Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes
Date: June 10, 2009 (Please note that the HSSU Alumni Association does not meet in the July and August months, so this is the set of most recently approved Board Minutes.)

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

A group picture was taken of the Alumni Association’s Officers and Board members by a University photographer.

The minutes from the May 13, 2009, meeting were read aloud by Recording Secretary Elaine DuBose. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Sarah Archibald read a thank you note from Delores Malcolm who served as the co-facilitator for the strategic planning meeting held on June 6, 2009.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Candace Dickson submitted the treasurer’s report citing receipts, disbursements and ending balance. She also submitted the financial secretary’s report with a detailed listing of checks, check amounts, deposit dates, etc. Following discussion of the degree of detail needed in these reports, they were accepted.

There is a deficit in the Alumni Association’s printing account. It was voted on by unanimous vote to transfer some money into the account to cover any expenses incurred prior to the next Board meeting in September.

Recognition Luncheon: Chairwoman Armetta Whitmore reported that the numbers at this year’s luncheon will probably be smaller than last years. 150 tickets have been sold as of the meeting date. Reminder: The luncheon will be held on June 13, 2009, at the Frontenac Hilton at Noon.

Insurance Report: HSSU Public Relations/Alumni Specialist Nisa Korte reported that Collegiate Risk Management primarily deals with students, not alumni. Also, most insurance companies require a membership of at least 5,000 members before partnering with alumni associations.

Meyer and Associates does have a student ambassador program which hires students part-time to present information to graduating seniors. Korte was asked to gather more information on Collegiate Risk Management that would include a base price and fee to be charged.

Gold Gala: Chairwoman Dickson reported that the Gold Gala souvenir booklet form is ready and includes prices for ads, which will remain the same as in 2008. Board members are encouraged to purchase ads and fill a table at the dance. There will be a silent auction to help raise funds. Donations are being sought for the auction. A mailing will be sent during the summer providing additional information about the Gold Gala.
Membership Committee: Chairman Terell Wayne announced that as of the meeting date there are 21 lifetime Alumni Association members and 45 people have renewed their memberships.

Scholarship Committee: Chairwoman Marilyn Wayne reported that the committee will meet on June 16, to mail 250 solicitation letters to Alumni Association members and friends. The business reply permit has been received. The committee hopes for a much greater response than who responded in 2008. It was voted unanimously to transfer money into the scholarship fund for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Results of Strategic Planning Session: Dr. Ingram distributed a copy of a draft of a Mission Statement and strategies for implementation of the four goals identified by the planning committee. Chairs of the four committees were appointed by the president as follows: Sarah Archibald – Goal #1, Candace Dickson – Goal #2, Tom Stenger – Goal #3, and Yvonne Chatwell – Goal #4.

Newly elected officers and board members were installed.

The fiscal audit and bonding of financial officers will be conducted as directed by President Ingram.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by President Ingram.

Those in attendance: Armetta Whitmore, John Ingram, Wilzetta Bell, Elaine DuBose, Sarah Archibald, Terell Wayne, Marilyn Wayne, Courtney McCall, Antonio Byrd, Dorothy Sevier, Edward Scruggs, Jeanine Riley, Rebecca Casson, Tom Stenger, Lucille Bowman, Nisa Korte, Joan Moehl, Catherine Stenger, Shirley McCullough, Candace Dickson, Yvonne Chatwell

Elaine DuBose
Recording Secretary