Chancellor’s Report

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Carnegie Foundation selects UMSL for its 2010 Community Engagement Classification

- Recognizes exceptional collaboration between higher education and the larger community for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources.
- Given to less than 3% of universities and colleges nationally.
For the 2\textsuperscript{nd} straight year, UMSL is a St. Louis Top 50 Award recipient

- Given by RCGA to companies and organizations that December 2010 issue of Commerce Magazine are “shaping St. Louis’ future.”
- Aerotropolis legislation pending – includes tax incentives for China hub.
U.S. News & World Report

- Undergraduate International Business program ranked 20th nationally … 8th year in top 20.
- Doctoral Criminology and Criminal Justice program ranked 4th nationally.
- Only such programs in UM System to receive this attention.
Academic Analytics ranks UMSL 9th nationally

- UMSL ranks 1st in the Midwest among research universities with fewer than 15 doctoral programs.
- Academic Analytics ranks universities based on faculty scholarly productivity.

San Diego State 1
Boston College 2
Georgetown 3
Rutgers 4
Brandeis 5
Colorado–Denver 6
William & Mary 7
American University 8
UMSL 9
DePaul 10

Other Selected Institutions
Marquette 18
Portland State 19
Baylor 23
SMU 27
Texas Christian 33
Tulane 36
Five individual programs among Academic Analytics Top 20 in their respective fields

- Counselor Education.
- Information Systems.
- Criminology & Criminal Justice.
- Evolutionary Biology.
- Teaching & Learning.
UMSL sets total enrollment record

- Total enrollment tops 16,800.
  - Average freshman ACT up to 23.6 from 22.8 – well above state and national averages.
  - On-campus enrollment by level:
UMSL sets minority and graduate student enrollment records

- 32% of students listed as minorities.
- 21% of students listed as African Americans.
- 24% of students enrolled in graduate programs.
Faculty efforts drive increase in external funding ... set record

2001: $19M
2010: $19M
2011: $45M

140% Increase
Missouri Institute of Mental Health becomes unit of UMSL

- 100 MIMH employees generate about $6 million annually in research and program grants.
- UMSL faculty, MIMH employees cooperate on numerous projects.
Just Received

UMSL, MIMH receive $14M in grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- Five-year program to prevent and reduce substance abuse and HIV infection among African American females.
- Five-year program to screen Missourians involved in risky substance abuse behaviors and offer intervention treatment.
Gateway for Greatness Campaign

UMSL increases goal to $150M from $100M

- Exceeded previous goal in June 2010.
- Seven-year campaign … July 2005 to June 2012.
21 individuals and organizations make gifts of $1M or more

- Six million-dollar-plus donors since July 1.
  - Edward Jones.
  - Emerson.
  - Boeing Company.
  - Alumni Stanley and Terri Freerks.
  - Estate of former professor Dr. Eugene and Alice Meehan.
  - Alumnus Charles and Maureen Hoffman.
UMSL launches Opportunity Scholars Program

- All-inclusive, four-year scholarship awarded to under-represented and first generation college students from local high schools.
  - Corporate partners will provide financial support, internships and mentors.
- Emerson is initially contributing $1.65M, along with gifts from AT&T, David and Thelma Steward of World Wide Technology and Energizer.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Public Radio
St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis American
KMOV (Ch. 4)
Associated Press
UMSL@Grand Center becomes a reality

- Broke ground April 15 on three-story, 27,000-square-foot facility next to the Nine Network – KETC.
- House UMSL offices and classrooms.
- Serve as home to St. Louis Public Radio.
St. Louis Public Radio

Radio station continues to excel and set records

- Reaches more than 250,000 listeners weekly.
- Classical 90.7 KWMU-3 created to fill void of KFUO.
- Live Saturday-night broadcasts of St. Louis Symphony.
- Record-breaking fund drives in October and March – more than $1M in gifts and pledges.
Growing Partnership

UMSL dedicates Express Scripts Hall

- Action recognizes unique relationship between Express Scripts and UMSL.
  - Major donor: exceeding $4M.
  - Academic and community partnerships.
25th Anniversary
Bridge program serves as national model for college-school partnerships

- Operates programs to enhance math, science and communication skills in area middle and high schools.
- Since 2004 – 100% of Bridge graduates have completed high school and enrolled in college.
- Bridge is averaging over 100 graduates per year.
- Nearly 40% of Bridge students enroll at UMSL or other UM campuses.
UMSL IT Enterprises helps redefine area’s economy through technology and research

- 60,000 square-foot incubator houses variety of science and technology operations.
- Six current tenants, including:
  - Akermin – commercializes unique platform technology to immobilize and stabilize enzymes in polymers.
  - Bizmanualz – provides online software that makes it easy for organizations to share and control documents in compliance with national standards.
UMSL forms Medicinal Chemistry Group to enhance synthetic and pharmaceutical developments

- Group consists of former Pfizer scientists now housed at IT Enterprises.
- Partners and clients include:
  - St. Louis University
  - Monsanto
  - Sigma Aldrich
  - St. Louis Life Sciences Project
  - Missouri Technology Corporation
UMSL licenses non-invasive spectroscopic glucose monitor to St. Louis Medical Devices

- Located in IT Enterprises, St. Louis Medical Devices will move the device through clinical trials and bring it to market here and around the world.
- The monitor’s technologies were developed by Associate Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry Zhi Xu.
Athletics

Three UMSL teams play their way into the NCAA tournament

- Volleyball – Women’s Golf – Men’s Golf
- Most UMSL teams in national tournament since 1972.
- Could be joined by softball team – they won the regular season GLVC championship.
Athletics

Individual students craft standout seasons

- Freshman Daniela Viotti was named GLVC Player and Freshman of the Year in women’s golf.
- Sophomore Shweta Galande won the GLVC women’s golf individual championship.
- Gerald Fulton was first UMSL basketball player ever to earn first-team All-GLVC honors.
Michael Cosmopoulos’ discovery of a clay tablet in Greece is the earliest known governmental record in Europe

- Cosmopoulos is the Hellenic Government-Karakas Family Professor in Greek Studies.
- Changes what is known about the origins of literacy and bureaucracy.
- Finding has been publicized in National Geographic Magazine, Discovery Channel and several local media outlets.
College of Arts & Sciences

Criminologists Richard Rosenfeld and Janet Lauritsen win the Claude S. Fisher Award for Excellence in Contexts

- Award established by American Sociological Association to honor excellence in writing.
- Duo wrote a well-received analysis that was highly critical of the annual most dangerous city rankings.
College of Arts & Sciences

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez wins the prestigious Quest Award from the Animal Behavior Society for her lifetime research achievements

- Tang-Martinez is a professor of biology.
College of Arts & Sciences
Sonya Bahar won the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

- Bahar is an associate professor of physics and astronomy.
- Award recognizes innovation and outstanding methods of instruction.
College of Arts & Sciences

Alumnus Corneille Ewango continues to amaze us … and the world

- Ewango, MS biology 2006, received the 2011 Future for Nature Award.
- The award – along with a $73K prize – recognizes individuals for outstanding species protection efforts.
- Ewango previously won the $125K Goldman Environmental Prize and UMSL Chancellor’s Medallion.
College of Business Administration

Business receives reaccreditation from Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

- AACSB is the most prestigious business accrediting body in the world.
- Less than 5% of business schools nationally receive this symbol of quality.
- Accounting program also carries AACSB accreditation.
College of Business Administration

Building campaign nets support from companies and alumni

- $1M from alumnus Charles and Maureen Hoffman – supporting Grace’s Place.
- $1M gift from The Boeing Company.
- $1M from Edward Jones.
  - Second $1M-dollar commitment from company and UMSL alumni who work there.
Tim Farmer is receiving the UM President’s Award for University Citizenship

- Farmer is an associate professor of accounting.
- Award recognizes Farmer’s professional and personal contributions in promoting the mission and values of the UM System.
College of Business Administration

Student Investment Trust Club wins St. Louis Collegiate Investment Challenge – AGAIN

- Sponsored by UMB Bank, competition involves student teams selecting a 20-stock portfolio – with the most profitable winning.
- Winning institution receives $10K for scholarships.
- Teaching Professor Ken Locke is the faculty adviser.
College of Education

Marvin Berkowitz is receiving the UM Thomas Jefferson Award

- Berkowitz is the Sanford McDonnell Professor of Character Education and co-director of the Center for Character and Citizenship Education.
- Award signifies his excellence in teaching, research and service.
College of Education

Alumnus Art McCoy has been appointed superintendent of the Ferguson-Florissant School District

- He earned his doctoral and master’s degrees from UMSL.
- McCoy is an outstanding member of the Leadership Council for UMSL College of Education.
College of Education

Alumna Wanicha Disharoon was named Monsanto Science Teacher of the Year by the Academy of Science in St. Louis

- Disharoon is a first-grade teacher at Patrick Henry Downtown Academy.
- She has two master’s degrees from UMSL – special education and elementary education.
College of Fine Arts & Communication

Robert Nordman enters Missouri Music Educators Hall of Fame

- Nordman is the E. Desmond Lee Professor for Music Education.
- An outstanding scholar, Nordman coordinates UMSL’s music education partnerships with areas school districts.
College of Fine Arts & Communication

Barbara Harbach is receiving a Visionary Award from Grand Center Inc.

- Harbach is a professor of music.
- Award recognizes her as an accomplished academic and successful working artist.
- Additionally, the London Philharmonic Orchestra has recorded her compositions for an upcoming CD.
College of Fine Arts & Communication

LaWanda Nunley has been named to the American Advertising Federation’s list of Most Promising Minority Students

- Nunley is a senior majoring in media studies.
- She was the only student selected from a university in Missouri.
College of Nursing

Master’s program among top 15% of graduate nursing programs, according to U.S. News & World Report

- Nearly 500 nursing programs were profiled in the magazine’s latest edition of Best Graduate Schools.
College of Nursing
Graduates surpass 90% pass rate on the national licensure exam – which is higher than state and national averages

- Ninth consecutive year that UMSL student scores exceeded the state and national average.
College of Optometry

Optometry students earned a pass rate of 98% for the three phases of the national licensure exam

- UMSL students consistently rank among the nation’s best on the national exam.
College of Optometry

Students and faculty excel at community service

- Pre-optometry Club students collected nearly 600 pairs of eyeglasses for people in developing countries.
- Faculty and students treated nearly 5,000 patients at the college’s four regional eye care facilities.
- Provided superior service at below-market cost – including more than $400,000 in uncompensated care.
Division of Continuing Education

*57,000 students participated in credit and non-credit courses – 9% increase over last year*

- CE delivered nearly 2,500 courses and programs throughout the 16-county region.
- Largest continuing education operation in Missouri.
Thank You!

Missouri General Assembly
Governor Jay Nixon

- Our state Senators, Representatives and Governor have demonstrated unwavering support for education during a time of unprecedented economic stress.
Thank you all for your support!