and operations, utilization of Blackboard online instruction program and encouraging faculty, staff and students to stay home if they are ill. She stated that all of the procedures regarding the Swine Flu could be found in the Harris-Stowe State University Flu Prevention and Planning Manual that will be distributed campus-wide. She noted that Courtney McCall and her staff had spearheaded the printing of posters to alert students about symptoms and what they should do, and that the Board of Regents would be kept informed of ongoing strategies.

## ANHEUSER-BUSCH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Zakery reported on student chapters of national professional organizations. She stated that these organizations included Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, Accounting Students Association, Association of Information Technology Professionals,

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Entrepreneurship Club, American Marketing Association and the Financial Management Association International.

She added that she is most pleased that ABSB students have the opportunity to participate in these professional organizations and societies.

Dr. Zakery stated that she was most pleased to report that Shenell Ceasar, an ABSB senior, conducted student research in long term care, and that her research has been accepted for a presentation at the McNair Heartland Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 25-27, 2009.



Dr. Smith reported that abstracts created by HSSU students have been accepted for presentation at the National Science Foundation (NSF) – HBCU National Undergraduate Research Conference in Washington, D.C. on October 29 – November 1, 2009. He stated that the following students will present: Christina Graves, “The Effects of Pollution on Dolphins;” Muziwi Nyamapfene, “Mathematical Model For Incidences of AIDS within African-American Males” and Brook Presley, “An Application of Cellular Automata to Study Classroom Organization and Motivation.” Dr. Smith added that these same students will also present at the 20th Argonne Symposium for Undergraduates in Science, Engineering and Mathematics on November 13, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois. He noted that he wants to provide the opportunity for as many students as possible to take part in the undergraduate research programs.

Dr. McClure stated that she is honored to work with Dean Zakery as co-chair, as HSSU experiences an academic year of assessment. She reminded everyone that HSSU is in preparation for North Central Self Study during March 2011. She also reminded everyone that Dr. Karen Solomon from the Higher Learning Commission visited campus during the fall 2009 Faculty and Professional Staff Institute. She reported that she and Dean Zakery have developed and recommended the subcommittees who will help us prepare HSSU’s Self Study, and that they are awaiting final approval. She then reported that a Web site is under development that will provide updates on the progress with the Self Study.

Mr. Gooden reported that all 228 beds are filled in Gillespie Residence Hall. He stated that there was a safety check performed of suites and no violations were found. He then reported that some of the activities that had already been held for student residents included Intervarsity –Campus Ministry; a financial seminar presented by U.S. Bank representatives; the refurbishing of the pool table in the game room and a meeting conducted by Executive Director of Enrollment Management LaShanda Boone.

Mr. Gooden reported that the Student Activities Office spon-

## Academic Affairs

Dr. LaTisha Smith reported that the Secondary English Specialized Program Association (SPA) report was successfully submitted by the September deadline, and confirmation was received on September 17, 2009. She stated that the Teacher Education Department will receive a decision on the SPA report by February 1, 2010, and that a news release was sent announcing the upcoming visit and call for submissions. She then reported that now that all the SPA reports have been submitted, the next focus is on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) state reports, that are also due as a component of HSSU’s joint accreditation visit.

Dr. Smith further reported that the University’s Teacher Education Department has been sought out by various other institutions and organizations for collaborations, participation and input, and that while they are excited about possible collaborative opportunities, the department will work closely with the Office of Academic Affairs before making any commitments. She noted that some of the inquiries include Dean Watzke, Saint Louis University -- looking for opportunities for their education candidates to take HSSU’s summer course offerings, and future conversation on a collaborative art education program; Dr. Ken Owens -- about participating in a workshop on the examination administered to principals and superintendents; Mary Institute and Country Day School -- about recruiting HSSU’s minority candidates and participating with the Innovative Concepts Schools with placements of HSSU Secondary English and Middle and Secondary Mathematics candidates.

Dr. Smith then reported on Teacher Candidates. She stated that professional-level interviews were scheduled for September 29 and 30, 2009, and that the department has 12 candidates to be interviewed. She noted that there are three candidates ready for the October interviews.

Mr. Fogt reported on Information Technology Services; (IT) new staff, staff modifications and preparation for the flu season. He began by stating that use of technology at HSSU is growing rapidly and that Dr. Dwyane Smith mandated that all grades be submitted online. He stated that in order to provide online grade submittal successfully, IT staff had to be realigned. He further reported that IT Services would have a new employee starting on October 1, 2009, and that the purpose of the position would be to support the complex technology in classrooms, the computer lab, and the audio/visual system used for student observations and research of child development in the Clay Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center. He then reported that IT Services is also making strategic operational changes by deploying additional IT staff members to the Anheuser-Busch School of Business campus two days a week, as this will provide broader coverage of five days a week and allow the School of Business faculty and staff access to in-person support for a range of IT services.

Mr. Fogt concluded his report by stating that IT Services is preparing for the flu season by instituting a twice-daily disinfecting procedure for its computer labs. He indicated that keyboards, mice and table tops will be disinfected in the mornings and again in the evenings, and that hand wipes would also be made available to computer users in the labs.

## Student Affairs

sored a very successful New-Student and Freshman Orientation. He stated that 632 new students and 44 transfer students had registered and engaged in experiences that included learning the new culture of higher education. He further stated “Welcome Week” included six days of events and activities for students enrolled for the fall 2009 semester.

Mr. Gooden reported that the Department of Career Services has been developing plans for the academic year’s job fairs. He stated that over the past few years, the department has registered a total of 1,700 Students who have

résumés online. He added that Career Services is also offering interview workshops for students.

Mr. Gooden reported that plans had already begun for Homecoming Week, October 2-10, 2009, at Harris-Stowe. He stated that the theme for the 2009 Homecoming celebration is *New Additions Enhancing Historic Traditions*. He then reported that the band has grown, and that its first performance would be in the St. Louis Gateway Classic Parade on September 26, 2009. He noted that the groups would also be performing in “Dancing in the Streets” at Grand Center.

# Business & Financial Affairs

Mrs. Gully reported that the Financial Report for August 2009 was reviewed and discussed in detail with the Board Finance Committee on September 17. She further reported that budgeted revenues realized to date were at 32.41% and expenditures were at 13.30% through August 31, 2009. She further reported that Gillespie Residence Hall's total revenue was at 56%, expenditures at 12% and remains at 100% capacity. She stated that HSSU is looking at the strong possibility of financing another residence hall. She noted that grants and contracts, without the recent \$2 million grants reported earlier in the meeting by President Givens, were at \$4,059,468 to date.

Mrs. Gully reported that the Clay Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Cen-

ter is in full operation and that the infant and toddler areas are almost full. She stated that the Center is seeking assistance from the Head Start Program to fill the pre-school side, which has been a challenge because of the economy.

Mrs. Gully reported that HSSU is being afforded an opportunity to participate in the U.S. Bank Student Electronic Refund Pilot Program. She reminded everyone that HSSU has partnered with U.S. Bank, the fourth largest retail branch network in the country, for many years, and that the University's beautiful entryway arch is as a result of its generosity. Mrs. Gully reported on the strengths of U.S. Bank, its standards for security, U.S. Bank's compliance with the Department of Education regulations, the many benefits of participating in the

program and explained the E-Disbursement Service as a low-cost, streamlined disbursement solution for the University.



## Communications & Marketing

Ms. McCall distributed copies of the new HSSU Alumni newsletter to Board members. She gave kudos to her staff member, Nisa Korte, who works closely with the Alumni Association and assisted the organization with developing the attractive newsletter.

Ms. McCall reported that the Harris-Stowe Alumni Gold Gala would be held on October 10, 2009, at the Renaissance Hotel St. Louis Airport. She stated that she and members of her staff have worked diligently in assisting the Alumni with planning the event. She noted that the annual event is most enjoyable and encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. McCall reminded everyone that President Givens had given the report on the jazz concert earlier in the meeting. She

then distributed very impressive media packets on the concert to Board members.

Ms. McCall stated that she was happy to "boast" about the HSSU Honeycomb team this semester. She reported that there are a total of 29 members including varsity and junior varsity teams. She added that they will participate in the Gateway Classic Parade, Grand Center Dancing in the Street – an event the Honeycombs have participated in for three years. She stated that the group was asked this year to do a special Michael Jackson tribute, and that they were contacted by Grand Center for three Honeycombs to appear on *KMOV-TV*. She noted that the Honeycombs also raised money for new uniforms, and passed on their old uniforms to the new HSSU Flag Corp. She

concluded by stating that working as the fast growing dance team's founder and ongoing director, is a lot of hard work, but a labor of love.



*Dracula*, presented by the HSSU Players, will open November 19, 20 and 21, 2009, in the Emerson Performance Center's Bank of America Theatre. Come out and support one of the most talented theater groups in the state, our very own HSSU Players, under the dynamic direction of Mrs. Beverly Brennan. For ticket information, please call (314) 340-5975. Get your tickets early, as the show is sure to sell out!



**Picture of the Month:** The HSSU Marching Hornets! How proud are we of our growing group of musicians, dancers and flag corp? True HBCU activities at its finest. They're being sought out all over the city! Hopefully, everyone will come out and support the Hornets during basketball season!