MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY AND FACULTY SENATE
FEBRUARY 20, 2007
3 P.M.  222 J. C. PENNEY

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by the University Assembly Chairperson, Dr. Timothy Farmer.

Minutes from the November 14, 2006, joint meeting were accepted as written.

Chair’s Report – Dr. Timothy Farmer

(see attached)

In closing, the Chair encouraged everyone to attend a reception honoring former Curator Ann Ream, who was very supportive to the campus.

Chancellor’s Report – Provost Glen Cope for the Chancellor, who was out of town attending a family funeral

The Provost opened her remarks with the happy news that a gift of $150,000 has been received by the College of Education from Sigma Aldrich Corporation in support of a new math and science education initiative.

In a recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, UM-St. Louis was ranked 11th among “small” research universities (i.e., those with fewer than 15 doctoral programs). Washington University ranked well among large research universities. This is very good news for St. Louis, the only city with two listed.

Regarding the Omnibus Education Act, we don’t know if we will get MOHELA dollars or not. Legislators may not have the money they need to go forward with Lewis and Clark initiatives. Benton/Stadler is still in, as is our biotech incubator.

There is a proposal to combine two need-based scholarship programs that would assign $1,000 to those attending a community college, $2,150 to those attending a public university, and $4,600 to those attending a private university.

Another proposal is afoot that would limit public tuition increases to the amount of the Consumer Price Index. Provost Cope noted that the Governing Board is closer to pricing and product decisions and what makes sense for the campus.

Report from the Student Government Association – Mr. Nicholas Koechig

(see attached)

Report from the Committee on Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid – Ms. Jennifer Taylor

(see attachment to agenda)

Following a brief discussion, the University Assembly and Senate attendees took a short break.
FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate portion of the meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m. by the Faculty Senate Chairman, Dr. Timothy Farmer.

Minutes from the November 14, 2006, meeting were accepted as written. Minutes from the January 23, 2007, meeting were accepted with one correction. On page two of the document, in the final paragraph under Curriculum and Instruction, the sentence reading: “Concerning current curricular proposal forms, Dr. Martinich asked why it is necessary to reprint areas that have changed.” It was corrected to read “…reprint areas that have not changed.”

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council – Dr. Teresa Thiel

(see attached)

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction – Dr. Mark Pope

Concerning Grade Appeal Procedures, the final word on the first page, “winter,” was changed to read, “spring.” In item #2 on the second page, Dr. Joseph Martinich moved to strike two words, “Members will investigate the matter, meeting, as it may deem necessary, with the student, the instructor, and possibly others.” The word “if” replaces “as” and the word “may” is eliminated altogether. Dr. Barbara Kachur opposed the Martinich motion, fearing that if the process is not clearly specified, the committee may not know how to proceed. The Faculty Senate was unswayed by this argument, and the Martinich motion was then approved. Dr. Teresa Thiel wanted the word “contended” replaced by “contested” in the first sentence of item #1 on page two. This change was accepted by the C&I Chairman as a friendly amendment.

The remainder of the C&I report was approved, with “Other Settings” at the top of page 46 changed to read, “Related Settings.”

Dr. Pope reminded senators that March 15 is the deadline for the Committee to receive proposals to be included in this year’s Bulletin. Time will need to be provided for graduate offerings to make it through the Graduate Council before coming to C&I.

Report from the Committee on the Assessment of Educational Outcomes – Dr. Donald Gouwens

(see attachment to agenda)

Dr. Gouwens was asked if senators should pass an action item calling for the employment of an assessment coordinator. Dr. E. Terrence Jones advised against endorsing this until the details and ramifications have been studied by the Budget and Planning Committee.

Completing the business at hand, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Willman
Faculty Senate Secretary

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban, Executive Assistant to the Assembly/Senate Chairman)