

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
University Assembly  
February 21, 2017 - 3 p.m.  
202 JCPenney**

The meeting of the University Assembly was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Senate Chair. Dr. Stuerke asked for approval of the University Assembly portion of the Nov. 8, 2016 minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Pamela Stuerke:**

- Dr. Stuerke reported that the Philosophy Department's Senator has changed. The new Senator is Dr. Andrew Black who has replaced Dr. Gualtiero Piccinini.
- The deadline for submitting nominations for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence is March 24. Dr. Stuerke encouraged nominations.
- UM System is in the process of accepting proposals for course sharing. The proposals are due by March 10.
- Dr. Stuerke thanked everyone for their participation in the Homecoming Chili Cook-off event held on Feb. 15. She announced that the event raised a total of \$1,095 for the Pagedale Family Support Center. Dr. Stuerke and Mr. Gary Prellwitz, UMSL Sodexo General Manager, presented a check to the Pagedale Support Center representative.
- Dr. Stuerke presented the Golden Ladle Award to Dean Ron Yasbin. The College of Arts & Sciences won the award for creating the winning chili. The University Assembly applauded the success of the event.
- Dr. Stuerke updated the Assembly on the outcome of the Senate's Five-Year Review which occurred in the Fall. She explained that the response to the Five-Year Review has been submitted to Academic Affairs and all documents are posted on the Senate's website. Dr. Stuerke reported that recommendations from the review have been taken seriously, and the Senate has started making changes. Dr. Stuerke stated that in the process of preparing the Senate's self-study report, it was apparent how much work the Senate/Assembly committees have accomplished over the past five years. Dr. Stuerke highlighted many of the committees' accomplishments. She thanked them for their service and commitment to shared governance at UMSL. She encouraged them to continue to volunteer for Senate/Assembly committees.

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

- Chancellor George reported that the Board of Curators approved the Metro Rate proposal for tuition for the entire state of Illinois at the Feb. 9 meeting.
- Chancellor George announced that Governor Greitens has appointed three new members to the Board of Curators. The new appointees are: Darryl Chatman, Jeff Layman, and Jamie Farmer. The appointments await confirmation by the State Senate.

- Chancellor George explained that he is monitoring the status of Senate Bill 389 regarding a tuition waiver. He will keep the Assembly/Senate informed of its progress.

**Report of the Staff Association, Mr. Nick Palisch:**

Mr. Palisch reported that Focus on the Future (staff enrichment) is coming in March during the week of Spring break. Staff members are encouraged to sign up for sessions that interest them. Mr. Palisch explained that staff will be participating in elections that will be held in April and May. He stated that Chancellor George and Mr. Rick Baniak spoke to the staff at an all-campus staff meeting in January. The Staff Council is working on a staff survey and possible town hall meetings for the future. The Staff Association/Staff Council members plan to visit staff in offices throughout the campus community to introduce themselves and let staff members know that the Staff Association is their voice on campus.

**Report of the Student Government Association (SGA), Ms. Kathryn Loucks:**

Ms. Loucks reported that the SGA held a successful event in January which encouraged students to share concerns and suggestions with members of SGA. Ms. Loucks announced that students can apply to the SGA if they are interested in serving on the Student Government Association for the 2017-18 academic year. The applications are due March 3. She encouraged the Assembly to inform students of these open SGA positions.

**University Advancement Report, Mr. Martin Leifeld:**

Mr. Martin Leifeld, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement, provided an update on the activity in University Advancement. He reported on the progress of Advancement's four operating units which are (1) Alumni/Annual Programs, (2) Development/Fundraising, (3) Marketing/Communications, and (4) St. Louis Public Radio/KWMU. He provided a history of UMSL's fundraising from FY04 – FY16. Mr. Leifeld explained the allocation of \$27.2M in gifts for FY 2016. Mr. Leifeld described the success of the Be-Inspired campaign which encourages faculty and staff to donate to UMSL. He explained the progress that the Marketing & Communications unit has accomplished, especially in the area of social media marketing. Mr. Leifeld stated that St. Louis Public Radio has 350,000 monthly listeners and 1.7M website visitors. He noted that St. Louis Public Radio has had a 69% increase over two years on its website. The radio station also earned a national Edward R. Murrow award for its website.

**Higher Learning Commission Update, Dr. Paulette Isaac-Savage:**

Dr. Paulette Isaac-Savage reported that the Higher Learning Commission will visit UMSL for its accreditation on November 5 & 6, 2018. Dr. Isaac-Savage explained that the following criteria will be reviewed for the accreditation:

- Mission
- Integrity
- Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
- Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
- Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

Dr. Isaac-Savage said that more information regarding the accreditation can be found at the following website: <https://www.umsl.edu/aap/accreditation/index.html>

**Budget and Planning Committee Report, Dr. Sel Dibooglu:**

Dr. Dibooglu reported that the Budget and Planning Committee met on Feb. 3, 2017 in the College of Education's Collabitat on the South Campus. He stated that the meeting was focused on the impact of the recent cuts in state funding on the university budget in the current fiscal year and on the fiscal outlook in the coming fiscal year, FY2018. The committee discussed retention efforts, possible tuition increases, and university strategic initiatives.

There being no other business, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Hall  
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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