

**UM-ST. LOUIS**  
**SENATE MINUTES**  
**October 7, 1997**  
**3 p.m. 222 J. C. Penney**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. The minutes of the September 16, 1997 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Senate Chairperson, Dr. Lawrence Friedman, made two announcements. First, nominations for 1998-99 ACE fellows are now being accepted. Nominations are due by November 1, 1997 and 35 candidates will be accepted in early March. Second, at their last meeting (September 25-26), the Board of Curators approved the mission enhancement statement, including the new Bachelor of Health Sciences degree. The mission enhancement statement now moves to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for consideration.

Report from the Chancellor--Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Chancellor gave the results of the Missouri Board of Curators last meeting and announced that the campus is working to clear several other academic programs through the curators, including the master's of social work and the Ph.D. in education.

Jack Nelson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, is forming three task forces to study enrollment management, the CBHE's articulation policy, and intellectual property issues; academic affairs will also begin a study of instructional capacity and faculty workloads and develop a strategy for achieving Research II status for the campus.

The search for the dean of the School of Optometry has been reopened, and Dr. Nelson will meet with the optometry faculty to organize a new search committee.

More than 600 people attended the annual Founders Day Dinner on September 12 at the Ritz Carlton, where 35 faculty, staff, and alumni were recognized for their career accomplishments and continuing contributions to the university and community.

UM-St. Louis is ahead of last year's record total in fund raising.

The first presentation in the newly created endowed professorship lecture series will feature Dr. Patricia Simmons, the William Orthwein Professor in Life-Long Learning for the Sciences, who will discuss the Calvin and Hobbes Approach to Science Learning.

Fourteen UM-St. Louis students have submitted applications to serve as the student representative on the Board of Curators. A list of finalists for the position, which rotates among the four UM campuses, will be determined by student leaders and forwarded to curators for consideration.

The Student Activities Office has initiated a 24-week classic film series for students, faculty, and staff.

New student orientation sessions for freshmen, transfer, and returning students attracted more than 660 participants, an increase of more than 200 from the previous year.

In response to questions on faculty workload reports from Professors Lawrence Barton and Steven Spaner, Dr. Jim Krueger said that the information that goes to UM Central Administration is the information that units present to his office. Vice Chancellor Nelson will investigate whether all campuses are providing the same data. Additional discussion followed.

Report from the Faculty Council--Dr. Herman Smith

(see attached)

Report from the Budget and Planning Committee--Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Budget and Planning Committee met to discuss two major items:

- 1) Mission Enhancement. The general document was distributed as well as the first year legislative request.
- 2) The rationale for cost cuts made at the end of 1996-97 were presented as well as the percentage of cost cuts allocated from each unit.

The next meeting of Budget and Planning will take place on October 13, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. The committee will discuss the Challenge Plan and section sizes.

In answer to the question of whether the campus could expect more reallocations because of lack of students, the Chancellor responded that that was possible.

Report from Physical Facilities and General Services--Dr. Lawrence Barton

(see attached)

Professor Steven Spaner asked why the pothole outside the South Campus Metrolink station could not be filled in. Dr. Barton responded that this was not university property.

Having no further business, the Senate adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Senate Remarks  
from the Presiding Officer of the Faculty Council  
October 7, 1997**

Last May I ended my previous term of office by asking (and attempting to answer) the question: Who does the Presiding Officer represent? Ironically, at the Chancellor's reception a few weeks ago for President Pacheco, the President asked me to explain the differences between the Faculty Council and Senate. As there was not the time for a long response, I simple answered: "Complex". In thinking over this question, I have begun to see the onus as shifting to a new focus: Who does the Senate represent? And does the leadership of the Senate ultimately represent the Faculty?

The Steering Committee of the Faculty Council-- based on a series of questions brought up at the last May 1997 meeting of the Faculty Council (and available on our home page)--led to the survey I assume all of the Faculty Senators present have received. I designed this survey instrument only after careful consideration of the comments of the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council. It is impossible to make every member of that committee happy through their own preferred question wording, but I assure you that the questionnaire was worded to allow full expression of the views of all sides to the issues presented, and was worded to reflect the majority of the Steering Committee's interpretation of the present Bylaws of the Senate, and historic practices of committees.

Because some have misunderstood the standard survey procedures I have been following I would like to take a brief moment to explain. In the face of the Senate's history of having trouble mustering the 50% plus one votes needed for some bylaws changes, and, at times, the election of a new Senate - and, because the proposed changes in the survey are thought-provoking -- I was determined to maximize the response rate through a standard survey procedure known as a respondent-coding system. The codes are only known to myself and each respondent and used with a clear promise of confidentiality of responses. It really doesn't matter to me what any particular Senator thinks, but standard survey procedures call for a way of knowing who to call back when the response rate is less than the target.

I hope this explanation will <sup>allay</sup> any suspicions, so I am using this opportunity to encourage the 40% of Senators who have not sent back their questionnaires to do so. I would also ask the three senators who carefully tore off my numbering, in light of my explanation for the numbering system, to at least let me know they did send their copies back so that I know who needs follow-up.

Once I feel as if I have reached all the Senators who are likely to be cooperative I will obviously stop and share the results in standard tabular form. Now it may be that this is more trouble than it's worth since getting the required number of votes for any bylaws changes requires a 50% plus one return, but, I hope that the minority of Senators who have not yet responded will exercise their democratic responsibility and address this legitimate challenge to this institution by joining the list of respondents. If you are still unwilling to stand up and be counted, at least send me and the representatives of the Faculty Council an answer to the question: Who does the Senate represent?

## **Facilities and General Services Committee - Senate Meeting, Oct. 7, 1997**

The committee meets every month and addresses issues raised by committee members, by the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services and by the campus community in general. In this context Senators are urged to bring their concerns to members of the committee. The committee also receives a report from the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services and advises him on issues.

At the two meetings held thus far, the committee has discussed student-parking, student ticketing during the first two weeks of class, and parking and traffic disruptions caused by construction. Handicapped access continues to be a problem in some locations and it is being addressed. Noise, both airport and other noise, has been discussed, as has the excessive amount of time the shuttle seems to take. These items are being addressed. Finally, we have alerted the Administrative Services Department about problems with emergency lighting in the tower.

A series of agenda items have been established for this semester. They include:

- Security (keys, lighting)
- Furniture for classrooms
- Recycling
- Parking and traffic circulation
- Emergency Procedures.

In some classrooms, furniture, blinds, blackboards, etc., are in need of attention. Since there is only a limited budget available, the Vice-Chancellor has asked the committee to identify the high priority classrooms in need of attention. The committee asks that Senators and their colleagues contact the committee if they perceive that the classroom they are using is in need of repair.

At the October meeting, which will be the third one this semester, among the agenda items are security and parking/traffic circulation.

Please don't forget to contact committee members if you have any issues that are within the purview of the committee.