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(Minutes to be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on November 9, 1999, 3:00 p.m.)

**SENATE MINUTES
UM-ST. LOUIS
October 19, 1999
3:00 p.m. 222 J. C. Penney**

Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi, Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Dr. Zarucchi proposed an amendment to the agenda by inserting a report from the Committee on Committees between Standing Committee Reports B and C. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Minutes from the previous meeting (held September 14, 1999) were approved as submitted.

Report from the Senate Chair -- Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi
(Attachment-1)

Report from the Chancellor -- Chancellor Blanche Touhill
(Attachment-2)

Chancellor Touhill introduced Vice Chancellor Gary Grace to outline the issue of the exception report.

Dr. Grace said that he was in the process of sending a letter to the editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and would share this information with the Senate. He said that what concerned him most was that making exceptions to the admissions standard equates with admitting students who are otherwise inadmissible or academically inferior, and that is far from the truth. He said that admission standards are common to all 4 campuses and we have the ability to make case by case judgments when a student may not meet the established admission standards. Like all the other University of Missouri campuses, UMSL has done that this year resulting in 201 exceptions in the first-time full-time freshman class.

Dr. Grace said that 201 of 490 students who enrolled were admitted as exceptions. He said that there are a variety of reasons why students are admitted as exceptions. Students may be missing 1 or more of the 17 academic units that are required (4 English, 4 math, 3 natural science, 3 social science, 2 foreign languages, and 1 fine arts), and in some cases their high school may not teach all of the 17 units. He said that 83 of the 201 first-time full-time freshmen were missing a unit of math, and about 1/2 of the 201 students enrolled were exceptions because of missing units. Some of the students who are missing academic units may score high 20's or low 30's on the ACT exam and are in the 94th-98th percentile nationally, but still must be listed as exceptions.

Dr. Grace said that in other instances students were listed as exceptions because they came from high schools that do not rank their students. Some high schools do not rank students because they do not want

to discourage students from taking aggressive courses. In many cases, these students have GPA's that are fantastic.

Dr. Grace said that an intentional decision was made to accept more exceptions. He stated that the Senate Committee on Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid used research to guide the policy decision to admit more students as exceptions, and asked Dr. Joseph Martinich, the Committee Chair, to elaborate.

Dr. Martinich said that this issue has come up on a regular basis, about every 5 years, since the early 1980's. He said that the UM system regularly collects data on the ACT scores and the high school class ranks of students and their probability of succeeding with a 2.0 GPA in the freshman year. He said the intention is to construct admission requirements around the data. He said because of political reasons the admission requirements do not totally reflect the data. He said that UMSL decided to modify the UM admission requirements so that UMSL would accept students as exceptions who actually have a fairly high probability of success. We consciously made a decision this year that if the data indicated students were likely to succeed, the students would be admitted even if they were exceptions.

Dr. Martinich said that in previous years, in order to make UMSL look more acceptable to the Board of Curators, many of the students were accepted on a part-time basis and did not count as exceptions. But this year, students who had a high probability of success were admitted on a full-time basis as exceptions and those students who did not have a good chance of success were not admitted. He said that the number of part-time students went down as a result and the number of full-time freshmen went up. He said UMSL knew that they would take a hit, but the bottom line that is reported to the Board of Curators is that 71% of the students admitted as exceptions had a 2.0 GPA or higher, which is above the target number.

Dr. Grace said that 40% sounds like a large percentage but in reality 80 more students were admitted this fall than last fall. But even then, last year 68% of those students were part-time students and in essence we have about 17 more of them this fall than last fall. But, he said, we took a tremendous hit in terms of misunderstanding.

Chancellor Touhill then introduced Associate Vice Chancellor Mary FitzGerald to give an update about charter schools.

Dr. FitzGerald said that there are a number of charter schools open in Kansas City, MO and some of these were already running as schools before the charter law was passed and they opted to change to the charter school format. This is one reason why there are more charter schools in Kansas City. She said that St. Louis had very little activity and that only one school was chartered and that was one that UMSL did within the 60-day deadline, at the same time we were devising procedures for looking at charter schools. Dr. FitzGerald said that the criteria by which we are allowed to make a decision could be judged on only three things: the quality of the academic program, the financial viability of the enterprise, and whether or not the charter violates state law.

Dr. FitzGerald said that the committee met and looked at the report of 2 submissions and sent both of them back for corrections. One of them came back before the other, that was the top school, the African American Right of Passage Learning and Education Institute-Arthur J. Kennedy Charter School. They were the first out of the starting gate and given a charter by UMSL and then we were sued by the public schools. This case is still pending and it doesn't look like it's going to come to a conclusion any time soon.

Dr. FitzGerald said that now we have an existing charter, a legal contract, with the TAARP School. The TAARP School has notified UMSL that their sponsoring agency dropped out, Beacon, which was going to run the school and provide them with their curriculum. When Beacon pulled out they had no curriculum, because that curriculum was proprietary, so they were left in the lurch and they have found another chartering agency that devises curriculum and acts as a consultant. They put together the charter school in Cahokia, which is a big success. As of earlier this afternoon, Dr. FitzGerald phoned the leadership of the TAARP School and told them that we were now going to meet with them and their new curriculum and consultation agency to see if they meet the 3 requirements on which we are allowed to judge them. We don't know how that's going to turn out.

Dr. Martinich asked if there is a requirement that allows us to make a judgment based on the management of the school. Dr. FitzGerald said, not legally. She also said that criminal background checks are the responsibility of the charter school, not the sponsor. She said that because we are called the sponsor in the legislation is misleading because we don't actually involve ourselves with the day to day operation of the school. Dr. Martinich asked if anybody in the state is supposed to check on the management capability of the charter holder. Dr. FitzGerald said the law does not make any such provision, nor does it make any provision for funding us for doing the evaluation nor give us any instructions on how to proceed. She commented that it is not a very helpful piece of legislation. Dr. Martinich asked if there is a move to change the law. Dr. FitzGerald said that they are changing a few things, but she doesn't know how many of them have been changed except for one provision that names UMSL for purposes of the charter. The first argument in the legal case brought by the public schools is that the law says that a charter school had to be within the county of the chartering institution or the adjacent county, and since the chartering institution was given as UM, therefore no charter schools outside the immediate area of Columbia were legal charter schools.

Dr. Long asked how much this cost UMSL. Dr. FitzGerald said that we had a graduate student who wanted to do a research project this summer, and they were put to work at the School of Education tallying up what it cost. Dr. Long asked if UMSL was required to sponsor the school. Dr. FitzGerald said that we are required to comply with the law. She said that our legal advice was not to pull out. Dr. Long said we were asked to lend our name to enterprises that use criteria that may not be the criteria that we would employ. Dr. FitzGerald said that we pick the committee to decide if they are valid educational institutions. Dr. Long said that not only is there the matter of the criminal record, but that the superintendent of the school had no educational credentials. Dr. FitzGerald said that this is all right and he didn't need educational credentials according to the law. Dr. Long asked if we want to be involved in this game. Dr. FitzGerald replied that we did not ask to be involved in this game but the law put us in this game and we are following the law, and may have been sued for saying no. She said that the state feels it's correct for people who want to set up their own independent school to be allowed to do so, and as long as they don't damage the students they're teaching, we don't have a right to say we like you or we don't like you.

Dr. FitzGerald said that in Kansas City there is something that calls itself UCLA (Urban Community Leadership Academy), along with other schools in Kansas City, whose leaders are roughly equivalent in educational background to Mr. Lamar Bayha.

A student senator asked what exactly is a charter school. Dr. FitzGerald said that according to the law in Missouri a charter school is a school that uses state funding for its students but is exempted from a number of the restrictions for a regular public school. As long as they don't impose a religious ideology they have

the freedom to teach the curriculum as they see fit, as long as they comply with the law and don't actually miseducate the children. The university was brought in as a kind of a safety net.

Dr. Connett asked if the faculty was involved in the decision. Dr. FitzGerald said that the decision is not made by her, but by 3 people: Dean Schmitz of the School of Education, Dr. Peggy Cohen, and Dr. Donald Phares. They investigated the 2 proposals that we did have at the time, they reported that they were deficient in certain areas and the deficiencies were corrected by subsequent submits. Dr. Connett asked if Academic Affairs made the decision. Dr. FitzGerald said that she is the spokesperson on campus for the issue of charter schools but not involved in the process. The schools do this with the help of external agencies or on their own.

Dr. Ratcliff asked the Chancellor if a search committee had been formed to find a replacement for Kathy Osborne. Chancellor Touhill answered not yet but it will be shortly.

Dr. Burkholder said that faculty were generally concerned about the reallocations. In the North Central Accreditation Report from last year, a table on page 26 indicates 1049 full-time employees at UMSL in 1987 and in 1997 there were 1300. He said that 85 of those are faculty and 70 are regular faculty and that leaves a fairly substantial number, about 150 positions, that are out there somehow. Dr. Burkholder asked the Chancellor to help him understand what the positions were. Dr. Driemeier said that the bulk of the positions are units that did not exist at the time of the last North Central study, for example, one of the largest groups that are now on our total come to the university through its manufacturing and technology transfer leadership in MAMTC. He said that these are positions that are funded from federal grants and other state grants and are not on the university rate dollars. Dr. Driemeier said that other units that are examples of people on non-rate dollars but who are not part of the university as of the last North Central would be people who work for the Mercantile Library, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Southwestern Bell Telecommunications Center. He said that there are some additions in certain areas where we have had significant growth in the last 10 years such as computer operations. Dr. Driemeier said that they are working on a detailed response by unit of what has happened and whether those units are on general operating money or designated funds or non-designated funds, and this may be ready in the next week or week and a half.

Dr. Krueger said that the numbers for 1987 are not available to them right now, and they may have trouble going back to 1987. He said that the numbers from 1987 were never released to the previous North Central study. He took those numbers and had an idea of the source and used the same source to track in 1990, 1992 and 1997. At this time he was only confident that he could go back to fiscal 1992 which means frozen data on October 1991; if he can go back farther he will go back.

Dr. Burkholder said that his concern is that it looks like a large number and clearly the campus is engaged in a number of activities on rate dollars, aside from our core mission. Dr. Burkholder said that he hoped the activities would be examined prior to making reallocations based on the core mission.

Report from the Faculty Council Presiding Officer -- Dennis Judd
(Attachment-3)

Report from Intercampus Faculty Council -- Joseph Martinich
(Report Cancelled)

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

(Attachment-4)

Dr. Barton asked where UMSL would spend the year 3 Mission Enhancement Funds. Chancellor Touhill said that is before the state legislature now and we would get approximately 2 million dollars in July of 2000. Chancellor Touhill said that she would send that out to the Senate.

Dr. Judd said that at the last Budget and Planning meeting a document on discretionary or reserve funds was distributed, but was very general and asked if more details were ready. Vice Chancellor Krueger answered that they are working on it.

Report from the Bylaws and Rules Committee -- Lois Pierce

(Attachment-5)

Dr. Barton asked if the proposed by-law amendment applied to cases where an individual has a leave from teaching, but the faculty member still has responsibilities to the university. Dr. Zarucchi answered that individuals who are on teaching reduction status, but not on leave, are normally not identified by the Office of Academic Affairs as being on leave, so they would not be replaced on the Senate.

Dr. Connett asked for clarification that the amendment applies only to the Research-Fall and Winter Panels, and that committee members on leave for 1 semester would be replaced on all other committees for the entire year. Dr. Zarucchi answered yes.

A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously. Dr. Zarucchi said that this proposed change would be forwarded, by the Chancellor, to the faculty for a vote by mail ballot. Dr. Zarucchi said that if the Senate office anticipated several more by-law changes this year they would be compiled and sent together.

Report from the Committee on Committees -- Fred Willman

Dr. Matthew Keefer was elected by acclamation to replace Dr. Vivian McCollum on the Research-Fall Panel Committee for a one-year term.

Report from the Computing Committee -- Fred Willman

(Attachment-6)

Dr. Martinich said between 1 and 3 years ago UM System made a decision that part of the student computing fees would be decentralized and returned to individual units to establish computer labs and software etc. for instructional needs that would be specific to individual units. He said he knows that other UM campuses have done this on a moderate to large scale and asked if UMSL had plans to do so. Dr. Willman said that he would put this topic on the agenda for the next Computing Committee meeting.

Report from the Curriculum and Instruction Committee -- David Ganz

(See Agenda Attachment-2)

Dr. Ganz explained that the committee had no action items for the October Senate meeting, but the committee reported 1 approved housekeeping item and a small list of approved course proposals.

Report from the Physical Facilities and General Services Committee -- William Connett

(Attachment-7)

Dr. Ganz asked if the ramp from the ground level up in the new parking garage is level 1 or level 2. Dr. Connett said that he did not know, but would find out and report at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Ratcliff asked if it would be possible to remove the road barrier on West Drive that obstructs the view of oncoming traffic. Dr. Connett said that he would take this issue to the committee.

A student senator asked if the light at the main entrance would remain in use after the light is installed at the West Drive. Dr. Connett replied yes, and added that the synchronization of the 2 lights is being worked on.

Dr. Roth asked if the master campus plan has been revisited in light of the realignment of both Florissant Road and I-70. Chancellor Touhill said that campus planners have been talking to MODOT for 10 years about the straightening of I-70. She said that it has always been known that I-70 would be straightened and Sasaki Associates, Inc. has updated the campus with a visit every year or every other year. Chancellor Touhill said that to her knowledge the only thing that MODOT updated was to extend right-by-property on Natural Bridge, up as far as the campus. Mr. Samples said that this was on the 1993 map in the Campus Master Plan booklet.

Dr. Connett said that a number of items on the master campus plan had not been implemented, such as an upgrade of the West Drive to the library but not around, and a private driveway under Natural Bridge to connect the North and South campus. Dr. Connett said that a number of items were proposed that may never happen, but I-70 will move and Mount Providence will come down on March 1.

Dr. Connett said that to envision the change of I-70, go down to Uncle Chunky's and stand on Florissant Road, it would be 50 foot underground next year.

Dr. Martinich said that he was typically the defender of the athletics program and asked how the straightening of I-70 would affect athletic structures, such as the baseball field. Mr. Samples said that this is Geiger Road at Florissant Rd., on the map, and would not affect the baseball field.

Dr. Cohen said that the issue of pedestrians dodging traffic on Natural Bridge Road should be addressed. Dr. Connett said that he would take this issue to the committee and look at new possible options with the Beffa property.

Report from the Research-Fall Panel Committee -- Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi
(Attachment-8)

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Governance -- Mark Burkholder

Dr. Burkholder thanked the committee members for their hard work.

(Attachment-9)

Dr. Burkholder said assuming the Bylaws and Rules Committee makes a recommendation to the Senate, there would be 2 readings of the proposal at Senate meetings and if approved the proposal would go to the faculty for a written vote.

Dr. Long asked if Dr. Burkholder's interpretation of the approval process came from Dr. Lehmkuhle. Dr. Burkholder replied, no, it came from Phil Hoskins in the General Counsel's Office. Dr. Long quoted the Faculty Handbook sections 11.A.4.a (page 64) "Its membership and procedures shall be as determined by the Faculty" and 11.C.2 (page 67) "It shall be the responsibility of the Senate to exercise those functions of the faculty". Dr. Long said that these would suggest that the Senate and Faculty Council drew their authority from the faculty and are creations of the faculty. Dr. Long said the important thing to him was

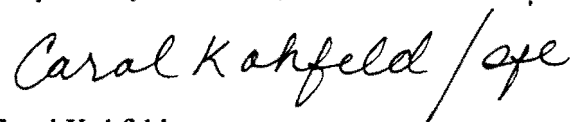
having gone through the process back in 1983, that Dr. Burkholder outlined, and it was terribly difficult to make it work. Dr. Long said the cleaner process would be to go back to the source of power, which was the faculty.

Dr. Burkholder said that he totally agreed with Dr. Long's interpretation, but unfortunately he is not the one to make that decision. Dr. Burkholder said that he believes the best thing to do at this point is accept the ruling of the Legal Counsel's office, which is counsel to the Board of Curators, not to administrative officers. Dr. Burkholder said it is the Board of Curators that must ultimately approve the proposal. Dr. Burkholder added that we would be ill advised to try to fight the Board's counsel on this issue and asked that all come together to discuss the issue thoroughly at the Senate meetings. Dr. Burkholder said it is an excellent proposal and solves many of the problems that we have seen in recent years between the existing governance structures. He recommends that we approve it in this body and approve it by mail vote of the faculty and then ask the Board of Curators to approve the changes. He said that he thinks we would be wasting our time to discuss other possible means of doing it, they're not going to happen, so let's get down to the serious issue, what's really important is that this document be approved.

Dr. Ratcliff said that it is her understanding of the Rules and Regulation that in the beginning the Board of Curators gives the faculty the responsibility to make decisions about certain matters, and it lists those matters. It also gives the faculty the authority to delegate that responsibility to other bodies. Dr. Ratcliff said that if you look further down in the Rules and Regulations on how changes are made, when those Rules and Regulations were set up the faculty delegated the authority to make changes to the Senate, so sometime ago we gave up the sole right to make changes to the bylaws. One partial remedy would be to change that bylaw and that is a possibility that we could consider.

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Kohfeld" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Carol Kohfeld
Senate Secretary

Attachments:

- 1) Report from the Senate Chair
- 2) Report from the Chancellor
- 3) Report from the Faculty Council Presiding Officer
- 4) Report from the Budget and Planning Committee
- 5) Senate Approved Bylaw Amendment-Committees of the Senate
(Pending Approval from the faculty and Board of Curators)
- 6) Report from the Computing Committee
- 7) Report from the Physical Facilities and General Services Committee
- 8) Report from the Research Committee
- 9) Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Governance

Senate Chairperson's Report
October 19, 1999
Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi

At the Senate Executive Committee meeting on October 12, the question was again raised of how the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee would be acted upon. After spirited discussion, it was pointed out by several by-law experts present that this was not a change in Senate by-laws, but rather a change in the Campus By-Laws, which is section 300.040 in the Collected Rules and Regulations. Any change is required to go through the Amendment procedure of those by-laws. That would entail being approved by the Senate, and then forwarded by the Chancellor to the Faculty at large for a mail ballot. If the proposal is passed by the Faculty, it would then be sent to the Board of Curators for their final approval.

Several members of the Ad Hoc Committee who were present expressed their opinion that the proposal could be submitted directly to the Faculty at large, without being approved by the Senate, but the majority of the Executive Committee did not agree with that interpretation. I have recently consulted with the system Vice President for Academic Affairs, who in turn consulted with the system General Counsel, and they have confirmed that the Rules and Regulations require a Senate vote in this matter.

I would therefore like to encourage all Senators to take an active interest in this proposal, which will be voted upon at a future Senate meeting. The Executive Committee asked for a summary of the changes that the Ad Hoc Committee has made in response to the open faculty meetings, and Dr. Burkholder has agreed to make that presentation as the final item on today's agenda.

As many of you are aware from articles in the Post-Dispatch published on October 16 and October 18, it was reported to the Board of Curators last Friday that the number of freshman students admitted without meeting the University admissions criteria rose this year on our campus, from a 25% rate in Fall 1998 to a 40% rate in Fall 1999. Two other UM campuses experienced a much smaller increase, and UMKC experienced a percentage decrease. If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact the Senate office.

October Senate Remarks
By Blanche Touhill
October 19, 1999

United Way

I am happy to announce that we have exceeded our goal for the 1999 United Way Campaign. More than 300 people have pledged \$52,000 to the United Way. We had established a \$49,000 goal.

Given our salary situation this year, I think that our faculty and staff responded in an extraordinary way. This is an outstanding organization with a caring, meaningful mission to help people improve their lives and our community. I am proud of you and your generosity.

Parking

Campus police report that the new garage which opened on West Drive last week already is taking pressure off other garages around campus and contributing to better traffic flow during peak hours.

The opening of West Drive to through traffic has been delayed, though. The Missouri Highway Department will not allow us to open it until we have installed traffic lights at Natural Bridge Road. The contractor has not received those signals from the manufacturer yet and may not receive them until next week. That would mean West Drive would not be open fully until the first week of November.

Site preparation has begun for the new garage on East Drive. We anticipate that this 650-space garage will be open in about 18 months.

Rumors

At the request of the Staff Association, we have re-incarnated the long-dormant rumor hotline. The university communication office, as it did in the past, will staff the hotline.

For example, a recent rumor was circulating that the university had purchased the Quik Trip on Florissant Road. This is not true. These types of rumors can be addressed through the hotline.

Instead of a dedicated telephone number, though, inquiries to the hotline will be made through a dedicated email address. That address is rumorhotline@umsl.edu.

Further details about the rumor hotline will be featured in Friday's Update.

October Senate Remarks
By Blanche Touhill
October 19, 1999

Marketing

I want to remind each of you that we will premiere our new advertising campaign Tuesday, October 26, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Southwestern Bell TeleCommunity Center.

The campaign, designed to enhance the University's image and ultimately increase enrollment, includes three television commercials, five radio commercials and seven print advertisements.

Enrollments & Exceptions

System Vice President Steve Lehmkuhle reported to the curators last week that the four campuses of the University of Missouri experienced a slight decrease in first-time, full-time freshmen. He also reported that three of the four campuses, including this campus, increased the number of freshmen it admitted as exceptions.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch carried an article Saturday about the exceptions report and on Monday columnist Bill McClellan again mentioned the report. The McClellan column concerned several people -- including myself.

It concerned me because Mr. McClellan links many divergent issues on this campus with the issue of accreditation at the St. Louis Public Schools. I believe the column could lead the average reader to conclude that this is not a quality institution and that we have accreditation problems. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The accreditation team which visited our campus last spring was highly complimentary of our faculty, our staff and our students. The team's review led to an unconditional ten-year accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Gary Grace, too, was concerned about the McClellan column -- particularly about the way it portrays our students. He has informed me that he has prepared a letter to the editor to clarify the true situation.

Since each of you has undoubtedly been confronted with questions about the exceptions report, I have asked that Dr. Grace to outline the issue to you.

**FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT
TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

October 19, 1999

The Faculty Council met on October 7, 1999, to discuss the report of the Select Committee on Fiscal Practices. A full discussion of that report occurred.

During that discussion, Faculty Council members requested that the Presiding Officer place supporting documentation for the report on the faculty council's website. It is now available at the university's website, under Faculty Council, ad hoc committees.

Members of the Faculty Council decided to continue the discussion of the fiscal practices committee's report at its meeting of November 4, and to discuss the report of Vice President James Cofer and his team and Chancellor Touhill's response, assuming those are available one week in advance. I have also set aside a room for a special meeting on November 11, in the event that these documents are not available in time for the November 4 meeting.

Submitted by Dennis R. Judd, Presiding Officer

REPORT OF THE SENATE BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 19, 1999

The Budget and Planning Committee has met twice since the September Senate meeting.

At the September 20th meeting, the Committee received numerous documents concerning the possible rate cuts in order to institute the President's resource plan, FY2001-2005. Although these cuts are not final, I have shared these cuts with the Academic Officers in order for them to meet with their policy committees and to prepare probable scenarios on the impact of these cuts. These cuts are differentiated between the academic and non-academic side of the university.

It was my intention to have the deans come before the Budget and Planning Committee and give presentations to the Committee on the impact of these cuts. At this time, the Committee has not recommended such presentations take place.

Also at the September 20th meeting, I distributed information on the campus' allocation for the third year of the Mission Enhancement initiative.

At the October 13th meeting, the Committee received information on the estimated rate cuts and increased core student credit hours and a presentation by Dr. Jerry Siegel on the Desktop Computing Plan. During the October 13th meeting, several members of the Committee questioned the need for presentations by the deans. Professor McBride distributed a list of 17 questions for consideration before making rate reallocations. After the meeting, Dr. Krueger responded to a request by several members of the Committee for information on the reserves. Dr. Krueger distributed that information to all of the members of the Committee.

The Committee will meet again on Friday, October 22 [10 a.m., 72 J.C. Penney] and the purpose is to discuss the issue of rate reallocations and the need for budget presentations.

Approved by the Senate on October 20, 1999.
Pending approval by the faculty and Board of Curators.

UM-ST. LOUIS

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

Proposed Change to UM-St. Louis Senate Bylaws
Section C.4 Committees of the Senate

Current Version:

300.040 C.4 paragraph 3 -- Committees of the Senate -- . . . If a faculty member of a Senate committee is to take a leave of absence, a substitute shall be elected or appointed (depending on the status of the member to be replaced) to serve for the entire academic year during which the leave is taken. . . .

Proposed Version:

Change to 300.040 C.4 paragraph 3 -- Committees of the Senate -- . . . If a faculty member of a Senate committee is to take a leave of absence, a substitute shall be elected or appointed (depending on the status of the member to be replaced) to serve for the entire academic year (or semester in the case of the independent Fall and Winter Panels of the Committee on Research) during which the leave is taken. . . .

Rationale:

In order to allow the maximum number of faculty to seek support for their research, the Senate Committee on Research is divided into Fall and Winter Panels. With the exception of the Chair, committee members serve only on the Fall or Winter Panel and can thus submit applications to the panel of which they are not a member. Because of the independence of the panels, it is appropriate for a member of the committee to retain his or her position on a panel even if the faculty member will be on a leave of absence in the other semester of that academic year.

Senate Computer Committee Report

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

These items have been discussed at the first meeting:

- New dial-up procedures

- New e-mail naming system for students

- New classrooms being completed

- Concerns about new system-wide software being developed by People Soft

Dr. Siegel has announced that there will be a pool of \$20,000 available this year for enhancements to the desk top plan for faculty. The committee will refine the guidelines for applying for enhancement money at our meeting next week. An announcement with guidelines and the deadline for applying will be forthcoming.

Fred Willman, Chairman

October 19, 1999

Report of the Senate Committee on Physical Facilities

At our regular meeting on October 14, the following items were discussed:

1. The resolution passed at the last Senate meeting was forwarded to Reinhard Schuster, and he reported that he would stop the ticketing of faculty parking in student lots.

2. The new parking garage had just opened the week before. It is currently designated for faculty parking on the first level, student parking on the other three levels. Since construction is not yet complete, and since a number of changes on the West Drive have not been completed, it was decided to wait until these changes have settled to make a decision on the future. We plan to gather data on usage though the beginning of a new semester before making any recommendation for a change.

3. The future of parking on West Drive is a problem. There is currently a safety issue, in that drivers of small cars are unable to back out safely from these locations if they park next to a van or large truck. Also the speed of traffic when the new entrance opens may increase. We do not have any recommendations at this time, but are currently gathering information about accidents rates on campus, and will revisit this.

4. The moving of I-70 almost a mile closer to campus, and the creation of a new exit designated for UM St.Louis, creates the challenge of designing a new entrance to campus. We plan on publicizing these issues to enable a full discussion of the campus "image" in the future. In particular there is now a mock up of the new monument intended to designate the entrance to campus on the fountain between J.C.Penny and the East Drive. We will be soliciting your feedback in articles in the Current and the Friday Update. Please take a look at it, and share your opinions.

For the Committee
William Connett

Report of Committee on Research

The small grants subcommittee met on 5 October. It reviewed 20 proposals and funded 16 of them. The amount awarded was \$13,000. Letters were sent out to all of the applicants on 13 October.

The full committee will meet on 25 October to consider proposals for research grants.

Report of the Senate/Faculty Council Committee on Governance

Mark A. Burkholder, Chair

October 19, 1999

The Conference Committee Members are: Nasser Arshadi, Mark Burkholder (chair), Joyce Corey, Tim McBride, Lois Pierce, Gail Ratcliff, Steve Spaner, and Lana Stein.

Since my previous report on the draft governance proposal to the Senate, the Committee has held two open hearings and a subsequent meeting to discuss suggestions and questions raised at the hearings and to consider the committee structure and other unresolved issues in the proposal.

The current draft of the proposal changes the composition of the University Assembly from that presented in the prior version. Specifically, the committee recommends increasing the staff representation to three, retaining thirteen student seats, and making the Student Government Association president a non-voting member. Thus the Assembly would have 61 voting members and 13 non-voting members.

The proposal recommends that only on the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Bylaws and Rules must the chairs be faculty senators. The chair of the Budget and Planning Committee will be the chancellor.

In place of the current structure of the Senate Executive Committee, the proposal calls for a Steering Committee comprised of the chancellor, the chair and secretary of the Faculty Senate, and three elected faculty senators. All committee chairs will be invited to meet with the Steering Committee when their committees are ready to report to the Senate or assembly.

The Committee also calls for a simpler process of amending the Faculty Bylaws.

The Conference Committee is scheduled to meet next Monday. It anticipates submitting its final report soon afterward. Having completed its charge, the Committee will cease to exist.

My understanding of the required approval process is that the Senate must approve the proposal in the manner prescribed for bylaws changes. Thus I assume that the Senate chair will forward the proposal to the Bylaws and Rules Committee and that Committee, in due course, will make a recommendation to the Senate.

