

**MINUTES FROM MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
FACULTY SENATE
October 10, 2006
3 p.m. 126 J. C. Penney**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chairman Timothy Farmer. No minutes were submitted for consideration. Because the previous meeting was held jointly with the Senate and Assembly, minutes from that meeting will be presented at the November 14, 2006, joint meeting of the two bodies.

Report from the Chairperson -- Dr. Timothy Farmer

(see attached)

Dr. Farmer reported that during the context of a course and program review, a member of the UM Board of Curators proposed spending state dollars on chemistry labs rather than on "Queer Theory." This comment prompted a negative reaction on the part of the St. Louis faculty and student contingent present at the Board meeting. In response, Dr. Mark Pope introduced to UM-St. Louis faculty senators the following Resolution:

Whereas, there have been homophobic comments made by a member of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri.

Whereas, students, staff, and faculty of the University of Missouri-St. Louis are entitled to a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment in which to study and work.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis rejects all forms of bigotry, including homophobia.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate supports the work of student organizations and campus departments that focus on creating and maintaining a diverse student body.

Be it further resolved that the faculty of the University of Missouri-St. Louis will assert its authority over the development, implementation, and review of curriculum on this campus based on the academic merits of courses and programs in keeping with the campus mission and the interests of its student body.

The Resolution was seconded by Dr. Fred Willman and, without discussion or dissent, it was approved by the Faculty Senate.

Report from the Chancellor -- Chancellor Thomas George

Chancellor George observed that UMR likely will change its name to include the word “technology.”

Groundbreaking ceremonies recently were held for North Park. We have one tenant: Vatterott College. The Chancellor said he will get acquainted with the College’s chief executive officer over lunch soon.

Recently, there were meetings of the Coordinating Board of Higher Education (CBHE) and the Council of Presidents of Higher Education (COPHE) held at St. Charles Community College. The meetings were attended by Chancellor George. He reported that Senator Nodler expressed interest in equity funding based on student FTE for Missouri colleges and universities other than UM.

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council -- Dr. Teresa Thiel

(see attached)

Elections -- Dr. Lloyd Richardson

The following were elected by acclamation to the committee indicated:

- Dr. Jeanne Allison (English) -- Student Publications Committee
- Dr. Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris (Teaching and Learning) -- Committee on Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid
- Dr. Deborah Balsler (Business) -- Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards
- Dr. Laura Westhoff (History) -- Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards

There were no candidates proposed to serve on the Committee on Physical Facilities, Space, and General Services for Humanities, nor were there candidates representing the Social Sciences or the College of Fine Arts and Communication on the Ad Hoc University Relations and Development Advisory Committee.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction -- Dr. Mark Pope

All action items listed on the agenda were approved. The Senate’s attention was drawn to a short list of course actions effected by the Committee.

Completing the business at hand, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Willman
Secretary, 2006-07 Faculty Senate

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban,
Executive Assistant to the Assembly/Senate Chairperson)