

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
September 18, 2018
202 JCPenney**

Following the University Assembly meeting, the Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Senate Chair Alice Hall.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Alice Hall:

Dr. Hall provided the Faculty Senate with an IFC report. Dr. Hall stated that the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) had its annual retreat on September 10 and 11. For the new senators, Dr. Hall explained that the IFC is a liaison committee between the UM System President and his staff and the faculty of the four universities that make up the UM System. She stated that this year's UMSL representatives are Alice Hall (as Senate Chair), Jon McGinnis, and Susan Brownell. Minutes of the IFC meetings are available on the UM System's website. Dr. Hall presented the following highlights from the IFC retreat:

- Informational briefings were given from UM System President Choi, Vice President of Research and Economic Development, the Chief Human Resources Officer, the Vice President for Information Technology, the CFO, General Council/Head of the Task Force appointed in January to review system governance, and Curator Snowden from Kansas City.
- President Choi announced \$260 million in investments across the system. He designated \$100 million for student scholarships. There are funds for recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, digital learning initiatives, and so on. There are also investments in research - \$100 million is for research and creative works. Half of that - \$50 million – will be invested in a research facility called the Translational Precision Medical Center in Columbia and Precision Medical Initiative. The other - \$50 million - is intended to encourage collaborative, cross-University research that will help generate additional external funding. This is one-time funding. Much of it comes from previous cuts, some from investment income. Accessing it involves an investment – a match – from the individual campuses. Calls for proposals should be expected for initiatives in areas that are going to be prioritized through the campuses. The goal is to use these funds as an opportunity to leverage or kick-start growth in key areas.
- The Task Force that looked at “System Governance” created a report that the Board of Curators approved and adopted. The report concluded that the system is made up four unique campuses, each serving different constituencies, with different missions, whose specific needs and specializations need to be taken into account. There is language in the report about the Universities having a responsibility to work together and work with the President for the good of the state and to “optimize institutional strengths.”
- Dr. Hall reported that the members of IFC were briefed on developments regarding lawsuits concerning guns on campus.

Following the IFC report, Dr. Hall explained that there were other items to address at this first Senate meeting of the year as follows:

- Faculty Handbook. Dr. Hall reported that the Faculty Handbook has been updated. The revised handbook can be found on the Senate website or the Academic Affairs website.
- Ad-hoc Committees. To follow up on business from last year, Dr. Hall reminded the senators that last year's ad-hoc committees on Shared Governance and Adjunct Representation completed their charge. She explained that the Shared Governance Ad-hoc Committee updated the bylaws. The Adjunct Representation Ad-hoc Committee created the bylaw changes that allowed for two adjunct representatives to be added to the University Assembly. Dr. Hall explained that as a matter of housekeeping, those two ad-hoc committees should be dissolved since they have fulfilled their charge. **Senator Stuerke made a motion to dissolve the Shared Governance Ad-Hoc Committee and the Adjunct Representation Ad-hoc Committee and commend them for their excellent work. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.**
- Faculty Concerns Committee. Dr. Hall explained that at the end of last year's Senate meeting there was a motion that the Steering Committee re-consider the possibility of a Faculty Concerns Committee that was tabled last year. The Steering Committee has discussed it and recommended to continue to leave it on the table and examine if it is needed after the Senate's comprehensive review of all of the 23 committees. Dr. Hall stated that in the discussions moving forward, the Senate will be examining whether the charge of some of the existing committees needs to be changed, whether some committees might be merged, or whether the membership could be adjusted. She explained that it's difficult to have an ad-hoc committee looking at adding a new committee, while we are reorganizing the rest of the committees.
- Senators sharing information. Dr. Hall reminded the senators that one of their responsibilities as senators is to take the information they receive at Senate meetings and share it with their department colleagues. Some senators commented that they found the best way to share information was to report the information at department meetings or to send an informative message to their colleagues.
- Something new – Senate round-table discussions. Dr. Hall reported that the Senate is going to try something new at the Oct. 9 Senate meeting. As the Senate begins discussions about its 23 committees this year, Dr. Hall would like to open up the lines of communication and exchange information between the committees and the Senate. She explained that the round-table discussions will provide an opportunity to have more direct faculty input into what should be on some of the committees' agendas this year, as well as a chance to get a sense of their current purpose. Dr. Hall stated that the Senate is relying on the senators' help in making good decisions about whether committee configurations should be changed in order to make things more efficient, while still making sure that the faculty and other stakeholders have a voice in the decisions that are important to the campus community. She commented that the Senate cannot do that without understanding what the committees do. Representatives from the Research Policy Committee, the Academic Advisory Committee, and the University Libraries Committee will participate in the round-table discussions on October 9. The goal is to have some two-way communication.

Chancellor George did not have any additional information to report.

Dr. Hall invited Dr. Linda Marks to present the Committee on Committees report.

Committee on Committees Report, Dr. Linda Marks:

Dr. Marks presented the following nominations from the Committee on Committees:

- Appointments, Tenure, & Promotion Committee:
Ruth Iyob was nominated to serve as the Social Sciences representative.
- Assessment of Educational Outcomes Committee:
Julie DeKinder was nominated to replace Christine Gavett as the Optometry representative.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee:
Anne Fish was nominated to replace Roxanne Vandermause as the Nursing representative.
Pamela Stuerke was nominated to replace Bindu Arya as the Business representative.
- Information Technology Committee:
Keith Miller was nominated to replace Nicholas Husbye as the Education representative.
- Fall Research Panel:
Rita Csapo-Sweet was nominated to replace Tom Meuser as one of the Arts and Sciences representatives.
- Spring Research Panel:
Michele Meckfessel was nominated to replace Mary Lacity as the Business representative.
Aimee Dunlap was nominated to replace Nevana Maric as the Natural Sciences/Math representative.
Lee Slocum was nominated to replace Rita Csapo-Sweet as one of the Arts and Sciences representatives.
- Budget and Planning Committee:
Pamela Stuerke was nominated to replace Greg Geisler as the Business representative.

The members of the Faculty Senate approved all of the above nominations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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