

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY & FACULTY SENATE
of the University of Missouri-St. Louis

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON
April 24, 2007

1. Update on administrative review of the Senate and Assembly – A review team is in the process of being formed. Those of you who are around this summer will be invited to meet with the review team to voice your opinions about campus governance. I hope that you will take advantage of those opportunities to help us learn from this process and make improvements to the way decisions are made on our campus. Under “New Business” in the Senate portion of this meeting I have set aside time for a forum during which I invite you to offer your ideas about things we should include in the self-study report related to our three focus areas:
 - a. By-laws complexity
 - b. Committee structure
 - c. Service commitment
2. Reminder that after these meetings today is the annual Senate and Assembly banquet. Those of you who have responded to the invitation should meet back in the MSC 3rd floor rotunda for that event.
3. Many congratulations need to be offered.
 - a. Congratulations to the Current staff and editors for their numerous awards at the state-wide collegiate newspaper association conference...including their recognition as the best campus newspaper in the state.
 - b. Congratulations to UMSL’s American Cancer Society organizing committee for an outstanding event. Nick Koechig and his team did an incredible job of organizing and implementing a complex event which seemed to come off without a hitch (as far as I could tell as a participant). All he needs to figure out is how to control the weather! Many thanks to his committee and all the participants. I’m sure Nick will have more to tell you about the results when he makes his report.
 - c. Congratulations to newly elected members of next year’s Faculty Senate, which met to organize on April 10. New members are:
 - Godfrey Bourne – Biology
 - Callie Rennison – Criminology & Criminal Justice
 - Amber Reinhart -- Communication
 - Dinesh Mirchandani – Information Systems
 - Susan Catapano – Teaching & Learning
 - George Gokel – Chemistry & Biochemistry
 - Margaret Phillips – Foreign Languages & Literature
 - Susann Farberman – Nursing
4. This is the final meeting of the 2006-2007 Senate and Assembly, but the 2007-2008 Senate will meet on May 1st at 3:00 to elect faculty representatives on committees. I know that some of you are not able to attend tonight’s social festivities, so I want to thank you most sincerely for your efforts on behalf of the university. We have meaningfully-engaged and enthusiastic governance organizations which are VITAL to the mission of UM-St. Louis. Personally, I need to thank you for your cooperation and support as I learned (sometimes by making mistakes) how I can fit into this job. It’s been a valuable education for me that I will remember always – usually with a smile.