

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
November 13, 2018 - 3 p.m.
202 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 September 18, 2018. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Alice Hall:

- Dr. Hall announced that the Senate breakfast with the Board of Curators will be held on Friday, November 16. Graduate Student Research is the topic for the breakfast. Six graduate students will be providing presentations about their research. Dr. Hall thanked the members of the Senate who were helpful in suggesting potential student presenters.
- Dr. Hall stated that the Faculty Senate will again be the co-sponsor for the Homecoming Chili Cook-off this year to be held on Feb. 21. The Senate will be asking the deans to submit the chili recipes for their colleges as they compete for this year's Golden Ladle trophy for the winning chili.
- Dr. Hall explained that the round-table discussions will begin after the reports from the Chancellor, the Staff Association, and the Student Government Association are completed. She thanked the committee members who were in attendance to participate in the round-table discussions.

Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Tom George:

- Chancellor George reported that the HLC visit went very well on November 5-6. He stated that UMSL should receive the HLC final report in about six weeks. He explained that the HLC routinely follows up with another visit in four years.
- Chancellor George announced that the Board of Curators are meeting on campus this week. He invited the campus community to attend the public sessions in the MSC.
- Chancellor George stated that UM System President Choi recently outlined 14 areas for key investments in which the system and campuses could collaborate to increase revenue and/or decrease costs. Chancellor George said that UMSL will be working on proposals to compete for some of those funds. The first proposal will use system/campus funds as a match to entice donors to give toward need-based and merit scholarships. UMSL plans to submit a proposal for both need-based and merit scholarships. The scholarship proposal is due by November 15, 2018. Funding will also be available for research and creative works. Dr. Chris Spilling, Vice Provost for Research Administration, commented that \$50M has been set aside for research - \$10M per year will be provided for the next five years by UM System. He stated that this year is the last year for the research board. Dr. Spilling expects to receive more information about specific guidelines in the next two weeks, but faculty should be prepared to submit a pre-proposal. The pre-proposal will be reviewed at the campus level first before it is submitted for the final proposal. It is expected

that the pre-proposals will be due in December 2018. Chancellor George announced that Ms. Lori Morgan in Academic Affairs is the point of contact for tracking all of the deadlines for the proposals to UM System.

Report of the Staff Association, Ms. Jessica Long-Pease:

Ms. Long-Pease reported that the Staff Field Day was held on Oct. 11. About 80 staff members participated in the event. She stated that the all-campus Staff Association meeting was held on Oct. 26. Staff members heard from Chancellor George and other administrators on various issues, including the topic of paid maternity leave. She will continue to advocate for that issue.

Ms. Long-Pease said that the Staff Association is now planning for the Focus on the Future event for staff which is held during Spring Break. Information will be distributed to staff as the plans are finalized. If anyone is interested in presenting a specialty topic for the event, please let her know.

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

Mr. Dordoni reported that the SGA conducted the annual Campus Safe Walk in October. He stated that the event was well-attended and the attendees identified areas of safety improvement. An engineer from the Missouri Department of Transportation attended the Safe Walk this year. They discussed areas that could be improved. Mr. Dordoni reported that the SGA is continuing its work on restructuring student government. They are focusing on assigning student representatives to areas of academic programs, rather than areas of student involvement. He will share more information about the SGA restructuring at the February Assembly meeting. Mr. Dordoni reported that there are three SGA open positions. He asked the Assembly to encourage students to participate in student government and to contact him if a student is interested in serving.

Round-Table Discussions:

Dr. Hall announced that the Assembly will now participate in round-table discussions to allow for better communication between the committees and the members of the University Assembly. Representatives from the Information Technology Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, and the Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid Committee were in attendance to discuss their committee's mission and gather feedback on how the committees could be improved.

When the round-table discussions were finished, Dr. Hall asked the attendees to share some of their thoughts about the discussions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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