

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
October 13, 2009 - 3 p.m.  
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The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Matthew Keefer.

Dr. Keefer began the meeting with an introduction of Mr. Paul Wagner, Deputy Commissioner, Missouri Department of Higher Education. Mr. Wagner gave a power point presentation about the overall state budget issues and how they relate to higher education. He talked about some of the challenges that face higher education in the near future. The entire power point presentation can be reviewed at: [www.umsl.edu/committees/senate/](http://www.umsl.edu/committees/senate/).

The presentation was followed by questions and answers:

Dr. Paul Speck asked: What percentage of the annual budget is based on state funds versus other sources? Chancellor Tom George responded that out of \$200 million, UMSL receives 30%.

Dr. Speck asked: What is the long-term commitment of the state of Missouri to UMSL? Mr. Wagner responded that there is a limited arsenal of what the state can do. It depends on what the people of the state of Missouri are willing to do to increase funds. For various reasons, increasing taxes is not a viable option.

Dr. Teresa Thiel asked about the implications of withholding funds for 2010. Mr. Wagner commented that the federal stimulus package brought it back to 2009 levels. Mr. Wagner also mentioned the Caring for Missourians initiative that benefited UMSL. He suggested the governor's support for this initiative is strong.

Dr. Keefer asked if there was any possibility of a withhold. Mr. Wagner replied that it is unlikely. Mr. Wagner is especially concerned with FY2012. If there is not enough funding, there is not much room for discretionary funding. It must be divided between K-12 and higher education. The governor has already used some reserve money. They are going to have to use stabilization money.

There being no further questions, Dr. Keefer thanked Paul Wagner for coming to UMSL and giving his informative presentation.

**Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Matthew Keefer:**

Upon Mr. Wagner's departure, Dr. Keefer began his report. Dr. Keefer will attend an IFC meeting on October 14, 2009 and will share any useful information with the faculty senate at the next meeting.

Dr. Keefer introduced the topic of a non-smoking policy for the university. He emphasized that at this meeting he was introducing this proposal for informational purposes only and that there would be further discussion at later meetings. The draft non-smoking policy was introduced to the cabinet by a former student. There are three implementation steps of the draft policy:

- 1.) Effective **January 1, 2010**, smoking would be prohibited on the University of Missouri– St. Louis owned or leased property within twenty (20) feet of building entrances, exits, open windows, and fresh air intake systems.
- 2.) Effective **July 1, 2011**, the campus will move from the twenty-foot rule to one of designated outdoor smoking areas.
- 3.) Effective **January 1, 2014**, the campus will become completely smoke-free on all of campus property, both indoors and outdoors. Including all of its owned or leased buildings, university owned or lease vehicles, and property surrounding these buildings.

Attendees had various comments about the proposed policy such as: Why spend money to make no-smoking signs and then change them? Have other campuses gone smoke-free? (Provost Cope said that Columbia is in Phase I and other campuses will follow.) How many smokers do we have? Is there any research? Smoking cessation programs are important and critical to its success. Who will make the final decision on the non-smoking policy? (Chancellor George will make the final decision after discussions with faculty, staff and student organizations.)

Dr. Keefer suggested that the faculty read the policy, prepare to discuss it, and provide feedback at the next University Assembly/Faculty Senate meeting on November 10, 2009.

Dr. Keefer introduced the subject of KWMU and the concern among faculty that KWMU has not been including UMSL on its on-air announcements throughout the daily broadcasts. Dr. Keefer said that Tim Eby, General Manager of KWMU, has been invited to the next meeting in November to discuss these concerns. Dr. Keefer has met with Tim Eby, Vice Chancellor Martin Leifeld and Dr. Joe Martinich to discuss the station's policies regarding the UMSL announcements. Dr. Martinich said that during their meeting, Tim Eby assured them that there has been no change in policy about including UMSL. It may be due to the fact that the on-air broadcasters are adjusting to their new identification as "90.7 KWMU, St. Louis Public Radio" and accidentally omitting "from the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis". The announcers should be including UMSL in the station identification at the top of the hour and ten additional times a day.

Dr. Tang-Martinez asked if KWMU had any statistics about how much the university was identified. Dr. Keefer replied that Tim Eby did not have that specific statistical data.

Dr. Hal Harris said that if you look at KWMU's website, it's hard to find the UMSL logo.

Vice Chancellor Martin Leifeld replied that he had looked at many different websites for other NPR stations and KWMU is comparable to others.

Dr. Keefer mentioned that Tim Eby was concerned that if listeners think that UMSL is underwriting the station, KWMU may lose some donor contributions.

Dr. Tim Farmer said that other universities are mentioned more than us.

With no further questions, the Chair reminded the members that these topics will be addressed when Tim Eby attends the November meeting.

Dr. Keefer asked for approval of the Sept. 8 minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Thomas George:**

Chancellor George reported that Governor Jay Nixon will be on campus on Wednesday, October 14, for a press conference touting Caring for Missourians. The Colleges of Nursing and Optometry received 2.3 million dollars in a one-time allocation. Governor Nixon will also tour the College of Optometry during his visit.

Chancellor George said that UMSL was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in a national survey that was released on Monday called "Saviors of Our Cities: 2009 Survey of College and University Civic Partnerships". This survey measures our civic engagement and gauges economic, social and cultural impact in metro areas. UMSL tied with UMKC and the University of Houston. SLU ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> and Washington University was in the top 100.

There are five internal and external committees reviewing our communications and marketing efforts related to image and student recruitment. The committees have retained the national firm Simpson-Scarborough to conduct market research internally and externally. The firm will present its findings in February.

President Forsee has asked the campuses to continue efforts to curtail spending. The hiring freeze remains in effect. The campus budget managers and deans have been asked to identify 5% in cost savings from this year's budget. There is some speculation that lagging tax receipts might affect our state funding this year.

Dr. Tang-Martinez asked the Chancellor a question regarding his statement about the national survey on civic engagement. “What exactly counts as civic engagement?” Chancellor George responded that the survey specifically acknowledged the civic engagement of the Center for Trauma Recovery, the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, and the Children’s Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis. Chancellor George provided other examples of UMSL’s civic engagement when he spoke on KWMU earlier.

Provost Cope also mentioned that her office is working on civic engagement programs. She will be asking departments to document their civic engagement.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Curriculum and Instruction Committee:** Michael Allison presented the academic calendar for 2011-2012.

Dr. Joe Martinich suggested a change in the time of spring break.

Dr. Keefer replied that we have tried making an annual amendment to the calendar at other times, but this process is not working. He suggested that we provide a better argument rather than just another motion.

Dr. Martinich suggested the following:

Change Spring break to the week after the eighth week of the semester which would have Spring break beginning at 5pm on March 10, 2012. Classes would resume on March 19.

Dr. Martinich provided the following rationale for the changes in the academic calendar:

1). In terms of teaching pedagogy professors seem to prefer having the break in the middle of the semester rather than late in the semester (after the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> weeks, which is what occurs with the official policy).

2.) We want to minimize missed classes by our student-athletes. Conference schedules, which we do not control, begin usually the third week of March so in order to spend a week in a warm weather climate before the conference season (which is necessary to be competitive) student-athletes currently have to miss a week of classes in early March to participate in the ‘warm weather’ trip. If spring break were earlier, spring break week could be used for the spring trip, reducing the number of missed classes.

A motion was made to submit the suggested change to spring break. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed to submit Dr. Martinich’s suggestion to change the calendar.

Dr. Jean Bachman said that this change in the academic calendar could cause problems for the College of Nursing.

A motion was made to add additional concern for the College of Nursing. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. The motion failed.

Dr. Paul Speck suggested that the academic calendar could be discussed with other campuses at the IFC meeting.

The following program change proposals were approved:

- BA in Anthropology
- BS in Economics
- BS in Education: Early Childhood
- Minor in Legal Studies
- MS in Nursing
- Post-MSN Graduate Certificate
- Change in General Education requirements
- Course changes, additions, and deletions (see attached list)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez  
Assembly/Senate Secretary

(minutes written by Loyola Harvey, Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office)