

**Annual Report to Faculty Senate
Academic Advisory Committee**

The following faculty members served on the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee during the Fall of 2006 and Winter of 2007.

ELAPS	Kathleen Sullivan Brown, Chair
CAS	Lawrence Barton, Chemistry
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BUSINESS	Ashok Subramanian, Information Science
OPTOMETRY	Tim Wingert, Optometry
CFPA	Su Ahn Jang, Communications
NURSING	Susann Farbermann, Nursing
PROVOST	Glen Cope, 426 Woods (ex officio)

At the beginning of the year, the committee established a meeting time and proposed schedule. Meetings were held in Room 425 Woods Hall.

Meeting dates

Monday, Sept 25

Monday, Oct 23

Monday, Nov 27

Monday, Dec 11

Monday, Jan 22

Monday, Feb 26

Monday, Mar 26

Monday, Apr 23 (cancelled)

The Committee engaged in a variety of discussions with the Provost Glen Cope and Associate Provost Margaret Cohen. The following are some highlights of these discussions, including any action or recommendations taken.

- **The previous year the Committee had drafted a policy on Curators' Professorships and Curators' Teaching Professorships for review by the Provost and Chancellor, which was approved. This year we applied those criteria to make recommendations to the Chancellor and Provost on Curator Professor Nominations.**

- Served as screening committee for 2007 Professional Development Leave awards.
- Met with Dean Womer (for the second time) regarding the ESI/UMSL Partnership and, Chair Kathleen Brown served on the UMSL/ESI strategic planning task force.
- Dr. Brown also routinely attended the Faculty Senate/University Assembly meetings.
- Met with Dean Tom Walker and his staff from Continuing Education to discuss the launch of the Winter Intersession. Provided the dean with feedback from faculty regarding campus support needed for classes held on non-routine schedules.
- Met with the Assessment Committee to discuss merging their function with Academic Advisory. Consideration of this move was postponed in light of the need for specifics on assessment for the HLC study.
- Other topics that were discussed during the year:
 - Planning for the Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit
 - TA policies
 - The “10 year” rule
 - Criminal background checks during faculty hiring process
 - Use of the University Bulletin as a legal document vs. as a marketing and recruiting tool, in light of students’ reliance on web materials.
 - The “intellectual diversity” legislation
 - “Course compression” or class scheduling to ease the shortage of classroom space and make more efficient use of campus facilities throughout the week.
 - Opening and arrangements for classes at the new Wildwood location.
 - Faculty Governance 5 year review (report written)
 - Creation of “faculty interest groups” which would use research skills of faculty members to tackle campus problems (such as parking)