

**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS  
UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY AND FACULTY SENATE  
February 19, 2008  
3 p.m. 126 J. C. Penney**

The joint meeting of the University Assembly and Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Minutes from the last joint meeting (held November 13, 2007) were approved as submitted.

**Report from the Chairperson** – Dr. Timothy Farmer

(see attached)

**Report from the Chancellor** – Chancellor Thomas George

The Chancellor noted Governor Blunt's decision not to seek another term and expressed cautious optimism that we will receive the 4.2 percent increase proposed for higher education.

HOK has been approved by the Curators as the architect for Benton and Stadler renovations and for the new building between the Science complex and Natural Bridge, which will be particularly useful for temporary housing as we proceed with the renovations.

Chancellor George announced that President Forsee will be here on February 24 and 25. On Sunday the President will meet with various campus groups, and on Monday he will be the Chancellor's guest at a meeting of Civic Progress.

Both the President and the Chancellor attended a recent session of the Missouri One Hundred Club, at which the President – in the presence of a number of legislators – commented on the importance of an equity adjustment for UM-St. Louis.

The Chancellor said he has reviewed President Forsee's past speeches. The main themes appear to be on-line distance education, K-12 partnerships, and economic development.

Chancellor George introduced the Dean of Libraries, Ms. Amy Arnott, who described briefly a new author citation database for the sciences. A newsletter on the topic soon will be distributed by the libraries.

**Report from the Student Government Association** – Mr. Bryan Goers

Mr. Goers reported that the SGA recently passed two resolutions: one thanking Interim President Lamb for his service, and the other requesting that if Missouri loses a congressional district, the vacant seat on the Board of Curators be reserved for a voting student representative.

In spring, SGA will host “The Big Event,” which involves service projects such as picking a park and cleaning it up for use by children and bringing Big Brothers/Big Sisters to the campus.

A complete list of the organizations accomplishments over the year was provided to senators as a hand-out. The Chair remarked on their superb progress.

### **Report from the Committee on Bylaws and Rules** – Dr. Matthew Keefer

On behalf of the Committee Dr. Keefer proposed new bylaws and operating rules. He explained that, under the proposal, procedural issues have been moved from the bylaws to the operating rules and that issues of function and structure, as well as the ATP guidelines, remain in the bylaws.

Noting that Social Work is a school rather than a department under Arts and Sciences, Dr. Shirley Porterfield moved to amend #2 under “Definitions.” The old language read, “For committees requiring representation from specific divisions of the College of Arts and Sciences, departments within the College shall be categorized...” The amended version, which was adopted by the Senate and Assembly, inserts the words “schools or” before “departments.”

Dr. Jean Bachman pointed out that the College of Nursing has dropped the suffix “and Health Studies” from its name. Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi suggested that this change, among others, be made after the documents are approved by the Curators. Committee chairperson Matthew Keefer reported that the only across-the-documents change proposed at this time was replacing the term “non-regular” with the term “non-tenure track,” in keeping with the language proposed by the Intercampus Faculty Council and previously approved by the Curators.

Graduate Dean Judith Walker de Felix inquired if it was considered by the Committee to use less specificity in the bylaws regarding the naming of committees – in keeping with the bylaws of one or two of our sister campuses. Dr. Keefer replied in the negative, pointing out that such a change would require the Senate and Assembly to reject the proposals in their entirety and return them to the Committee for more work. This was deemed undesirable by the bodies.

At the close of the discussion, the Senate/Assembly Chair called for a vote, and the proposed new bylaws and operating rules were approved without dissent.

Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi was roundly applauded for this gargantuan effort in preparing the proposals.

The Chair noted that the proposed new bylaws would have to be approved in a campus referendum before they are submitted to the System and, ultimately, to the Curators.

**PeopleSoft Discussion** – Mr. Jerry Hoffman

Mr. Jerry Hoffman, Associate Director of Admissions, introduced senators to MyView, the new student information system that replaces CICS. He described the new system as easier to navigate, a view that the Senate Chair accepted for faculty but rejected for students. Dr. Joseph Martinich commented that for every click a student must make, a certain percentage of students will leave.

The Chairperson adjourned the University Assembly portion of the meeting at 3:55 p.m. and, following a short break, called to order the Faculty Senate portion of the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

**Question/Answer Period for the Chancellor** – Chancellor Thomas George

There were no questions for the Chancellor.

**Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council** – Delivered on behalf of Dr. Carole Murphy by Senate Chairperson Timothy Farmer

(see attached)

**Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction** – Dr. Michael Allison

All of the action items proposed by the Committee were approved by the Senate. Attention was called to various course changes/additions/deletions that were approved by the Committee.

Dr. Allison then brought forward a proposed academic calendar for 2009-2010. Following a brief discussion it was moved by Dr. E. Terrence Jones that spring break be changed to one week earlier (from March 27 to March 20). The motion failed. Dr. Jones introduced a second motion that called for March 13 as our first preference for spring break and March 20 as our second preference. The second motion was endorsed by Dr. Joseph Martinich and approved by the body, 12 to 6. The Senate then voted on the calendar as amended, and it passed 15 to 1. Dr. Martinich urged that the Administration, working through the Chancellors or Provosts, pursue a permanent policy change rather than a temporary variance.

**Outreach** – Dr. William T. Walker, Continuing Education

Dr. Walker suggested that a liaison be put in place when new courses are developed for alternative delivery. Dr. Martinich moved and Dr. Willman seconded having a liaison invited to attend C&I Committee meetings at which such courses are considered. The motion was approved without dissent.

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Willman  
Assembly/Senate Secretary

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