The HSSU Alumni Association Board meeting was called to order by President John Ingram at 5:30 p.m.

**Conference Call:** Public Relations/Alumni Specialist Nisa Korte arranged a conference call with representatives from Meyer and Associates insurance company in New Jersey. The major topics of discussion were short term major medical insurance and long-term care insurance policies provided by Meyer to alumni associations that can provide revenue for the alumni association.

A discussion of whether to pursue further dialogue with the company followed the presentation. Before making a decision, the Alumni Association will explore local options. It was also suggested that a poll be taken of recent graduates to determine their interest in this type of coverage.

The minutes from the Board meeting held on January 17, 2009, were read aloud by Recording Secretary Elaine DuBose. The minutes from the general association meeting also held on January 17, 2009, were read aloud by DuBose. They were approved with corrections.

**Correspondence:** Corresponding Secretary Sarah Archibald circulated a letter she had received concerning an upcoming class action suit. It was unclear the suit’s connection with the Alumni Association.

**Financial:** A letter of resignation from Financial Secretary Florence Chambers was read aloud. She recommended Board Member Renaud Lucas to replace her. Lucas gave the Board his assurance that he is willing and ready to accept this position. The duties of the financial secretary were read aloud from the bylaws by Parliamentarian Shirley McCullough.

Treasurer Candace Dickson reported the Alumni Association’s current balance and presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**Recognition Luncheon:** Recognition Luncheon Chairwoman Armetta Whitmore reported that the steering committee will meet and will present a report at the next meeting. The luncheon will be held on a Saturday in June.

**Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Recognition Committee:** Yvonne Chatwell, chairwoman of the committee to recognize Dr. Henry Givens Jr. for his 30 years of service as HSSU president, stated that her committee would like to honor him as part of the Gold Gala and Homecoming weekend activities. The budget, location and theme were discussed. It was voted unanimously that the cost of the Gold Gala remain the same as in 2008.

**Membership:** Chairman Terell Wayne reported that we have 300 paid members. Alumni Night at the female and male HSSU basketball games will be held on February 17, 2009. His committee is exploring having identification cards made with a machine owned by the Alumni
Association. His committee is also brainstorming recognition for people who become lifetime members.

Kudos were given to Korte for her creative and informative alumni Web site.

**Hospitality and Courtesy:** No report.

Board Member Marilyn Wayne reinforced the necessity of having our financial officers bonded. Dr. Ingram will follow through when both those officers are in place.

**Scholarship Committee:** Chairwoman Marilyn Wayne presented a scholarship fundraising activity. The plan called for participants to make a $20 tax deductible donation to the scholarship fund for a chance to win $2,000. The goal was to sell 200 tickets by March 11, 2009, which corresponds to the date of the next Board meeting. After much discussion, it was voted on with three for, five against and eight abstentions not to pursue the plan presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by President Ingram.

Elaine DuBose
Recording Secretary