First things … first

- Welcome – new faculty, deans and staff.
- Congratulations – excellence award winners and recipients of service awards.
- I look forward to celebrating with each of you.
Next

Rankings, awards and other neat stuff
Academic Analytics

UMSL faculty ranks 3rd nationally among public universities

- Index of universities with fewer than 15 doctoral programs shows us right behind William & Mary.
- Boston College, Georgetown and Brandeis private schools also among index’s top 10.
International Business moves to 14th nationally

- 11th consecutive year in publication’s Top 20.
- Program was 15th last year; as high as 8th in past editions.
- Charlie Hoffman’s first accomplishment as business dean!
U.S. News & World Report
UMSL online programs net exceptional ratings

- 1st among Missouri publics for master’s in education – 57th nationally.
- 2nd among Missouri publics for overall bachelor’s programs – 43rd nationally.
Colleges that charge the least and give graduates degrees that means something in the marketplace.

UMSL ranked 56 among national universities and was one of only three Missouri universities to make the list.
UMSL ranks well in Missouri 20-30 Club

- Organization identified 17 Missouri colleges and universities that have an annual tuition under $20K and an average starting salary over $30K.
ABET

UMSL-Wash U. engineering program gains six-year accreditation

- Outstanding marks for civil, electrical and mechanical engineering majors.
- No terms or additional reports or visits required.
- Celebrating 20th anniversary.
- Reminder … this was the first part-time, joint program ever to receive ABET accreditation.
Arts and Education Council
Des Lee Fine Arts Collaborative enriches community

- Receiving St. Louis Arts Award in January.
- Council praised Robert Nordman and Louis Lankford for their leadership.
- Collaborative serves 15 school districts with partners such as St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis Symphony and Dance St. Louis.
UMSL receiving a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award

- Recognizes universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

- Thank you for your commitment to civility, diversity and quality.
UM System

5 faculty receive competitive awards for excellence

- Rita Csapo-Sweet
  - President’s Award for Cross-Cultural Engagement.

- Vicki Sauter
  - President’s Award for Service.

- Carl Hoagland
  - President’s Award for Innovative Teaching.

- Dawn Garzon and Susann Farberman
  - President’s Award for Intercampus Collaboration.
Lynn Beckwith receives a lifetime achievement award


- For past 13 years, Des Lee Professor of Urban Education in our College of Education.

- Liaison with college and area schools as well as an outstanding graduate school instructor.
American Democracy Project

UMSL students win national logo contest

- Project’s goal is producing informed, involved citizens.
- Sponsored by Association of State Colleges and Universities and NY Times.
- Class assignment in course taught by Kristy Tucciarone.
Great Lakes Valley Conference

Record 73 student-athletes receive Academic All Conference honors

- Three teams received bids to NCAA Tournament.
  - Men’s golf, women’s golf and softball
  - Men’s golf tied for 5th nationally

- Three All-Americans.
  - Golf’s Warren Crow
  - Softball’s Hannah Perryman
  - Baseball’s Kyle Renaud
Finally

Select updates, strategic plan and funding
Movement toward formal merger

- Update to curators received a very positive response.
- MU School of Journalism excited about academic possibilities with merged news operation and UMSL faculty.
- Goal for curators to approve merger at meeting on UMSL campus in November.
University Advancement

Donors continue outstanding support of UMSL and its students

- $21M in private gifts and pledges in FY2013.
- Tremendous encore after our successful Gateway for Greatness Campaign ended in June 2012.
- Breath-taking support for scholarships ... 65% increase in endowed scholarships since 2005.
Year-Over-Year Comparison

Total enrollment is expected to be just under 17,000 students

- First Time DS Freshman: (7%) 500
- Transfer: (6%) 1850
- Total Undergraduate: 1% 9350
- In-State Undergraduate: 1% 8500
- Graduate: (3%) 2650
- First Professional: 2% 172
- On-campus Credit Hours: 1% 122,700
- On-line Credit Hours: 16% 12,500
Campus Enrollment

Pattern bodes well for UMSL’s future

- 24 average freshmen ACT
- Record for GPAs of incoming freshmen and transfer students
- University-owned housing is full – first time ever.
- Number of minorities increases.
  - 32% total minorities
  - 20% African American
  - More than 100 countries represented
Strategy statement

By 2018, UMSL will increase the annual number of degrees conferred by 20% ...

- That’s about **3,600 degrees** – 600 above our current baseline.

- Still awaiting curator approval, the strategic plan currently contains three basic themes to guide our efforts.
Theme one

The UMSL Experience

- Develop student-centric campus to recruit and retain qualified students.
- Enhance work and research environment for faculty and staff.
- Reduce net costs to students.
Theme two

Community Partnerships

- Create a sustainable organizational framework to facilitate assessment, promotion, development, and enhancement of community partnerships.
Theme three

Academic Program Enhancement

- Implement innovative course development.
- Increase degree completion.
Presidential Support

UMSL gets new funding for strategic initiatives to increase total number of degrees

- $2.2M in recurring funds.
  - $1.6M for scholarships
  - $500K for faculty hires
  - $100K for degree completion

- 3 to 1 match on scholarships.
  - $500K for scholarships from UMSL reallocations
Recreation and Wellness Center and Science Learning Building on track to open in 2015

- Groundbreakings this October and November, respectively.
- Reviewing bids.
Anheuser-Busch Hall

Curators approve Phase 1 concept

- Cannon Design retained to design 46,000-square-foot structure.
- Contain classroom/learning spaces, faculty offices and social spaces.
- Moving toward 2014 groundbreaking.
- Seeking match funds.
Successful ongoing yearlong Jubilee celebration

- 1,600 people attended the Feb. launch at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.
- Events and communication efforts have reinforced UMSL’s impact on the region’s past and future.
Founders Dinner

800 students, alumni, donors, faculty and staff filled the Ritz Carlton

- Honored six outstanding alumni for their achievements.
- Thanked our donors for their support and loyalty.
Thank you!