

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly and Faculty Senate
November 11, 2014 - 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. Keith Stine. Dr. Stine asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting on October 14, 2014. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Keith Stine:

Dr. Stine welcomed everyone to the meeting of the University Assembly. He welcomed UM System President Tim Wolfe and the new UM System Chief of Staff Zora Mulligan. Dr. Stine announced that Chancellor George and President Wolfe would speak to the Assembly. He also stated that in honor of Veteran's Day, he has asked Mr. Jim Craig (Military and Veterans Studies Department) to provide an update on his department's progress.

Dr. Stine reported the following information:

- The Board of Curators will meet at UMSL on December 11-12. The Faculty Senate will host a breakfast with the Board of Curators on December 12.
- The nominations for the UM System President's awards are due January 30, 2015. Dr. Stine encouraged the faculty to nominate their colleagues.
- Dr. Stine has been serving as the UMSL representative on the IFC Title IX Subcommittee. The subcommittee met recently and had a productive session. They received information from the general counsel and the UM System Title IX consultant. The subcommittee will provide feedback on proposed changes to collected rules and regulations concerning faculty and Title IX offenses.
- Dr. Stine stated that he recently participated on a tour of the new Recreation/Wellness Center which is under construction. He displayed a few photos of the new building to show the progress of the construction. He reminded the Assembly that the center should be completed by Fall of 2015.

Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Tom George:

Chancellor George updated the University Assembly on the following topics:

- Normandie Hall – Chancellor George reminded the Assembly that Normandie Hall is one of the old buildings on campus which needs a considerable amount of maintenance and repairs. He explained that approximately \$11 million would be needed to repair the building. Dr. George reported that UMSL has issued an RFQ (request for quote) to see if there are any developers interested in renovating Normandie Hall. He explained that if a buyer purchases the building, UMSL will still own the land. He will keep the Senate updated if there are any new developments regarding Normandie Hall.

- Normandie Golf Course – Chancellor George explained that UMSL has a unique opportunity of acquiring the Normandie Golf Course. The golf course is adjacent to the campus with 118 acres. He explained that an anonymous donor has generously offered UMSL a donation of \$1.5 million for the purchase of the golf course. Dr. George explained that UMSL would like to purchase the golf course and use it as green space for the near future. The golf course could also be used for athletic fields. Chancellor George stated that as part of UMSL’s shared governance process, the proposal has been presented to the Physical Facilities, Space and General Services Committee and the Budget and Planning Committee. Both committees unanimously endorsed the proposal. The proposal will be presented to the Board of Curators at the December meeting. Chancellor George will report on the outcome of the proposal.

Remarks from UM System President, Mr. Tim Wolfe:

President Wolfe addressed the University Assembly and explained how the recent key election victories relate to UM System. He talked about how UM System will be affected by the passage of Amendment 10. President Wolfe updated the attendees about the state withholdings from Governor Nixon. He also briefed the Assembly about his show-me tours. He reported that he has made 17 visits to various middle schools around the state to talk to students about the importance of higher education. President Wolfe also addressed questions from the Senate.

Report of the Staff Association, Mr. Nick Palisch:

Mr. Palisch reported that the Staff Association is working on a new initiative with new employees. Members of the Staff Association welcome and visit with new employees when they attend their first orientation at UMSL. After the employees complete their six-month probationary period, a Staff Association member makes contact with them again to encourage them to get involved with staff activities and events.

Mr. Palisch also announced that the Staff Association recently started doing a “live stream” of the Staff Council meetings. The streaming allows staff members to listen to the meetings “live” or they can view the meetings at their convenience. Mr. Palisch reported that another goal of the Staff Association is to find ways to recognize staff for their good work. He reminded the attendees that everyone needs to feel appreciated and the Staff Association will continue to find ways to acknowledge staff members.

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

Mr. Roark reported that he and hundreds of others from UMSL enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals at UMSL Night at the Ballpark earlier in the semester. He made a lasting memory when he was chosen to throw out the first pitch. Mr. Roark also announced that about 100 students participated in the “Big Event” service project to help a church with renovations. Because many students participated, they were able to help the church with painting, cleaning, landscaping, and other tasks.

Mr. Roark reported that SGA has also been working with the Title IX consultant and the recent changes for mandating reporting. The SGA conducted the Campus Safe Walk. He will prepare a report for UMSL administrators on their findings. SGA is also working on a student survey to gather information about students’ course schedules. He is working on a review of the SGA structure and ways it can be improved.

Military and Veterans Studies Update, Mr. Jim Craig:

Mr. Craig reminded the attendees of the mission of the Military and Veterans Studies Department which is to enable success for current and future veterans on campus, and to create research-based curriculum for students who are interested in studying the veteran experience. Mr. Craig reported on the following goals from last year. He said that all have been accomplished except the fourth goal which is still in progress.

- Establish Veterans Studies curriculum
- Find opportunities to collaborate, teach, and research with faculty across many disciplines.
- Establish rigor in the Army and Air Force ROTC coursework to the level that these courses are worthy of academic credit.
- Enable success for current and future veterans on campus – stay in school and graduate!
- Improve and make transparent the military education credit transfer policies.

Mr. Craig presented the following list of other successes:

- Veteran enrollment up 18.2%. Current number is 429.
- Over 800 additional SCH
- UMSL is now a Military Friendly School®
- \$10,000 programming grant from BOA
- \$5,000 grant from Hellenic Spirit Foundation
- \$30,000 Endowed Veterans Scholarship established
- One “pipeline” internship through Veterans Center (Traveler's) – working on 2 more
- Greatly expanded use of Veterans Center by students
- Visit from Dr. Haynie, Director of IVMF–Syracuse
- Successful “Carpenter Lecture” on society-veteran relationship
- Called to testify about Veterans in Higher Education at MO House of Reps.
- UMSL highlighted through local and national media for military and veterans expertise and programs (NBC, ABC, Washington Times, The Guardian, Vice Media, HBO, NY Daily News, Florida Times-Union)

Mr. Craig explained the following list of objectives for next year:

- Continue to improve veteran recruiting (goal of 500 veteran students @ steady state)
- Double active duty military students
 - UMSL Servicemembers Scholarship (50k from Strategic Initiatives funding)
 - Establish relationship with Scott AFB Education Center
- Establish FT staff position: Manager of Veterans Support Services
 - Consolidate tasks of Vet Center Director and VA Certifier, add recruiter, informal advisor...& more.
- Improve and expand the Veteran Transition Seminar
- Improve veteran ed. credit transfer processes
- Increase veterans use of on-campus services (Career Center, Retention Services, Writing Center, etc.)
- Improve data collection of veterans progress
- Publicize UMSL efforts and successes through articles and conference presentations.

Mr. Craig announced that UMSL has just been selected as a “Best for Vets” university and is ranked 28th in the country.

Dr. Stine thanked Mr. Craig for his presentation. He asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:55 by Senate Chair Keith Stine.

Dr. Stine reminded the Faculty Senate of the meeting with the Title IX Consultant on Wednesday, November 12 and encouraged their attendance.

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 B.S. in Business Administration, Marketing Emphasis
- Change in the UMSL/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program

The Senate approved both of the 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)