

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
November 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 Sept. 10, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):

- Dr. Hall announced that the Faculty Senate will again serve as the co-sponsor of the Homecoming Chili Feed that will be held on Feb. 27. Dr. Hall will be contacting the deans soon to request chili recipes from their colleges. The Homecoming Committee has asked that we not re-use previously submitted recipes. The college with the best chili will win the Golden Ladle.
- Dr. Hall stated that Campus Police reported that there have been a few thefts of computers and televisions recently on campus. She explained that there is some evidence that the individuals who are doing this have been posing as UMSL custodians. Dr. Hall reminded the attendees to ensure rooms are locked as well as personal belongings. She encouraged everyone to be vigilant and let the campus police know if you see something unusual. The Campus Police also suggested keeping track of serial numbers on any electronic equipment.
- Dr. Hall announced that there is a new mental health app created by the Sanvello Company that is now available to all students, faculty, and staff members across the four UM System universities at no cost. She explained that Sanvello is a mobile- and web-based application offering clinically validated techniques and support to relieve mental health symptoms and promote healthy habits and behaviors. Dr. Hall stated that for free access, the app can be downloaded from the App Store, Google Play Store, or the Sanvello webpage. Users can register with their university-affiliated email address. Faculty are encouraged to investigate the app themselves and let their students know the resource is available (by, for example, adding a notice to Canvas course sites or making an announcement in class). More detailed information can be found at: <https://www.sanvello.com>

Report of the Interim Chancellor (Dr. Marie Mora & Dr. Chris Spilling):

- Dr. Marie Mora and Dr. Chris Spilling provided the report for Interim Chancellor Sobolik who was out of the country. Dr. Mora updated the Assembly on the newly-created Women's Faculty Network and the associate-to-full-professor program. She reported that a task force had been formed to review UMSL's numbers from the recent report in *US News & World Report*. Dr. Mora also stated that Academic Affairs has been working with faculty involved with promotion and tenure to address any issues with MyVita.
- Dr. Spilling reported that he will be meeting with lobbyists to review white papers that were submitted by UMSL faculty as proposals for government funding. The lobbyists will share those proposals with government officials in Washington, DC.

- Dr. Spilling announced that a prospective buyer has recently approached UMSL with an offer to purchase the ITE (Innovative Technology Enterprises) building that is currently owned by UMSL. The sale of the building has not been finalized, but UMSL administration is planning to move forward with the contract to sell the building. The staff of MIMH who are currently working in the building will be relocated to North Campus. Dr. Spilling explained that the building also serves as storage for the UMSL library. The administration is working on finding another location for the library storage. Faculty members suggested that this building sale should be an agenda item for the Budget and Planning Committee. Dr. Spilling said that he will bring this topic to the next Budget and Planning Committee meeting.

Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Tiffany IZARD Magee):

Ms. IZARD Magee reported that an all-staff meeting was held in October. She stated that a large number of staff attended the meeting which indicated that the staff is highly engaged. Some of the themes that the Staff Council are working on are as follows: advocating for transparency; ensuring that staff members are part of the decision-making process; and making sure that staff members' voices are heard. Ms. IZARD Magee said that the Staff Association hopes to foster a spirit of unity at UMSL and looks forward to collaborating with faculty, students, and the administration.

Report of the Student Government Association (SGA) (Ms. McKenzie Schuessler):

Ms. Schuessler was unable to attend the meeting. An SGA report will be given at the next University Assembly meeting.

eLearning Update (Mr. Matthew Gunkel):

As the UM System Chief eLearning Officer, Mr. Matthew Gunkel provided an update on eLearning, which is a UM System initiative created to attract 25,000 new, fully online students from across Missouri and the surrounding states by 2025. The eLearning initiative is scheduled to begin in FY 2020. Mr. Gunkel described the three objectives of the initiative as follows: Serve new students including adult learners and traditional students through eLearning; Design online programs and stackable certificates to meet the workforce needs of the state; Increase net revenues from online programs to invest in research and teaching missions. Mr. Gunkel reported that they are working on the priority of programs, brand strategy, and the financial model. Mr. Gunkel addressed many questions from the Assembly regarding incentives, student advising and support. He stated that the revenue from eLearning will flow back to each campus.

Other business:

Dr. Hall announced that Professor Jim Chickos has been at UMSL for 50 years. Dr. Hall stated that Dr. Chickos has served as a long-standing Senate committee member. To acknowledge his 50 years at UMSL, Dr. Hall presented him with a gift. The University Assembly responded warmly with a huge round of applause to acknowledge Dr. Chickos.

There being no other business, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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