

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
University Assembly  
April 30, 2019 - 3 p.m.  
MSC Century Room A**

Senate Chair Alice Hall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Hall asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Feb. 12, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):**

Dr. Hall explained that the Senate is wrapping up some of the business that the Senate/Assembly committees have been working on this year. Dr. Hall stated that the chairs from the Administrator Evaluation Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee will be presenting reports at today's meeting.

Dr. Hall also reported the following informational items from the Physical Facilities Committee:

- New interior locks will be installed on classrooms so that doors can be locked from the inside.
- Starting in June, crews will be repairing West Drive from the Natural Bridge entrance down to the west parking garage. More information will be distributed to the campus community as the date nears.

Dr. Hall announced that the Senate is trying something new to open the lines of communication. A Senate suggestion box has been created and is available on the main page of the Senate's website. The campus community may make suggestions or provide new ideas for the Senate or its committee chairs through this new suggestion box.

Dr. Hall thanked all of the committee members and chairs for their service throughout the year. She invited all of the Assembly to attend the reception later in Century Room C following the Senate meeting.

**Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Tom George):**

Chancellor George provided a legislative overview to the Senate. He reported that there will be no withholding this year on the state budget. The allocation remains flat for the FY 2020 operating budget. Chancellor George updated the Senate on legislation regarding Title IX and the conceal/carry legislation. At this time, it does not look like the legislation on these topics will pass.

Due to his upcoming retirement, Chancellor George announced that this was his last report to the Senate/Assembly. He reflected on his 16 years as UMSL's Chancellor. He listed the names of nine different senate chairs he enjoyed working with over the years. He reported that he has attended 128 meetings with the University Assembly and Faculty Senate. Chancellor George has also participated in 152 commencement ceremonies and shaken the hands of nearly 50,000 graduates. Chancellor George described some of the accomplishments that occurred during his tenure and acknowledged the role of shared governance. He said that UMSL is an example of shared governance at its finest. The Senate responded with a standing ovation for Chancellor George.

**Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Tiffany Izard representing Ms. Jessica Long-Pease):**

Ms. Izard reported that the Focus on the Future program for staff enrichment will be held on June 4. She asked the attendees to encourage staff members to attend. The Staff Association is seeking nominations for the 25 seats on the staff council. The ballots will be sent to all staff and the voting will take place from May 13 to May 24. A Spring all-campus staff meeting will be held on May 23 to update staff on the campus as a whole and what's ahead for UMSL. The Inter-Staff-Advisory Council (ISAC) will meet with the Board of Curators in June at their meeting in Columbia to discuss staff-related matters.

**Report of the Student Government Association (SGA) (Mr. Joseph Dordoni):**

Mr. Dordoni reported that SGA elections were held for next year's student representatives. They are still waiting on the final results. The students voted on three amendments to the SGA constitution. All three amendments passed. The SGA expects to have a special election in the Fall for student senators. He asked the faculty to encourage their students to get involved in student government. Mr. Dordoni sincerely thanked Chancellor George for his 16 years of service at UMSL. He acknowledged that Chancellor George is a constant advocate for shared governance. Mr. Dordoni commented that students realize that they may not have had a voice if it weren't for Chancellor George's ideology for shared governance. He stated that students may not have had the opportunity to speak at meetings such as this if it weren't for the support of Chancellor George.

**Administrator Evaluation Report (Dr. Ravindra Girivaru):**

Dr. Girivaru reported that this year faculty and staff evaluated those who report to the Provost. The committee members added the evaluations of associate deans and directors. He provided the following list of those who were evaluated:

- D'Andre Braddix
- Alan Byrd
- John Cattanach
- Curt Coonrod
- Beth Eckelkamp
- Dan Freet
- Andy Goodman
- Chris Spilling
- Tanisha Stevens
- Patricia Zahn

The associate deans and directors evaluated were as follows:

- Birgit Noll (A&S)
- Teresa Thiel (A&S)
- Kathleen Burns (A&S)
- Michael Elliott (Business)
- Joe Rottman (Business)
- Mike Bahr (Education)
- Shawn Woodhouse (Education)
- Colette Dixon (Nursing)
- Angela Lilly (Nursing)
- Nancy Magnuson (Nursing)
- Carl Bassi (Optometry)
- Ed Bennett (Optometry)
- Julie DeKinder (Optometry)
- Vinita Henry (Optometry)
- Nick Palisch (Optometry)
- Angel Simmons (Optometry)
- Patricia Rosenthal (Social Work)

Dr. Girivaru explained that the Provost and the Chancellor received copies of the reports. Deans received reports regarding the administrators who report to them, and those who were evaluated also received a copy of their own report.

**Bylaws and Rules Committee Report (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):**

Dr. Bhatia explained that the Bylaws and Rules Committee has reviewed the following three proposals:

- Proposal to merge the Student Affairs Committee and the Student Publications Committee
- Proposal to merge the Research Policy Committee and the University Libraries Committee
- Proposal to update the membership and titles of the Information Technology Committee

The University Assembly discussed the merging of the Student Affairs Committee and the Student Publications Committee and the changes in the membership and the mission statement as follows:

| <b>Current</b>   | <b>Proposed</b>   | <b>Rationale</b>   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Student Affairs</u></b><br/><b><u>Mission Statement:</u></b></p> <p>The Committee on Student Affairs shall be responsible for recommending and reviewing policy in the areas of non-academic regulations and student services, and for advising the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. The responsibilities of the Committee may be exercised by subcommittees established in any of the above areas. Faculty and staff members with administrative responsibilities in these areas shall be members of the subcommittees dealing in those areas. This charge does not contradict nor supersede the explicit charge of any of the other standing committees of the Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Student Publications</u></b><br/><b><u>Mission Statement:</u></b></p> <p>The Committee on Student Publications shall be responsible for recommending and reviewing policy concerning student publications which are directly funded by the University.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Student Affairs Committee</u></b><br/><b><u>Mission Statement:</u></b></p> <p>The Committee on Student Affairs shall be responsible for recommending and reviewing policy in the areas of non-academic regulations and student services, such as student organizations and student publications, advising administration on policies related to students, and recommending approval of new student organizations. The responsibilities of the committee may be exercised by subcommittees established in any of the above areas. Faculty and staff members with administrative responsibilities in these areas shall be members of the subcommittees dealing in those areas.</p> | <p>These changes are recommended in response to concerns regarding the streamlining of committees; to ensure a balance of student, faculty, and staff member input on the committee; to eliminate language regarding administrator titles that may be subject to change; and to better align student related services under one committee.</p> |

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| <p data-bbox="256 233 594 296"><b><u>Student Affairs Committee Membership:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="204 331 639 831">The University assembly Committee on Student Affairs shall consist of the following voting members: four eligible faculty members, four student members, and one representative chosen by the Staff Association. Faculty and student members shall be broadly representative of the various academic disciplines and colleges. Non-voting members of the Committee shall consist of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs and the President of the Student Government Association.</p> <p data-bbox="204 867 643 898"><b><u>Student Publications Membership:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="204 905 643 1297">The University Assembly Committee on Student Publications shall consist of the following voting members: three eligible faculty members and three student members. Faculty and student members shall be broadly representative of the various academic disciplines and colleges. Non-voting members of the committee shall consist of the Editor of the Current and the Advisor to the Current.</p> | <p data-bbox="724 233 1062 296"><b><u>Student Affairs Committee Membership:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="672 331 1094 999">The University Assembly Committee on Student Affairs shall consist of the following voting members: four eligible faculty members, four student members, and <b>three</b> representatives chosen by the Staff Association. Faculty, staff, and student members shall be broadly representative of the various academic disciplines, colleges, or units. Non-voting members of the Committee shall consist of administrators in the area of Student Affairs, the President of the Student Government Association, and the Faculty Advisor of The Current. The Committee may select co-chairs each year, with one co-chair typically being a student member.</p> | <p data-bbox="1123 331 1406 894">These changes are recommended in response to concerns regarding the streamlining of committees; to ensure a balance of student, faculty, and staff member input on the committee; to eliminate language regarding administrator titles that may be subject to change; and to better align student related services under one committee.</p> |

**The members of the University Assembly were all in favor of the above proposal to merge the Student Publications Committee into the Student Affairs Committee.**

The next proposal discussed was the merging of the Research Policy Committee and the University Libraries Committee as listed in the following charts. The members of the University Assembly discussed both the mission and the membership and how the committees would be affected.

Some members of the Assembly were concerned that both of the committees have important missions and that merging them may diminish that importance. Chair Hall explained that she has met with members from both committees about this topic. All of the committee members agreed with the proposed merger. She stated that since the committee missions were closely aligned, the merger would create more efficient, strategic, and thoughtful recommendations in the areas of research and libraries.

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| <p data-bbox="305 226 565 289"><b><u>University Libraries</u></b><br/><b><u>Mission Statement:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="203 310 662 709">The Committee shall advise the Dean of Libraries on policy issues, including budgetary issues; serve as liaison between the libraries and the University community via the Senate; advise the University administration about policies and recommendations adopted by the Senate or the Committee; and consider any matter referred by the Senate, the Dean of Libraries, or any member of the campus community.</p> <p data-bbox="311 745 555 808"><b><u>Research Policy</u></b><br/><b><u>Mission Statement:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="203 829 662 961">The Committee on Research Policy shall be responsible for recommending and reviewing policy in the areas of research and research administration.</p> | <p data-bbox="701 226 1144 262"><b><u>Research and Libraries Committee</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="799 294 1047 325"><b><u>Mission Statement:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="690 346 1156 808">The Research and Libraries Committee shall be responsible for recommending and reviewing issues and policy in the areas of research, research administration, and libraries, including library budgetary issues. It shall advise the Vice Provost for Research and the Dean of Libraries, serve as a liaison between the libraries and the university research community via the Senate, and consider any matter referred by the Senate, the Dean of Libraries, the Vice Provost for Research, or any member of the campus community.</p> | <p data-bbox="1177 310 1409 609">The rationale for this merger is to improve efficiency and allow for more comprehensive, strategic initiatives and advising in the area of research and libraries.</p> |

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| <p data-bbox="305 1035 565 1098"><b><u>University Libraries</u></b><br/><b><u>Membership</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="203 1119 662 1350">The Faculty Senate Committee on University Libraries shall consist of one eligible faculty representatives from each of the parallel units and two students. The Dean of Libraries shall be a non-voting member of the Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1371 535 1434"><b><u>Research Policy</u></b><br/><b><u>Membership:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="203 1455 669 1885">The Faculty Senate Committee on Research Policy shall be comprised of one eligible faculty member from each of the parallel units, and two students, at least one of whom is a graduate student. The committee shall be chaired by a voting faculty member. The two chairs of the Committee on Research (Fall and Spring panels) will serve as ex-officio members. The Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research shall be a non-voting member of the Committee.</p> | <p data-bbox="690 1035 1133 1071"><b><u>Research and Libraries Committee</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="836 1102 1010 1134"><b><u>Membership:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="690 1155 1156 1617">The Faculty Senate Committee on Research and Libraries shall consist of one eligible faculty representative from each of the parallel units and two students, one of which should preferably be a graduate student. The Chair will be a voting faculty member of the committee. The Dean of Libraries and the Vice Provost for Research shall be non-voting members of the Committee. The two chairs of the Committee on Research (Fall and Spring panels) will serve as non-voting ex-officio members.</p> | <p data-bbox="1177 1119 1416 1654">By combining the committees, we are seeking to reduce the burden on faculty and students in terms of staffing the committees as well as improving efficiency and allowing for more comprehensive, strategic initiatives and advising in the area of research and libraries.</p> |

**A vote was taken on the above proposal. The proposal to merge the Research Policy Committee and the University Libraries Committee passed with a majority vote, with two negative votes.**

The third proposal discussed was an update to the membership and titles for the Information Technology Committee as listed below. This change would eliminate the language regarding administrator titles that may be subject to change and remove the Vice Chancellor of Advancement as a required member.

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| <p data-bbox="207 615 695 680"><b><u>Information Technology Committee Membership</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="207 722 699 1335">The University Assembly Committee on Information Technology shall consist of the following voting members: one eligible faculty member from each of the parallel units; one graduate research assistant and three additional student representatives; and two representatives elected by the Staff Association. Non-voting members of the Committee shall consist of the Provost, the Vice Chancellors for Managerial and Technological Services and Advancement, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, and the Vice Provosts for Research and Student Affairs.</p> <p data-bbox="207 1377 688 1667">(1) The Committee will be charged with serving as an advisory body to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and to the Assembly Budget and Planning Committee regarding information technology-based priorities and budgeting;</p> | <p data-bbox="734 615 1221 680"><b><u>Information Technology Committee Membership</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="734 722 1226 1297">The University Assembly Committee on Information Technology shall consist of the following voting members: one eligible faculty member from each of the parallel units; one graduate research assistant and three additional student representatives; and two representatives elected by the Staff Association. Non-voting members of the Committee shall consist of the Provost, <b>one member each from executive leadership of Finance and Information Technology Services</b>, and the Vice Provosts for Research and Student Affairs.</p> <p data-bbox="734 1377 1214 1667">(1) The Committee will be charged with serving as an advisory body to the <b>executive leader(s)</b> for Information Technology <b>Services</b> and to the Assembly Budget and Planning Committee regarding information technology-based priorities and budgeting;</p> | <p data-bbox="1260 722 1443 1115">Eliminate language regarding administrator titles that may be subject to change and remove VC of Advancement as a required member.</p> |

**The University Assembly voted unanimously in favor of the above proposal for the change in membership on the Information Technology Committee.**

Dr. Hall explained that these proposals will not be forwarded to UM System for final approval yet. Next year we will continue to review the Senate and Assembly committees for efficiencies and overlap. There is a possibility that more changes may be proposed. Therefore, the Senate will hold all proposals until the final analysis has been completed. When completed, all proposed bylaw changes will be forwarded as one package to the Board of Curators next year for their review and approval.

There being no other business, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Gibb  
Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes written by Loyola Harvey, Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office)