

(to be considered for
approval at 2/20/96
Senate meeting)

SENATE MINUTES
UM-ST. LOUIS
January 23, 1996
3 p.m. 126 J. C. Penney

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting (held December 5, 1995) were approved as submitted.

Report from the Chairperson -- Dr. Lois Pierce

The Chair began by reporting on activities at the two Board meetings held during the past month. These meetings were devoted primarily to issues of enrollment management and tended to focus on MU. The Chair noted, however, that Board decisions in this area inevitably have a major impact on our own campus. Under debate is the old issue of size versus quality. Curator McHugh disputes notions that the University exists to serve the needs of society as a whole and favors instituting high academic standards as a way to limit enrollment. He wants to expand upper-division offerings and graduate and professional programs. Curator Hall, on the other hand, argues that the University should be responsive to the needs of students. He is less willing to adopt standards that would restrict our size.

The Chair noted that a good deal of the Board's discussion centered on ACT scores. A score of 25 was suggested as the cut-off point for admission. (While freshmen on the other three campuses have average ACT scores of 25, freshmen on our campus have an average score of about 22.)

The Board also discussed transfer students and completion rates. Our completion rates are lower than those of the other campuses. The Chair commented that the explanation for this can be lost because the Board tends to view all data in relation to MU. She stressed the need to remind the Curators of the differences between our mission and student body and Columbia's.

The Senate will assist the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Krueger, and Interim Associate Vice Chancellor McPhail in preparing for further discussions on enrollment management.

Turning to other matters, the Chair reported that the effort to synchronize the academic calendars of the four campuses has resulted in scheduling problems for us. The issue of greatest concern is the closing date of the winter semester, which, as proposed, conflicts with the starting date of our

intersession. A resolution drafted by the Executive Committee would be presented later in the meeting, the Chair said.

Responding to the spirit of a motion approved at the December Senate meeting that the January commencement not be scheduled in the midst of the break period--but rather just before the start of classes--University Relations is proceeding with plans to move the graduation dates for both 1997 and 1998.

The Chair reported that Senate Chair Emeritus Stephen Lehmkuhle has been appointed to the Faculty Fellow position in the UM Office of Academic Affairs. This creates a vacancy on the Intercampus Faculty Council that needs to be filled by election. Until that is accomplished, Faculty Council Presiding Officer Charles Larson has agreed to attend IFC meetings.

The Chair noted that the IFC did not meet since the time of the December Senate meeting. An issue to be brought forward at the next IFC meeting involves the faculty infrastructure document, which President Russell is supporting. Vice President McGill will present information comparing the infrastructure support received by faculty in other systems with the support received by faculty members at UM, allowing Council representatives to examine what is needed for us to be competitive.

Senators were reminded to vote in both the campus referendum on proposed bylaw amendments and in the Senate primary election. The amendments were put forward in response to concerns by System Administration that our bylaws refer to the Senate Chairperson as "Chairperson of the Executive Committee." The primary ballot has been mailed to all faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the schools of Business Administration, Education, and Optometry. There are no vacancies on the Senate at this time for faculty representatives from the Barnes College of Nursing or from the Joint Engineering Program.

At the close of her report, the Chair introduced Dr. David Loshin, newly-appointed Dean of the School of Optometry, who was welcomed by applause.

Report from the Chancellor -- Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Chancellor announced that the student head count for the first day of winter classes was up slightly from last year, but student credit hour production was down. A final report will be issued on January 29.

At the January 19 Board meeting, the Curators approved student fee increases for the final year of the five-year plan. A task force headed by MU Chancellor Charles Kiesler has been appointed to recommend a new student fee policy for the coming three-to-five years. Chancellor Touhill

encouraged senators to attend an open meeting on our campus on February 2 to discuss fee structures for the future.

Plans are under way for candidates for the positions of Dean of the School of Education and Director of Admissions to visit the campus for interviews with faculty, students, and staff.

Senators were invited to tour the South Campus Residence Hall (the Passionist Retreat House), which is available for meetings, seminars, workshops, and conferences. Between May 24 and August 4, the facility can accommodate up to 150 people overnight. For more information or to make arrangements for a tour, senators were asked to call 6877.

Athletic Director Emeritus Charles Smith will be honored at a luncheon and open house to be held at the Alumni Center at noon on February 24. There will be a charge of \$25, which will cover lunch and a contribution to the Chuck Smith Scholarship Fund. Reservations may be made by calling 5747.

Everyone was encouraged by the Chancellor to include their campus and public events on the master schedule listing maintained on the World Wide Web.

The fourth installment of a \$500,000 pledge has been received from Anheuser-Busch for the Ecology and Conservation complex, and \$50,000 has been received from local philanthropists Stanley and Lucy Lopata for the Engelmann Institute.

In closing, Chancellor Touhill commented that Friday's Board meeting marked the beginning of discussions about the future of our admissions policy, with a final decision to be reached by fall. She confirmed for Dr. Joseph Martinich that the possibility exists that we could have different standards for the four campuses. Dr. Martinich noted that in the past there has been one minimum standard, and the campuses have been free to set individual requirements which are more stringent. To this, Chancellor Touhill pointed out the difficulty in articulating our standards if we have both a University-wide minimum and an individual campus requirement. She expressed the desire to attend a forthcoming meeting of the Senate Committee on Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid. Dr. Martinich observed that the Board appears to be contemplating change without having had sufficient time to evaluate the outcome of the last change to our admissions policy.

Report from the Faculty Council -- Dr. Charles Larson

(see attached)

Report from the Student Government Association -- Ms. J. Elizabeth Titlow

Student fund raising has netted \$110, Ms. Titlow reported. The disposition of the money has yet to be decided.

Plans are under way for an event designed to raise awareness of the hunger problem. In addition to collecting lunch money for distribution to the needy, a dining hall fast is in the planning stage.

The SGA is working on a spring dance, and SGA representatives will be meeting with the Chancellor and Mr. Norman Seay about the anti-discrimination issue.

Dr. Van Reidhead asked if information about the fasting event will be provided to faculty so they can announce it to their classes. Ms. Titlow promised it would and remarked that she also may request time to speak directly to classes about the event.

Before introducing the next report, the Chair announced details concerning a forthcoming meeting with a candidate for the Director of Admissions position.

Report from the Executive Committee -- Dr. Lois Pierce

The Chair reported that Vice Chancellor Wright has updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Faculty Handbook project. A task force is being formed to review the contents of the Handbook and determine if there is additional material to be included in the next printing. Members of the task force are Vice Chancellor Wright, the Presiding Officer and one additional member from the Faculty Council, the Senate Chair, and two additional members. Senators were invited to contact the Chair or Presiding Officer Larson to convey ideas about what the document should cover.

On another topic, the Chair reported that the Executive Committee is in the process of appointing a subcommittee to oversee student senator elections. Dr. Bruce Wilking has agreed to serve, and two additional members are being sought. Volunteers were invited to contact the Chair.

The Chair explained that as a result of changes to the Collected Rules and Regulations, the campus has the opportunity to specify the size of its Faculty Grievance Panel. On behalf of the Executive Committee, she recommended that the Panel remain at a membership of 30 because that number has served us adequately in the past. The recommendation was approved by the Senate without dissent.

Next, the Chair presented a resolution concerning the calendar options under consideration by UM. She acknowledged that the Board is the body responsible for approving the calendar; the campus merely endorses it.

There was a brief discussion, during which Dr. Cathy Vatterott commented on the importance of providing sufficient time for student teachers to get in their classroom experience, and Dr. Dennis Dossett suggested that we maintain consistency when referring to spring "break" as opposed to spring "recess." At the close of the discussion, the resolution was adopted by the Senate without dissent. (See attached letter to Vice President Wallace.)

The Chair reported that our campus representatives on the University-wide Benefits Committee (Drs. Susan Feigenbaum and Thomas Eysell and Mr. Robert Proffer) would like to get feedback concerning benefits before February 18. She indicated that she would make additional information on this topic available via e-mail. Responses need not be restricted to health insurance, it was clarified.

Report from the Committee on Committees -- Dr. William Gary Bachman

The following individuals were elected by acclamation to the committee noted below:

Dr. David Rose, Ms. Pamela White -- Bylaws and Rules
Dr. William Long -- Student Publications
Dr. Charles Kuehl -- University Libraries

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction -- Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Dr. Friedman called the Senate's attention to course additions, changes, and eliminations that were effected by the Committee and to "housekeeping" changes to the Minor in American Studies. On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Friedman recommended Senate approval for changes to the Mathematical Skills Requirement in the General Education Requirements. He noted that the form appended to the agenda should be amended to read, "A grade of C- or better...." Following a brief discussion and clarification from the Chancellor about the change, the proposal was approved by the Senate.

Report from the Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards -- Dr. Edward Andalaft

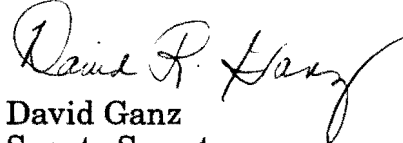
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Report from the Committee on Research -- Dr. Sharon Levin

(see attached)

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Ganz
Senate Secretary

Attachments: Report from the Faculty Council
Letter to Vice President Wallace and resolution concerning
academic calendar options
Report from the Committee on Faculty Teaching and
Service Awards
Report from the Committee on Research

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban,
Senate Executive Assistant)

FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

Faculty will soon be receiving evaluation forms soliciting their opinions of certain campus administrators. To avoid burdening faculty with too many separate evaluations, the Faculty Council process alternates from year to year between administrators with unit responsibilities and administrators with campus-wide responsibilities. This year it's the turn of the latter group. In September, Chancellor Touhill told the Faculty Council that she would prefer that the Council survey not be combined with a parallel survey done by Academic Affairs; she wants opinions from a variety of sources on the issue of administrative competence. I encourage faculty to fill out the questionnaires and return them to us. I will then be in touch with each administrator concerning his or her evaluation in addition to turning over to the Chancellor and discussing with her a complete package of the results. For Socrates the unevaluated life is not worth living. For the Faculty Council the unevaluated administrative performance may not be worth its line in the campus budget.



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January 25, 1996

Dr. Richard Wallace
Vice President
Office of Academic Affairs
309 University Hall
Columbia -- COURIER

Dear Richard:

As you know, our campus is deeply concerned about the options under consideration for synchronizing the academic calendars. Both of them result in a conflict between the close of the second semester and the start of our intersession.

The UM-St. Louis Senate has discussed the problem and proposed a possible solution, namely, that the matter of closing school for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day be left to each campus. In this way, the semester could be scheduled so as to end in sufficient time to accommodate intersession here, and UMR could choose to forgo classes that conflict with their holiday observance. This recommendation is covered in the attached resolution which was approved at the January 23 Senate meeting.

The matter of the start of the first semester is also a concern, and the Senate has proposed adjusting the Thanksgiving holiday break as indicated on the attached.

We know how difficult it must be to find calendar dates that accommodate the needs of all four campuses, but we believe it essential that the options be amended before they receive final consideration. Many thanks for whatever you can do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lois'.

Lois Pierce
Senate Chairperson

Attachment
cc: Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle

January 23, 1996

Resolution from the Senate Executive Committee to be brought before the January 23, 1996 Senate meeting.


The Senate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis cannot support the proposed common calendar for the following reasons and recommends the following solutions:

1. The Winter 98 semester of the common calendar ends on May 6, two days later than the calendar endorsed by the Senate. Each year the UM-St. Louis campus offers a four-week intersession and an eight-week summer session. The May 6 class end date will mean holding finals on the first day of our intersession. If intersession begins on a later date, we will be unable to hold both summer sessions. We propose deletion of the Spring Recess. The two days gained by this change will allow us to end our Winter 98 semester in time to begin our intersession.
2. The start of the Fall 97 semester on August 20 allows less than two weeks between our summer session and the start of the fall semester. Faculty who teach in the summer session will have minimal time to prepare for fall semester courses. We propose beginning the Thanksgiving recess on Tuesday, November 25 at 11 pm. This would still provide students with travel time and would allow our campus to begin classes on August 25 as endorsed by the UM-St. Louis Senate.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - ST. LOUIS

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Memorandum

FROM: E.Z.Andalafte 
TO: Senate
DATE: January 23, 1996
SUBJECT: Report of Committee on Teaching and Service Awards

The following is the text of the report to the Senate on January 23, 1996:

REPORT
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARDS
January 23, 1996

The Committee met on January 19 to recommend campus nominees for the Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching and the Thomas Jefferson Award. These recommendations are being forwarded to the Chancellor.

The Committee is concerned about the short time period between announcement of criteria for the Presidential awards and the deadline for application, and suggests that the UM-St.Louis administration and the appropriate UM System committees make an effort to lengthen this time period and arrange for more rapid delivery of materials to the university community.

The Committee wishes to remind the campus community again that the deadline for nominations for the Chancellor's Faculty Teaching and Faculty Service awards is 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 1996. Members of the University community are encouraged to make nominations for these awards and to allow sufficient time for preparation of the nomination materials.

To: Lois Pierce, Senate Chairperson

From: Sharon Levin

Date: January 23, 1996

Re: Senate Committee for Research

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Levin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the "From:" field, overlapping slightly with the "Date:" field.

The Senate Committee for Research conducted a special opportunity "Small Grants" competition last month. Our goal was to provide modest amounts of support for a number of researchers without requiring them to prepare lengthy proposals. 90 requests were reviewed and 76 awards were made for equipment, professional development, supplies, travel and research assistance. In total, over \$50,000 will be disbursed to these faculty in a very short period of time. It is our hope that these small "investments" will lead to further growth in external support which, in turn, will lead to increased opportunities for intramural funds via our campus research awards.

The Committee would also like to remind faculty that the next round of campus research awards begins February 20 with the submission of proposals. Application forms are available from Lois Brako at 5894. Research Board applications are due March 4.