The meeting of the University Assembly was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Senate Chair, Dr. Keith Stine. Dr. Stine asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting on January 27, 2015. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Keith Stine:**

- Dr. Stine reminded the University Assembly of the chili cook-off co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate. The event will be held on Feb. 18 from 11:30 – 1:30 in the MSC Century Rooms. He thanked the Senate members and faculty who have volunteered to serve the chili.

- Dr. Stine explained that he recently attended the Board of Curators meeting in Columbia. He reported that the curators approved the new collected rules and regulations concerning Title IX. Dr. Stine stated that Curator Cupps has made 2015 the “Year of the Student” and has requested that upcoming meetings should include campus reports on best practices for advising (April), bottlenecks that hinder graduation (June), mental health first aid (October), and campus safety (December).

- The University Assembly was reminded of the mandatory Title IX training for mandated reporters. The deadline for completing the training is April 30.

- Dr. Stine reported that the University Assembly Administrator Evaluation Committee will be sending out a survey in March to evaluate the deans and directors. He encouraged everyone to participate in the survey from March 2 through March 13.

- Chair Stine announced that the nominations for the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence are due April 3.

- The Be-Inspired Campaign for faculty and staff will be conducted from March 1 through April 30. More information will be distributed through departments.

**Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Tom George:**

Chancellor George updated the University Assembly on the following topics:

- Dr. George encouraged the attendees to complete the Title IX training. He recently completed the 20-minute training and found it to be a worthwhile exercise.

- Chancellor George announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new College of Optometry building will be held on Friday, Feb. 20 in the Ward E. Barnes Building at 2:00 p.m.

- Dr. George reported that Legislative Day is Feb 25 in Jefferson City. A reception will be held for legislators on Feb. 24 in Jefferson City. Any UMSL supporters are welcome to attend.
Report of the Staff Association, Mr. Jonathan Lidgus:

- Mr. Lidgus reported that the staff representatives have been participating in the review and discussions regarding the changes to Title IX.

- Another recent topic of discussion for the Staff Council was the John Perry Scholarship. Although this scholarship was created for the dependents of UMSL staff members, Staff Council realized that the scholarship information was not getting out consistently to the staff. Staff Council voted to advertise this scholarship through the Office of Financial Aid to make the information available for all staff members.

- The members of Staff Council have also discussed the Staff Appreciation Grams that were successful last year and a possible policy regarding late starts for the campus due to weather or other emergency conditions.

- Mr. Lidgus reported that UMSL is well-represented on the UM Intercampus Staff Advisory Council (ISAC). Mr. Nick Palisch, Staff Association Vice President, will serve as Vice Chair on ISAC. Mr. Lidgus will serve as the Secretary on ISAC.

Report of the Student Government Association, Mr. Cameron Roark:

- Mr. Roark reported that SGA is working on a judicial branch of the Student Government Association. They hope to make progress on that initiative by the end of the semester.

- SGA has been discussing scholarships. Students are working with administrators to review how scholarships are being implemented and how that process can be improved.

- Mr. Roark announced that an event called ‘Whine’ and Cheese with SGA is being scheduled for March. SGA hopes this event will allow students to gain more information about the Student Government Association and hope to increase student interaction.

- Mr. Roark explained that a survey will be distributed in March that focuses on student’s preferences for course scheduling, campus shuttles, and other topics to consider possible changes for the future.

- SGA elections will be held in April. The newly elected officers will be sworn in sometime in May.

Information Technology Committee Report, Mr. Rocky Keel:

- Learning Management System (LMS) Update. Mr. Keel explained that currently UMSL is using Blackboard as its LMS. A few years ago, UM System began to investigate other learning management systems in an effort to find one system that would work well for all four campuses. MS&T reviewed other system options a year ago and selected “Canvas” (http://www.instructure.com/). Columbia is running a pilot of “Canvas” this summer and fall. The IT Committee voted in favor of UMSL conducting a “Canvas” pilot this summer. It is expected that UM System could make a decision about which learning management system would be best for all of the campuses by December 2015 or early in 2016. If “Canvas” is selected, the phase-in would begin in January 2016 and take at least a year.
IT Security Training. Mr. Keel stated that the IT Committee was briefed on the status of UMSL’s mandatory IT security training. Training results showed that 42 faculty and staff members failed to complete the training this past year. After repeated attempts to contact these 42 individuals, and notifying the department chairs, deans, and other administrators, they have still not complied. The IT Committee recommended that the best way to address this issue was to lock the individual’s accounts until they completed the training—this will become standard procedure in 2015.

Outage Notification System. Mr. Keel reported that ITS is working on a new outage notification system. The system will provide users selected options on how to receive notification (or to opt out completely). Notifications will all be available on a dedicated web site. More information will be forthcoming from ITS as the system is completed.

Student Printing. Mr. Keel reported that the IT Committee discussed a plan from ITS which concentrates on minimizing student printing. The goals of the plan are to lessen the environmental impact, eliminate the cost of needless printing, model the way for future business leaders, and to be more responsive, convenient, and efficient through electronic delivery of material. The IT Committee plans to work with faculty members to encourage them to reduce mandatory printing for students.

Recreation/Wellness Center Report, Ms. Yvette Kell:
Dr. Stine introduced Ms. Yvette Kell. She is the Director of Campus Recreation for CENTERS LLC, which is the company that will manage the new recreation/wellness center. She provided the following information on memberships to the new center:

Membership Plan Eligibility:
- Categories:
  - Students
  - Faculty / Staff / Retirees
  - Alumni
  - Corporate partners
  - Community members
- Members may add spouse, a dependent/child, or purchase a family membership
- Members may sponsor 3 guests per visit at a fee
- Employees and students may self sponsor for a fee

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Ms. Kell also provided information about membership plan payment options, services, and programs. Ms. Kell addressed the questions of the Assembly.

Senator Chris Spilling pointed out that faculty did not have input on the decision to remove the free benefit that currently exists for faculty and staff to use the facilities at the Mark Twain building. When the new recreation/wellness center is available, the Mark Twain building will only be available to the Athletics Department and the student athletes. They are working on an exception for limited use of the racquetball courts in the Mark Twain building.

Dr. Stine thanked Ms. Kell for her presentation. Hearing no other business, Dr. Stine adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:45 by Senate Chair Keith Stine.

Dr. Stine updated the Senate on the status of the collected rules and regulations (CRR 600.040) regarding Title IX. Dr. Stine informed the Senate about a letter that originated from the MU Law School seeking to amend a specific part of CRR 600.040. The letter was submitted to the Board of Curators, but the curators unanimously approved the version that was recommended by the IFC. As IFC members, Dr. Stine and Dr. Keefer articulated the details of the IFC discussions to provide additional background for the Senators. The MU Law School letter and the CRR’s will be posted on the Senate website.

Chancellor George did not have any additional information to report.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report (Mr. Michael Allison):
Mr. Allison presented the following program proposals:

- Change in the Doctor of Optometry Curriculum
  (The proposal was amended to add “Class of 2016”.)
- Change in the Spanish Concentration of the BA in Modern Language
- Change in the BA in Modern Language
- Change in the Minor in Spanish
- Addition of the Gender and the Military Undergraduate Certificate

The Senate approved all of the above proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Keefer
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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