

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
University Assembly  
February 12, 2019 - 3 p.m.  
402 JCPenney**

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 Nov. 13, 2018. The minutes were approved as written.

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

- Dr. Hall invited the campus community to attend the Homecoming Chili Cook-off which is co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate. The event will be held on Feb. 21 from 11:30 – 1:00.
- Dr. Hall reminded the attendees that nominations for the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence are due on March 1, 2019.
- Dr. Hall reported some of the accomplishments that the Senate/Assembly committees made in the Fall semester. She reported on the following committees:
  - Administrator Evaluation Committee
  - Budget and Planning Committee
  - Assessment of Educational Outcomes Committee
  - Information Technology Committee
  - Physical Facilities Committee
  - Recruitment, Admissions, Retention and Student Financial Aid (RARSFA) Committee
  - Research Policy Committee
  - Student Affairs/Student Publication Committees

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

Chancellor George reported that he just returned from Jefferson City to meet with some of the state legislators. While in Jefferson City, he was told that it is estimated that the state revenue will be down by as much as 5% this year. Chancellor George mentioned that there are many new legislators now due to term limits. He talked to freshmen legislators about UMSL and met with some of the legislators who are alums. Chancellor George stated that the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) are working on legislation that would provide voting privileges for the student representative to the Board of Curators.

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

Ms. Long-Pease reported that the Staff Association will be starting a quarterly newsletter to improve communication among staff. The newsletter should be distributed to staff in March. The Staff Council is working on programming plans for the Focus on the Future professional development program for staff which is held during Spring Break. Ms. Long-Pease announced that an all-staff meeting is currently scheduled for April 17. Elections for Staff Association officers will take place in May. She asked the attendees to encourage staff to become involved in the Staff Association if they are interested in applying for one of the vacancies.

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

Mr. Dordoni reported that the SGA is preparing for elections for next year's officers. The elections will occur the week of April 15. He asked faculty to encourage students to get involved in student government. Mr. Dordoni reported that the SGA has been working on updating their constitution and have come up with some good ideas for improving the SGA. They plan to roll out the changes gradually over the next few years. One of the proposed changes is to create more standing SGA committees. They are discussing what type of potential committees would work well.

Mr. Dordoni reported that SGA has recently started to meet with student representatives from Maryville University, St. Louis University, Washington University, and Harris Stowe University to form an organization called St. Louis Student Government Association Round Table. Mr. Dordoni explained that they are trying to work with other student leadership groups from all of the higher education institutions in St. Louis to collaborate and learn from each other. This new organization is working on developing a constitution to solidify it.

**Budget and Planning Committee Report (Dr. Theresa Coble):**

Committee Chair Theresa Coble reported that the Budget & Planning Committee met on Dec. 12, 2018 and discussed the following agenda topics:

- Financial Update
- Strategic Plan Update
- Update on Campus Master Plan

The Budget & Planning Committee also met on Jan. 31, 2019 and discussed the following topics:

- UM System Initiatives – Scholarships and Research
- Enrollment Management Firms

Dr. Coble reported that at the January meeting, the committee discussed details of the enrollment management firms. President Choi has encouraged all four campuses to consult with enrollment management firms to increase enrollment and retention. Many universities use enrollment management firms now and there is often a good return on investment. Two different enrollment management firms have come to campus and made presentations. The Budget and Planning Committee received a detailed presentation of the range of services that these firms could provide. The committee made a motion to endorse the enrollment strategy proposal by Ruffalo Noel Levitz and negotiate a contract. Dr. Coble reported on some of the details that were discussed at the meetings. The members of the University Assembly asked a variety of questions regarding the budget, enrollment, and potential program proposals. Dr. Coble, Chancellor George, and Provost Sobolik addressed their questions and comments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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