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Proposed Updated CBHE-Approved Mission Descriptions – Statewide Mission Changes

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

Section 173.030(8) and (9), RSMo, describes the framework by which public institutions may seek a statewide mission. Institutions must receive an initial determination from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) that the institution qualifies for a mission change based on its application and CBHE-reviewed implementation plan. Subsequently, the institution must seek approval for a mission change through a resolution of the General Assembly. Finally, the CBHE must approve a revised mission description for the institution to include the new statewide mission.

CURRENT STATUS

During the most recent legislative session, the General Assembly passed, and Governor Parson signed, HB 297, which included statewide missions for three institutions: Harris-Stowe State University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Southeast Missouri State University. The institutions had previously submitted data to the CBHE and received approval from the Board to seek a statewide mission or change.

Statewide missions are included as part of each institution's CBHE-approved mission description reflecting the institution's appropriate role and scope within the state's higher education system. Department staff work with institutions during the five-year mission review process and submit each mission description to the CBHE for approval at the conclusion of the process. Approved mission descriptions include a description of the institution's programs, audiences served, level and type of degrees offered, and other distinguishing factors. Institutions may initiate changes to their approved descriptions outside of the five year mission review cycle as necessary such as when an institution receives a new or updated statewide mission, which is a distinguishing factor and may represent a change in audiences served.

NEXT STEPS

The CBHE-approved mission descriptions serve an important role in the review of proposals for new academic programs. As a consequence, it is important any fundamental change to an institution's mission be approved by the Coordinating Board and incorporated into its mission description.

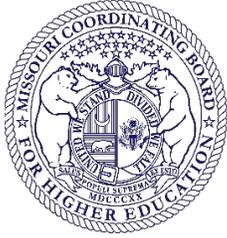
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Coordinating Board approve each institution's updated mission description to include statewide mission verbiage, as presented in the attachment.

ATTACHMENT

- Proposed Updated CBHE-Approved Mission Descriptions

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PROPOSED CBHE-APPROVED MISSION DESCRIPTION

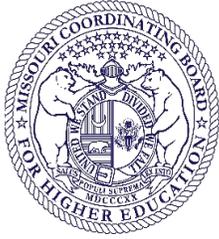
Harris-Stowe State University, located in St. Louis, Missouri, with a statewide mission in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for underrepresented and under resourced students, offers baccalaureate and select master's degrees to address the higher education needs of the metropolitan St. Louis region. Harris-Stowe State University is designated as an open enrollment institution. Harris-Stowe is designated as one of two Historically Black College and

Universities (HBCUs) in Missouri and serves African-Americans and other diverse student populations throughout the state.

Harris-Stowe State University serves its constituents by offering baccalaureate and master's degrees in business, education, and the arts and sciences appropriate to a teaching institution with a predominantly urban undergraduate student body. Harris-Stowe State University has particular strengths in mathematics and other STEM fields, and is one of the state's largest producers of African-American graduates in STEM fields, with biological sciences as one of its top ten highest producing programs.

Harris Stowe State University also fulfills its mission by offering services to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, attract talent to the region, and workforce development, in addition to a broad range of academic and cultural activities and events.

Consistent with the provisions of 173.030(8) RSMo, Harris-Stowe State University every five years will provide to the Coordinating Board evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.



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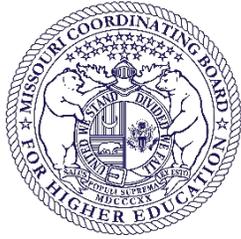
Northwest Missouri State University is a public, master's level comprehensive university located in Maryville, Missouri. Northwest Missouri State University, with a statewide mission in educator preparation, emergency and disaster management, and profession-based learning, is designated as a moderately-selective institution.

Northwest Missouri State University offers certificates, baccalaureate degree programs and master's degree programs appropriate to a teaching institution with a predominantly undergraduate student body. It offers baccalaureate degrees in the arts and humanities and the natural sciences and social sciences, as well as in the applied fields of agriculture, communications, computer and information sciences, education, technology, recreation and leisure studies, allied health, nursing, and business. Northwest Missouri State also offers master's degrees, with particular strengths in business management & administration, allied health, computer science, education, and recreation.

Additionally, Northwest Missouri State University serves the Kansas City area through a multitude of academic programs, the Northland Center for Advanced Professional Studies, and a CBHE-approved Innovation Education Partnership.

Northwest Missouri State University also fulfills its mission by offering services to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, and workforce development, in addition to a broad range of academic and cultural activities and events.

Consistent with the provisions of 173.030(8) RSMo, Northwest Missouri State University every five years will provide to the Coordinating Board evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.



PROPOSED CBHE-APPROVED MISSION DESCRIPTION

Southeast Missouri State University is a comprehensive public regional university located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri with a statewide mission in visual and performing arts, computer sciences, and cybersecurity. Southeast Missouri State University is designated a moderately-selective institution.

Southeast Missouri State University offers baccalaureate degree and master's degree programs through its five colleges – the Holland College of Arts and Media; the Harrison College of Business and Computing; the College of Education, Health, and Human Studies; the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; and the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These programs include baccalaureate degrees in the visual and performing arts, the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences, as well as in the applied fields of computer science and cybersecurity, unmanned aircraft systems, agriculture, communications, education, industrial technology and engineering, allied health, nursing, and business, as well as master's degrees in diverse fields. Southeast Missouri State University's undergraduate program has particular strengths in the visual and performing arts, computer science, cybersecurity, education, business, industrial technology and nursing. Its graduate program is particularly strong in education, engineering technology, health professions, and business. Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus is the only campus in Missouri exclusively dedicated to art, dance, music and theatre. It is the only institution in Missouri accredited in art, dance, music, and theatre.

Southeast Missouri State University also fulfills its mission by offering services to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, and workforce development, in addition to a broad range of academic, athletic, and cultural activities and events.

Consistent with the provisions of 173.030(8) RSMo, Southeast Missouri State University every five years will provide to the Coordinating Board evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.