The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. The Chair apologized for the late start and explained that it was due to a quick caucus of student members regarding the academic calendar.

Minutes from the previous meeting (held December 9, 2003) were approved as submitted.

**Elections – Committee on Committees**

Chair Reidhead announced that Dr. Paul Roth resigned his membership on the Academic Advisory Committee and on the Budget and Planning Committee. His term on the Academic Advisory Committee is due to expire this year, and it was deemed unnecessary to replace Dr. Roth at this time. His term on Budget and Planning, however, does not expire until July 31, 2006, so a replacement from Humanities is needed. Dr. William Long nominated Dr. Nanora Sweet from English. Dr. Sweet, the sole nominee, was then elected without dissent.

**Report from the Chairperson – Dr. Van Reidhead**

The Chair indicated his remarks would be brief in order to allow Assembly members to attend the keynote presentation at the Speaker Series scheduled at 4:30 p.m. in Century Room B.

Chair Reidhead reported that President Floyd continues to refer to the need to correct the funding equity problem on this campus. Intercampus Faculty Council representatives are pressuring the President not to commit himself to adding to his responsibility the chancellorship of UMC.

**Report from the Chancellor – Chancellor Thomas George**

The Chancellor reported that the Steering Committee has recommended that he separate his remarks between the Assembly and Senate.

Chancellor George informed Assembly members that money is being designated for the life sciences. Missouri will be divided into twelve research districts, he said. Harris-Stowe and UM-St. Louis are grouped together into one district. Dr. Lawrence Barton offered the information that funding is based on where students live. We will do well, he observed, and the Chancellor agreed.
Report from the Student Government Association – Ms. Kristin Runde

Ms. Runde reported that plans are under way for Homecoming. There will be an outdoor parade, and she encouraged faculty and staff to become involved. Those interested should contact Ms. Gloria Schultz at 5760. Tickets remain for the Homecoming dance.

Ms. Runde reported that the Student Government Association is working on a resolution regarding the troops sent to Iraq.

Completing the business at hand, the University Assembly adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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University Assembly Secretary

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