

# State of the University

## 15 September 2004

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# Past as Prologue

## Action Plan - new vision statement

The University of Missouri-St. Louis will elevate its status as a premier metropolitan public research university. Its educational and research missions will increasingly advance the economy and culture of the region, and provide leadership at a national and international level.

# Past as Prologue

## Action Plan - five priorities

- Enhance the quality and delivery of undergraduate, graduate and professional education
- Recruit and retain an outstanding and diverse undergraduate student body
- Build the quality of research, scholarship, artistic and creative activity and graduate programs
- Enhance civic engagement for economic and social benefit of the region
- Increase financial base and improve stewardship of resources

# Past as Prologue

## Administrative reorganization

- Emphasizes shared governance
- Shifts units from chancellor's office to various divisions
- Delegates signature authority on issues from chancellor to provost, vice chancellors
  - Fill positions, etc.

# Past as Prologue

## Administrative reorganization

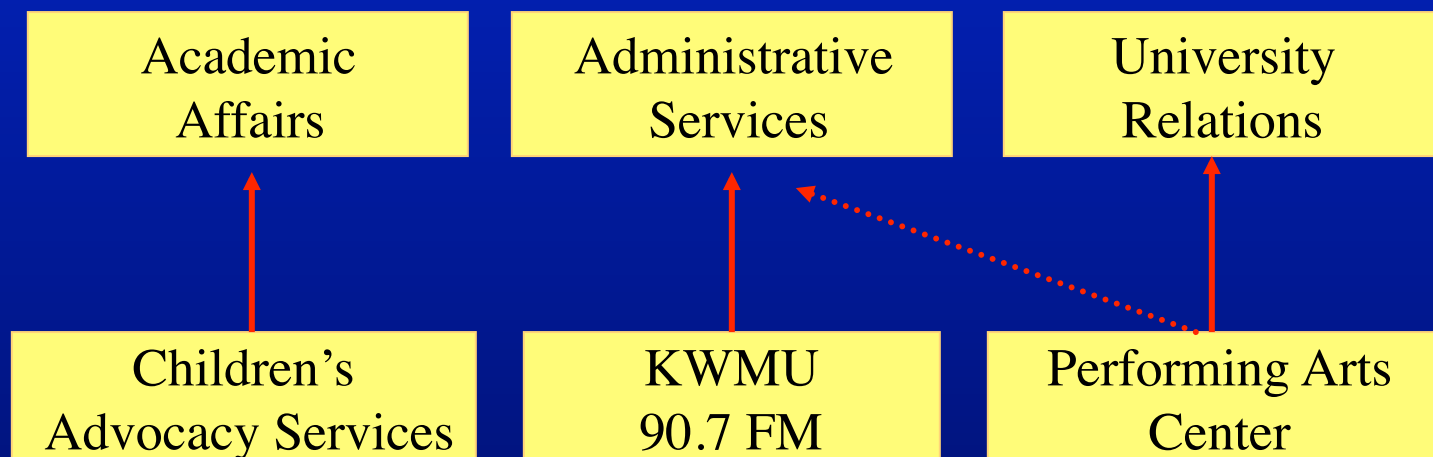
- Created, hired and shifted more units reporting to the new provost



# Past as Prologue

## Administrative reorganization

- Eliminates deputy to the chancellor position and distributes responsibilities to other divisions



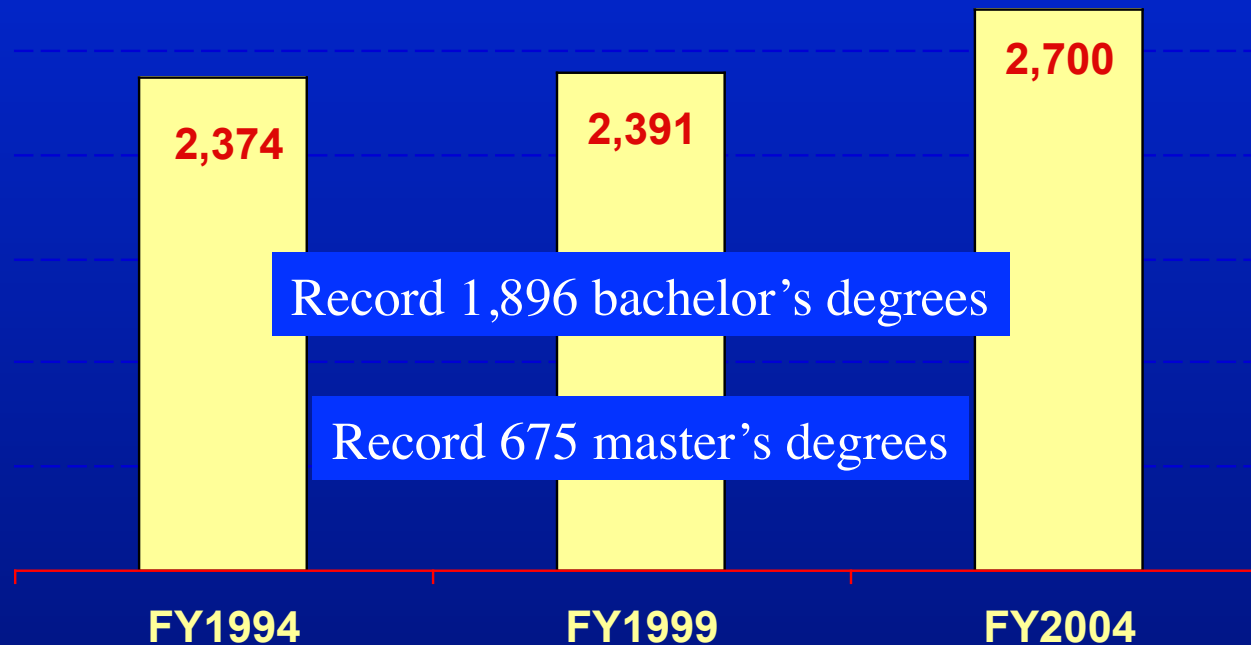
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## New administrative hires

- Dean of Business Administration
  - Keith Womer
- Dean of Nursing
  - Lucille Travis
- Associate vice provost for enrollment management
  - John Kundel

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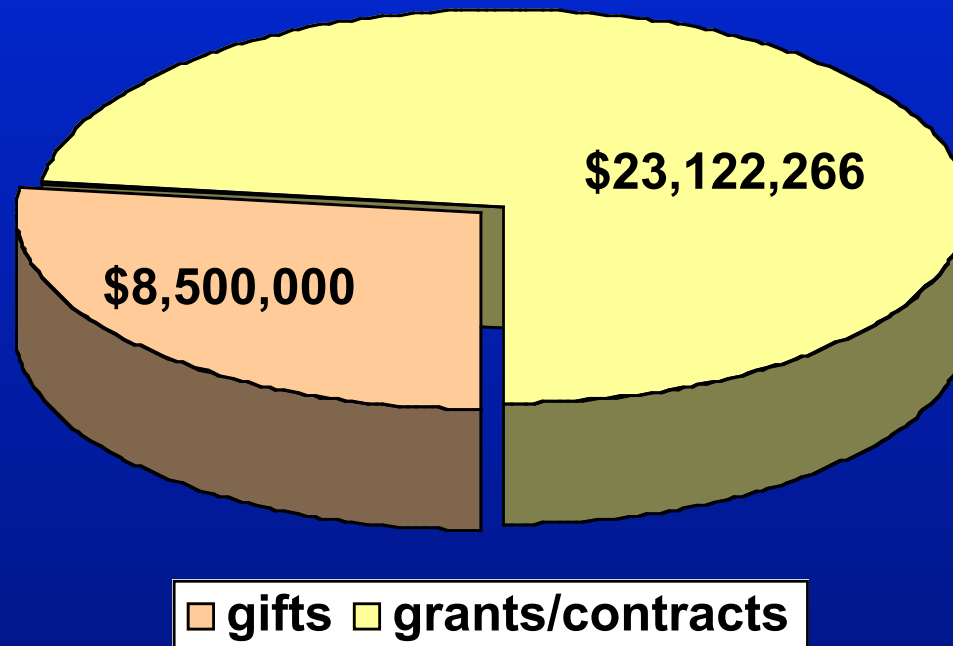
Historic number of degrees granted





# Past as Prologue

\$31.6 million in gifts, grants and contracts (FY2004)



# Past as Prologue

## East Drive Parking Garage II

- 936 parking spaces (1,500 spaces in new garages)
- Office and storage space for Administrative Services
- Frees up eventual space for College of Fine Arts and Communication



# Past as Prologue

## Touhill Performing Arts Center

- 94,000 patrons
- 178 performances and events



# Past as Prologue

## Student scholar-athletes

- 41 students received Great Lakes Valley Conference Academic All-Conference honors
- Logan Hughes received Paragon Award as conference's best student-athlete



# Past as Prologue

## Expanding athletic conference

- Key role in moving from 11 to 14 teams
  - Drury University in Springfield
  - Rockhurst University in Kansas City
  - University of Missouri-Rolla

Creates natural rivalries, boosts attendance  
and saves UMSL money

# Past as Prologue

## State funding

- \$2.7 earmarked to UMSL for “equity”
  - Thanks to curators, President Floyd
  - Thanks to members of UMSL boards
  - Special thanks to state officials

***UMSL Milestone!***

# Presently Speaking

## Fall enrollment projection

- 15,650 total students
  - 11,920 on campus
  - 3,730 off campus

Slight increase in total enrollment, with on-campus credit hours remaining even



# Presently Speaking

Lakes, walkways and parking this fall

- Two lakes near Millennium Student Center
- Walkways connecting student center to North Campus buildings
- Parking lot in footprint of old garage





# Presently Speaking

1. University of South Carolina
2. New York University
3. University of Pennsylvania
4. University of Michigan
5. University of California-Berkeley
6. University of Texas-Austin
7. San Diego State University
8. University of South California
9. Florida International University
10. **University of Missouri-St. Louis**  
Georgetown University  
University of Hawaii-Manoa
13. Indiana University
14. University of Wisconsin
15. University of Washington

**Undergraduate International  
Business Program**

**10<sup>th</sup> Nationally**

*U.S. News & World Report*



# Moving Ahead

## Top Priorities for FY2005

- Strengthen academic programs
- Secure more private and public funding
- Increase enrollment and affordability

# Moving Ahead

## Academic Programs

- Hire more tenure-track and tenured faculty
  - 26 tenure-track and tenured faculty began this fall
  - Move from 285 to 330 over five years



# Moving Ahead

## Public funding

- Seek share of \$9 million UM System funds
  - Student financial aid
  - Professorships
  - Strategic initiatives
- Continue to work with UM System and elected officials on equitable state funding

# Moving Ahead

## Private funding

- Commit funds to staff and run a long-term fund-raising campaign
  - Reviewing feasibility study
  - Finalizing campuswide and college-specific priorities
  - Drafting case statement
  - Begin silent phase in January 2005

# Moving Ahead

## Student enrollment - housing

- Increase students living on campus from 1,000 to 2,500 - adding appropriate housing and physical infrastructure



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- Negotiating with contractor on \$24 million residential hall

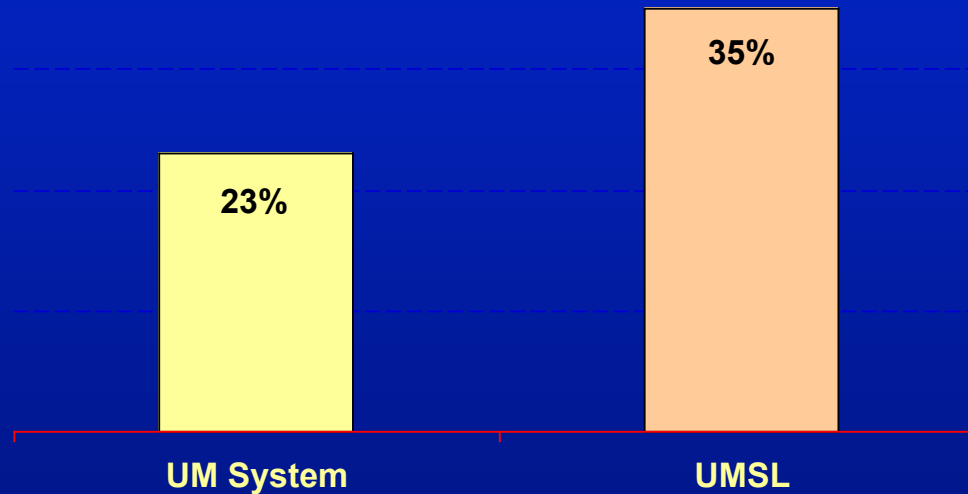


430-bed facility to open in August 2006  
near the Honors and Nursing colleges

# Moving Ahead

## Student enrollment - affordability

- UMSL students have demonstrated extraordinary financial need



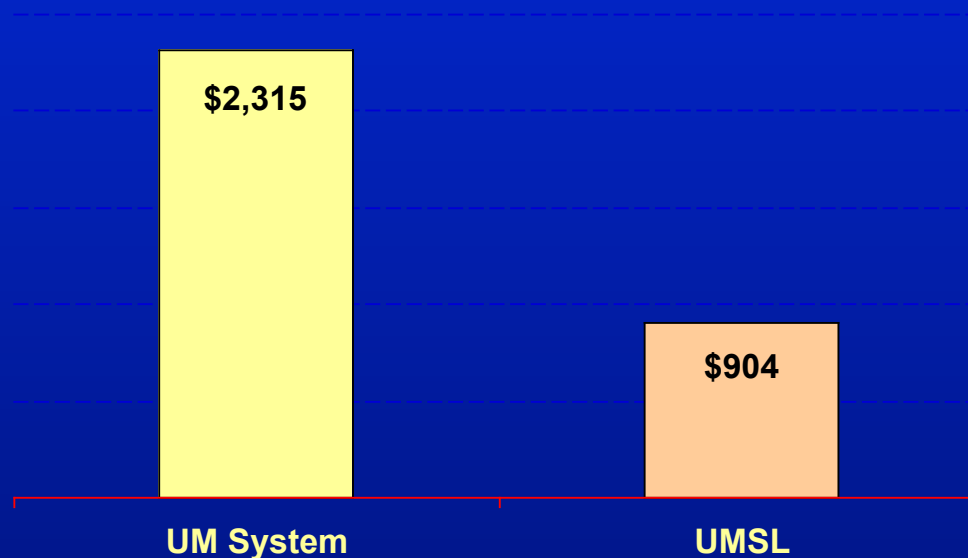
Percent of undergraduates eligible for Pell grants



# Moving Ahead

## Student enrollment - affordability

- UMSL has had less institutional funds to assist its students



Institutional financial aid in dollars per student

## **Moving Ahead**

**\$1 million  
for scholarships**

This represents the largest financial commitment  
from the \$2.7 million in state equity funding.

# Moving Ahead

## Student enrollment - challenge

- Challenge faculty and staff to help raise funds to endow 50 scholarships for low-income students
- Each \$15,000 endowment will be matched dollar for dollar by state

# Conclusion

Past successes have created an outstanding academic base and a promising financial future

Renewed commitment to student enrollment and student success

Enhance role as St. Louis's premier public metropolitan university



**Exceptional ♦ Metropolitan ♦ Education**