37th Chancellor’s Report to the Community

University of Missouri–St. Louis
UMSL in 1963

1 building • 32 faculty members • 672 students

0 chancellor’s reports
Connecting with the community was Arnold Grobman’s goal in creating the Chancellor’s Report in 1976.

UMSL’s 4th chancellor (1975-85), Grobman died July 8 at age 94.
Two other chancellors who brought their own remarkable style, substance to this event …

Chancellor Blanche Touhill 1990-2002

Interim Chancellor Don Dreimeier 2003
Despite challenges and its youth … UMSL has become a highly regarded and essential community asset.
UMSL faculty ranks 3rd nationally among public universities in Academic Analytics productivity index

- Only San Diego State and William & Mary top UMSL in index of public universities with fewer than 15 doctoral programs.

- Boston College, Georgetown and Brandeis private schools also among index’s top 10.
International Business retains lofty status in latest *U.S. News & World Report* survey

- Undergraduate International Business ranked 15th nationally in fall issue ... 10th year in top 20.

- Doctoral Criminology program remains ranked 4th nationally.
UMSL one of “America’s Best Colleges,” according to Forbes Magazine

- Magazine’s editors focus on the things that matter the most to students:
  - quality of teaching.
  - great career prospects.
  - graduation rates.
  - low levels of debt.

- 9% of the 6,600 accredited postsecondary institutions in the U.S made the list.
Fall total enrollment nears 17,000 – establishing several new records. 

- Undergraduate enrollment up. 
- A slight decline in graduate programs … 
  - National trend that included UMSL.
Largest incoming class of new students – freshmen and transfers – since 1999

- Nearly 2,000 transfer students is second largest class in campus history.
- Up 5% in freshmen at 535.
- Average ACT score of 24 is a campus record.
Honors College is bursting at the seams with 600 students

- Steady enrollment increase has included improvements in ACT scores, class rank and core GPA.
Nursing experiences quantum leap in undergraduate students

- 20% fall-to-fall increase reflects on the excellence of the program and promising job market.
- Nearly 850 students in undergraduate nursing programs today.
Unique UMSL-Washington University engineering program continues to grow at record pace

- Top employers of graduates include Boeing, Ameren, Nidec and Metro Sewer District.
Optometry continues to receive hundreds of applications for its limited student slots

- 8 applicants for each slot … allowing UMSL to select the very best candidates.
- UMSL optometry students have again scored better than the national average on the National Board exam.
Campus will award about 3,200 degrees this academic year – another record

- More than 1,500 students are expected to graduate during ceremonies next week.
- 963 graduates in December.
- 653 graduates in August.
UMSL already topped 85,000 alumni this year

- 62,000 UMSL alums living and working in the region.

- Yes … UMSL educates St. Louis!
Gateway for Greatness

Hectic, successful conclusion

- $154.2 million
  - Seven-year campaign started July 1, 2005.
  - Goal increased to $150M from $100M in July 2010.
  - $22M per year average – far greater than $7M average a year prior to campaign.
  - $28M raised in final year – campus record.
  - 31 Partners for Greatness [$1M-plus donors].
Gateway for Greatness

Creating excellence

- $60M targeted for faculty, academic programs, libraries and research.

- Five endowed professorships or chairs …
  - Peter G. Schick Professorship in Finance filled July 1 by Yiuman Tse.

- Two endowed curators …
  - St. Louis Mercantile Library Art Museum
  - John W. Barriger National Railroad Library
Gateway for Greatness

Access to excellence

- $20M earmarked for scholarships.
- Six individuals or corporations gave in excess of $1M for scholarships, among them ...
  - Emerson Charitable Trust.
  - Enterprise Holdings Foundation.
  - Estate of UMSL Professor Eugene and Alice Meehan.
Maintaining the momentum
Donors drawn to scholarships

- AT&T donated $500,000 to The Opportunity Scholars Program ... which is designed to attract bright students to STEM fields.

- FY12-13 Match Scholarship Program
  - UM used casino funds to match gifts in increments of $20,000 to create endowed need-based scholarships.
  - All 19 units awarded to UMSL have been funded.
Student, faculty and unit highlights
You heard it here first …

Five UMSL faculty members will receive awards from the University of Missouri System

- Competitive selection process among faculty from 4 campuses.
- Curators will make the formal presentations in June.
- I’m giving you a preview.
Carl Hoagland wins the University of Missouri President’s Innovative Teaching Award

- Carl is the Emerson Electric Professor of Teaching and Learning.
- Recognized for incorporating new technologies into curriculum and creating the E. Desmond Lee Technology and Learning Center.
Vicki Sauter wins the University of Missouri President’s Service Award

- Vicki is a professor of information systems.
- Recognized for involvement in professional organizations and creating outreach programs that recruit diverse students to technology fields.
Rita Csapo-Sweet wins the University of Missouri President’s Cross-Cultural Engagement Award

- Rita is an associate professor of media studies.
- Recognized for establishing exchange programs in Hungary, Bosnia and Croatia that cut across various disciplines.
Dawn Garzon and Susann Farberman win University of Missouri President’s Intercampus Collaboration Award

- Five-member team from UMSL, UMC and UMKC created a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program. The courses are now taught on all three campuses.
Jean Miller is the new dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication

- Jean comes to UMSL from the College of Visual Arts & Design at University of North Texas.

- UMSL’s COFAC has 900 students in its four units …
  - art & art history
  - communication
  - music
  - theatre, dance & media studies
St. Louis Academy of Science honors two UMSL faculty members

- James Wilson won the Science Educator Award … recognizes his contributions to science education.
- George Gokel received the James B. Eads Award … recognizes his achievements in engineering and technology.
Mark Pope’s commitment to diversity and education earns recognition

- Diversity Initiative Award from the National Career Development Association.
- GLBT Educator of the Year Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- Lifetime Career Achievement Award from the Missouri Career Development Association.
COFAC stages epic production of Carmina Burana at the Touhill PAC

- Popular production involved more than 200 student and professional performers.
- Partners included Nashville Ballet, Dance St. Louis and St. Louis Children’s Choir.
Benjamin Taylor wins statewide CPA award

- Selected Student of the Year by the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants.
- Cited for classroom excellence as well as community involvement and professional conduct.
Brighton Ranney achieves nation’s top score on the CPA exam

- UMSL students have won this Elijah Watt Sells Award 3 of the last 5 years, which recognizes the exam’s top scorers.

- Brighton is employed by Tax Strategies, a part of Moneta Group in Clayton, Mo.
Student athletes continue winning on and off the field

- So far this year, UMSL has …
  - 21 All-Conference honorees.
  - 20 GLVC Players of the Week.
  - 10 GLVC tournament appearances.
  - 3 NCAA Tournament appearances (men’s golf, women’s golf, softball)

- Bob Sundvold named new men’s basketball coach.

- Athletes also excel in class … graduating at a rate higher than campus overall.
UMSL at Grand Center
Fulfilling vision endorsed by faculty and community
Puts UMSL in middle of region’s media-entertainment district

- New home for St Louis Public Radio.
- Houses UMSL offices and classrooms
  - Emerging Media Studies program.
  - UMSL charter school operations.
Looking ahead ... new buildings and a fresh Gateway for Greatness Strategic Plan
Recreation and Wellness Center on track to open in September of 2015

- Students passed fee referendum and curators approved project/bonding [$36M].
- Cannon Design chosen as architects.
- Advertise construction bids this summer.
Campus funding commitment moves Benton-Stadler renovation forward

- Bond option approved by faculty and curators [$30M].
- Christner Inc. chosen as architects.
- Begin construction later this year and occupy by end of 2015.

- Special thanks to Peabody – gift gave UMSL a head-start on renovation.
Anheuser-Busch Hall … we’re getting close

- Donors have given more than $15M for this College of Business project.
- Seeking matching funds from the state – Higher Education Capital Fund.
- Expect to break ground in 2014.
Natural Bridge Great Streets project gets under way

- $20 million MODOT/East-West Gateway Council project will transform section of Natural Bridge between Hanley and Lucas & Hunt roads into a vibrant destination site.
- Construction will begin next year and conclude in December of 2014.
Strategic Direction

20% increase in graduates … over next five years

- Everything you’ve heard today sets the foundation for our future goal to better serve students, alumni and our community.
- Complements other initiatives to enhance the economy – including the St. Louis Regional Chamber.
- It can happen with your continued support.
Thank you!