



# The State of the University

Chancellor Thomas F. George

September 2007



**Welcome to another great year!**





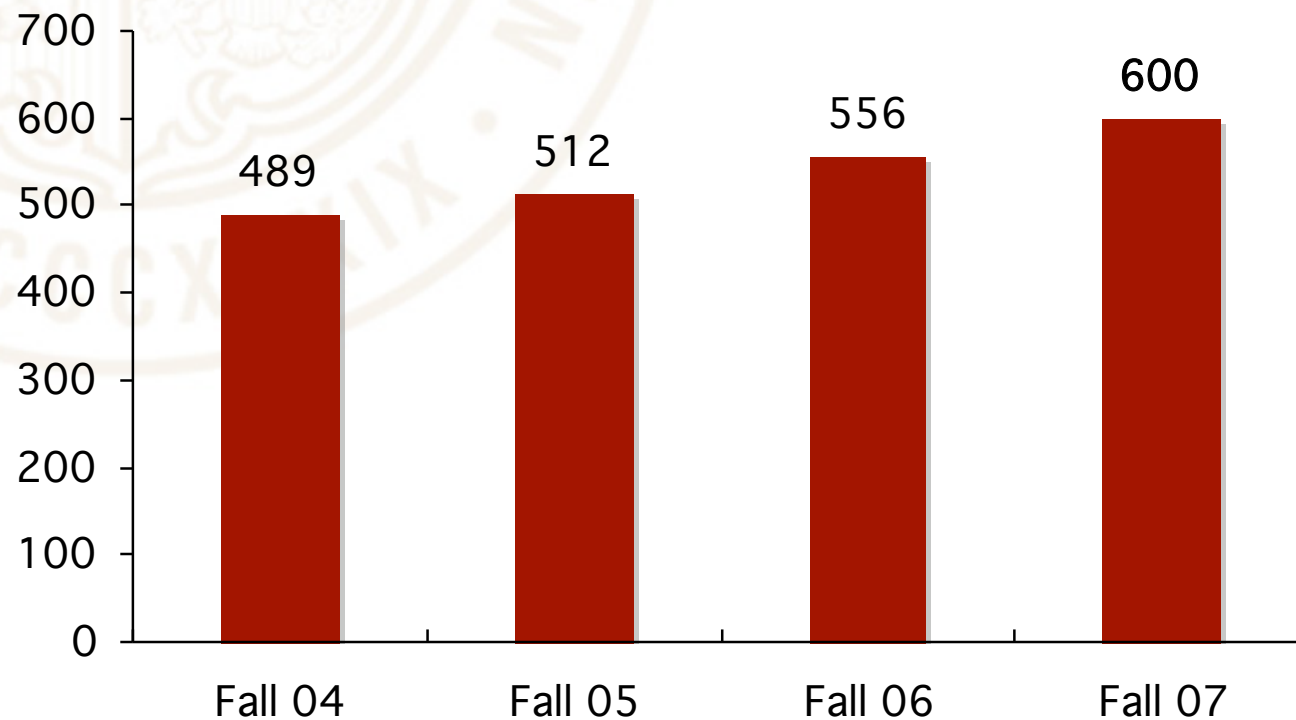
# Welcome back from Voronezh, Roxana!



Photo from the *Current*

# Building the faculty

## Increasing academic capacity



Full-time Faculty





## Academic news of note

International Business program ranked 13<sup>th</sup> by  
*U.S. News & World Report* – 5<sup>th</sup> year in top 20

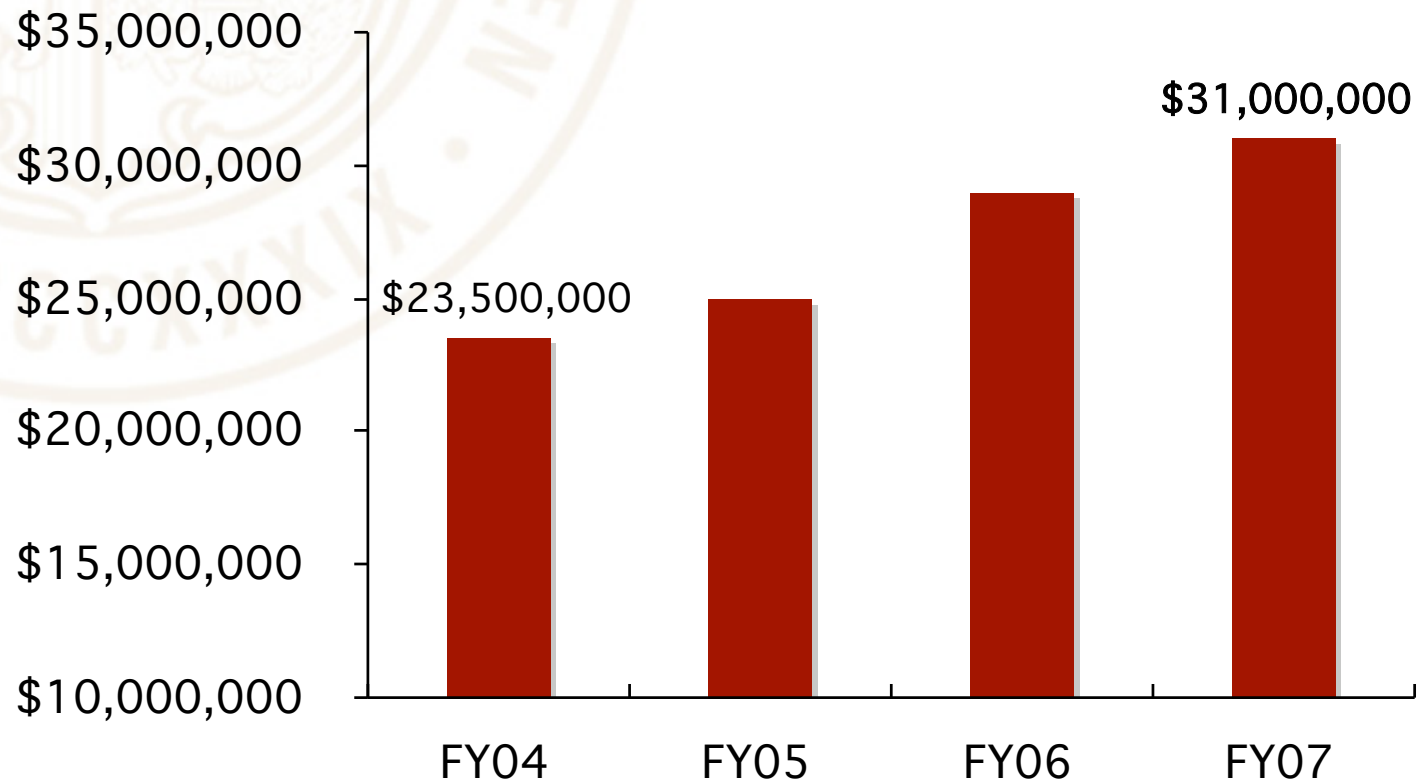
College of Optometry received 2007 Community  
Champion Award from Institute for Family  
Medicine

Wildwood campus dedication with SLCC



# External funding increases

## Enhancing campus research mission



# Defending academic freedom

President Gordon Lamb's statement defends core research mission of the University

All four chancellors issue corresponding statement in support of an atmosphere that stimulates intellectual inquiry

Research a powerful engine of the Missouri economy – it must be unfettered by outside constraints and special interests





# **New student enrollment grows**

Total enrollment of 15,500

New students on rise

- 491 new FT freshmen – up 3%
- Nearly 2,000 new transfers – up 4%

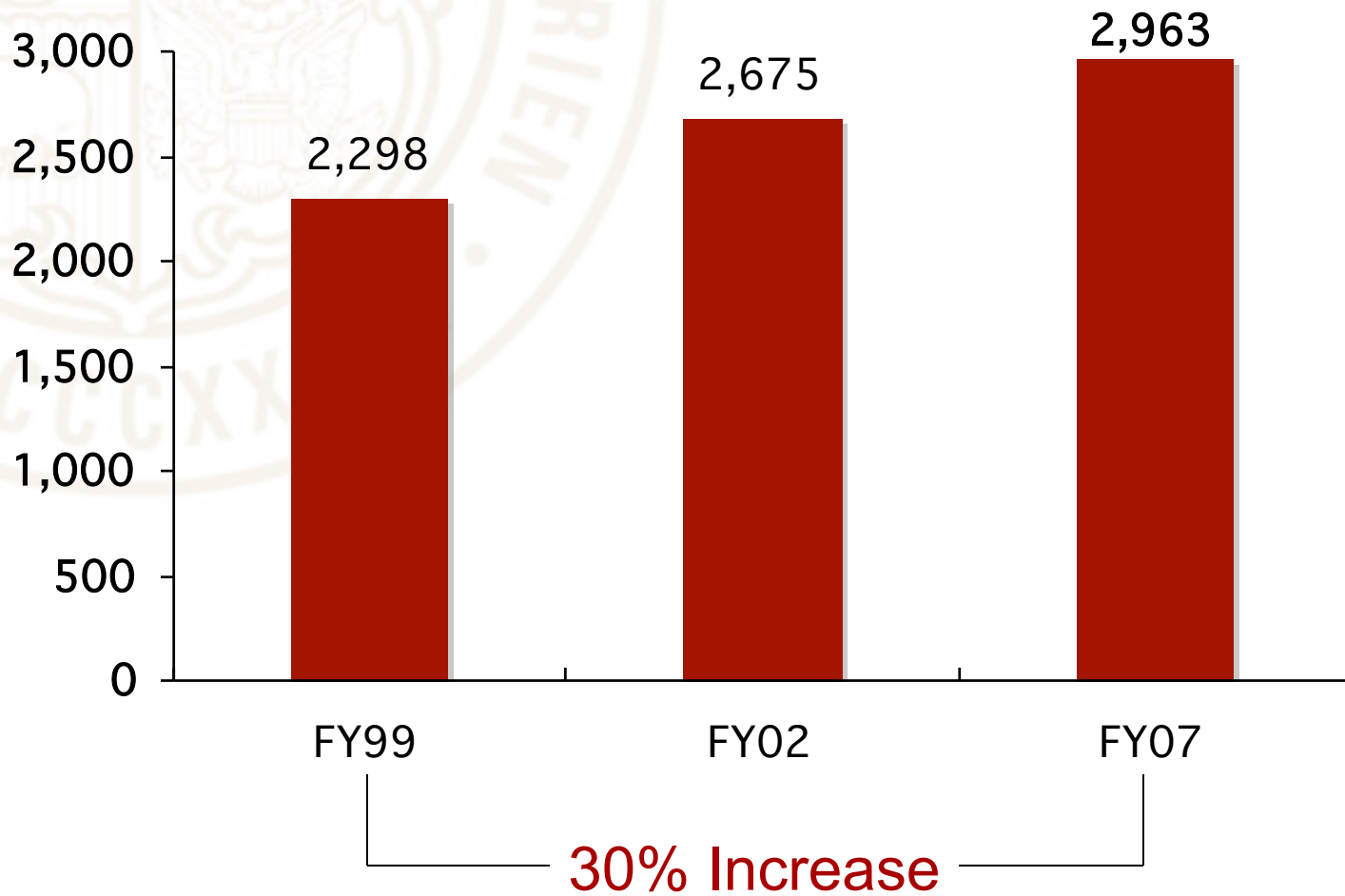
Steady on-campus enrollment – 12,150

- Increase 300 students over four years



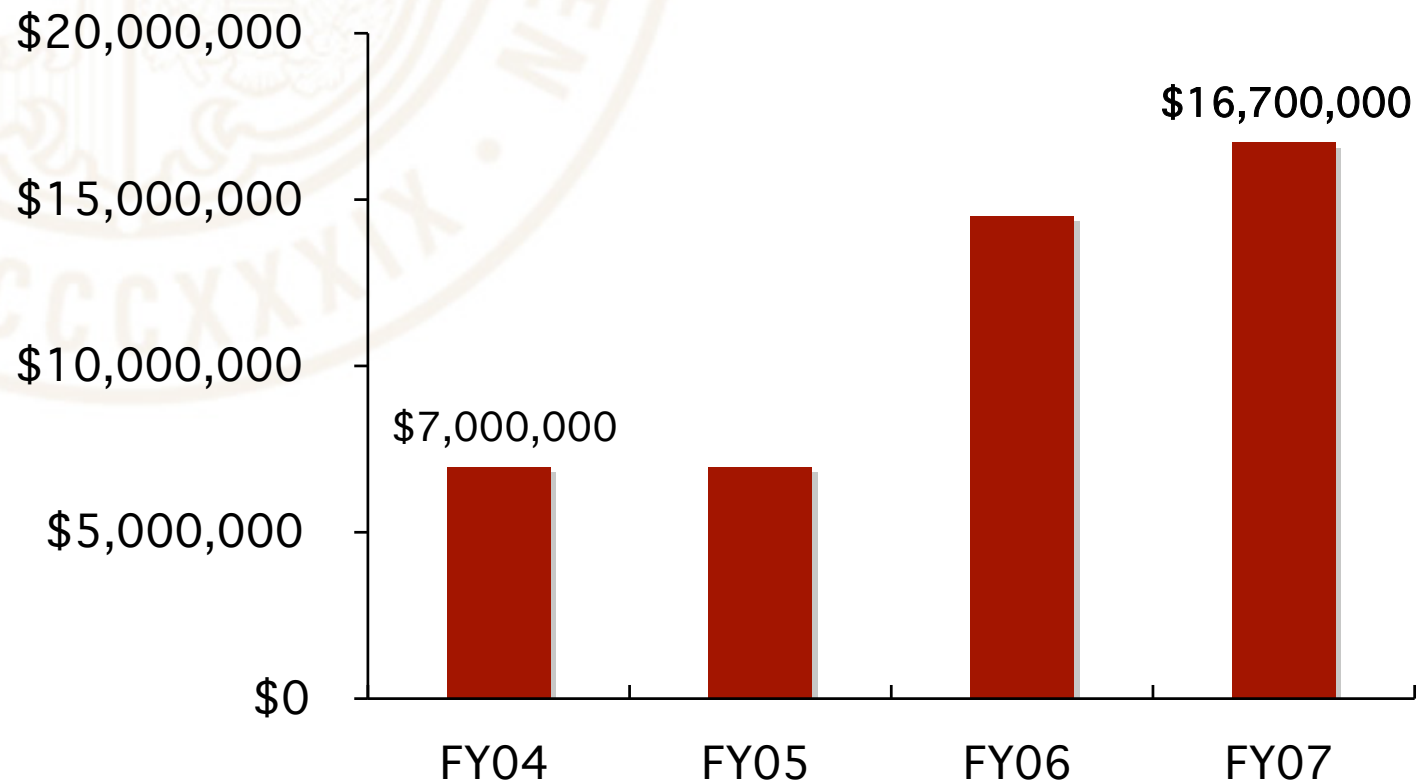
# Record number of degrees awarded

## Graduates fuel area economy



# Private funding increases

Supporting vital projects and scholarships





# **Building community support**

First comprehensive campaign builds momentum (second year of quiet phase)

College-based Leadership Councils engaged in campaign and overall planning process

Susan Cohen named director of Alumni Relations

Thriving Laclede Society builds support through \$1,000 annual unrestricted gifts



# Exciting times for UMSL sports

John Garvilla named new athletic director

Record number 59 UMSL athletes received  
GLVC academic all-conference awards

Winning games now  
as the fightin' Tritons!!



# Express Scripts headquarters opens

New facility houses 1,200 employees

ESI has option to expand at UMSL

New internships & other collaborative activities

*Wall Street Journal*, CNBC coverage





# IT Enterprises

\$1 million of funding from state

\$1.5 million Ameren Foundation, SBA grants

Center to foster tech transfer and high-performance computing



# Benton-Stadler halls renovation

Gov. Blunt, Legislature approve \$28.5 million renovation of classrooms and laboratories





# UMSL gears up for accreditation

Higher Learning Commission site visit  
February 2009

Self-Study document

- 1st draft October 2007
- Send to HLC October 2008

Focus on student learning, civic engagement

- Committee will survey faculty, staff to document civic engagement projects





# **Begin Action Plan revision**

Current plan July 2004-2008

Work this academic year to revise plan

- Ask various committees, organizations to review plan and submit changes, additions to Chancellor's Office
- Submit revised plan to Budget & Planning in January 2008

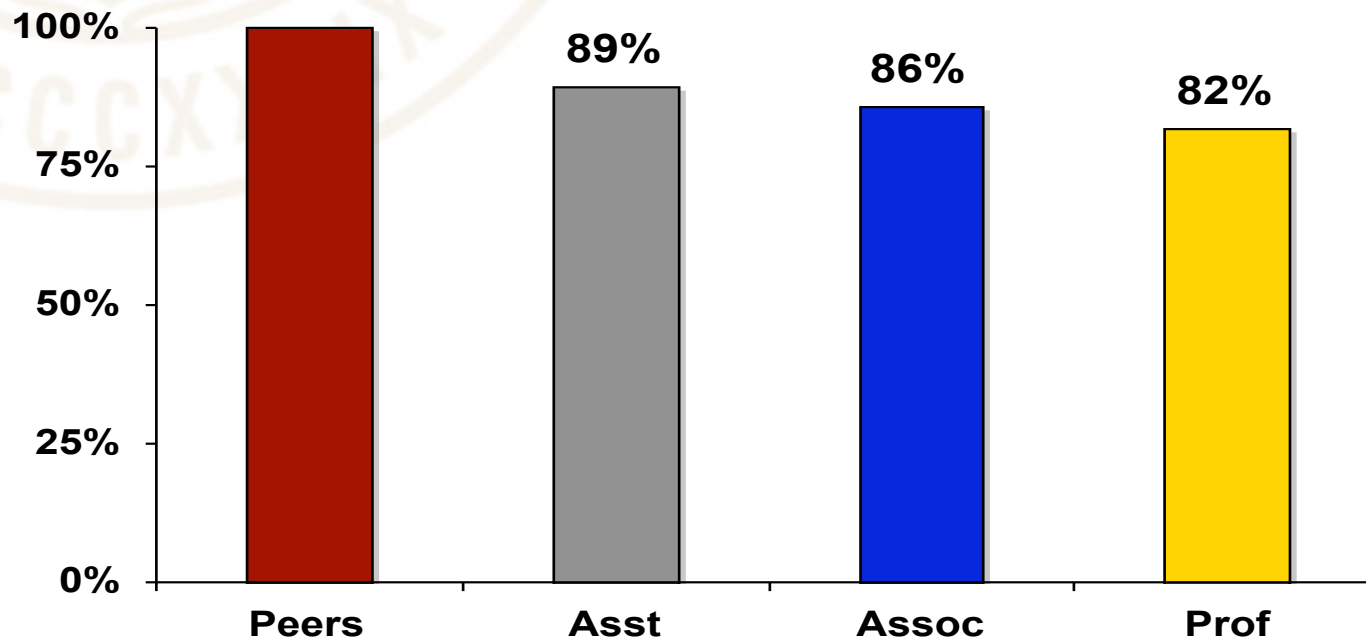
Send new Action Plan to University  
Assembly for approval in May 2008



# Competitive faculty salaries

Seeking to raise faculty salaries through increased state support, internal reallocations

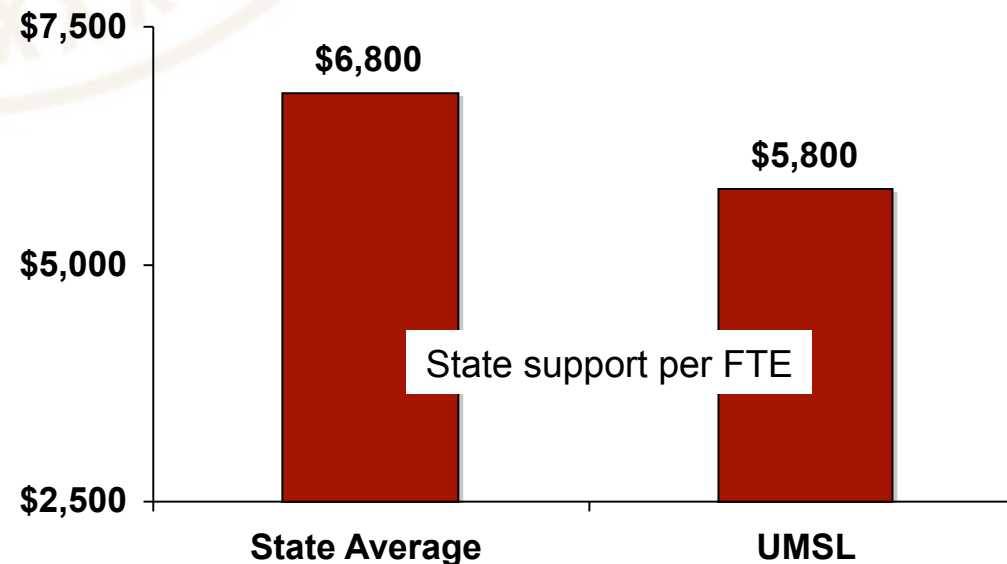
Budget & Planning Committee, Provost's Council will help identify efficiencies



# Equity adjustment support

UMSL receives \$5.5 million additional base budget since '05 toward a goal of \$10.8 million

Curators include \$2.6 M equity adjustment for UMSL in UM System FY 09 budget request





# **UMSL constituents seek to preserve UM System integrity**

Proposed name change for UM-Columbia  
weakens System as a whole

Resolutions support UM System integrity

University Assembly / Faculty Senate

Student Government Association

Alumni Association

Chancellor's Council



# Chancellor's Council Statement

The University of Missouri System has a statewide mission of teaching, research, service and economic development. . . . The current effort by the Columbia campus in many regards is a means to claim and reserve this mission solely. We do not believe this is in the best interest of the state nor do we believe it is the best direction for the UM System.



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in and for St. Louis







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