Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
April 24, 2018
MSC Century Room A

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:30 following the University Assembly meeting. Dr. Stuerke asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on Mar. 20, 2018. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Pamela Stuerke:

- Dr. Stuerke stated that those who are continuing to serve on next year’s Senate should attend the Senate’s Second Organizational Meeting on May 1 at 3:00 in 202 JCPenney. At that meeting, senators will be voting on the recommendations for the vacancies for all of the committees.

- Dr. Stuerke announced that the Spring Faculty meeting will be held on May 10 at 2:00 in 202 JCP. She reminded the attendees that the Senate approved significant changes to the bylaws this year. She explained that the next step in the bylaws approval process is to present the changes to the faculty at the Spring Faculty meeting. She encouraged everyone to attend.

- Dr. Stuerke explained that at last month’s meeting, the Senate voted in favor of some changes to the UMSL ATP guidelines regarding joint appointments. Following that meeting, it was discovered that the proposed changes contradict existing UM System collected rules and regulations. The CRR would have to be changed before any changes could be made to the UMSL ATP guidelines. Dr. Stuerke has talked to IFC colleagues about the issue of joint appointments. She said she will follow up. The topic may have to be re-visited.

- Dr. Stuerke reported that the IT Committee has asked her to inform the Senate of the committee’s recommendation that the Center for Teaching and Learning post a syllabus template on CANVAS for faculty use. As part of the upcoming HLC accreditation visit in November, selected syllabi will be checked to ensure all required components are contained in current (and past) syllabi. Dr. Stuerke encouraged the faculty to take a look at the syllabus template.

- Dr. Stuerke thanked the Senators for representing their departments and for their work throughout the year.

Dr. Stuerke stated that the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) met by telepresence on April 20 and discussed the following topics:

- President Choi said that he has sent expectations to the campuses about the Strategic Plan looking like a strategic plan.
You may have heard about a group called the University Task Force. While there have been a number of rumors about this, President Choi said that we are not moving to a model of a flag ship with branch campuses.

The process for faculty involvement in honorary degrees is going to be re-examined and IFC will be asked for input.

The Affordable and Open Educational Resource Task Force has been very active and has accomplished a great deal in a short time.

The IFC Subcommittee on evaluating teaching has produced a white paper with a lot of very good ideas.

The NTT Faculty Committee is continuing to work on issues related to NTT faculty.

Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Thomas George:
Chancellor George reported that three UMSL faculty have been chosen to receive UM System awards as follows:

- Dr. Kim Song has been chosen to receive the President’s Award for Intercampus Collaboration.
- Dr. Mark Pope has been selected to receive the Thomas Jefferson Award.

Chancellor George surprised the Senate with the announcement of a third UMSL faculty award winner. He announced that Dr. Susan Brownell will receive the President’s Award for Leadership. The Senate warmly applauded all three award winners. The awards will be officially acknowledged and presented at the Board of Curators meeting in June.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report, Mr. Michael Allison:
Mr. Allison presented the following proposals:

- B.A. in Art History (deletion)
- Finance emphasis of B.S. in Business Administration (change)
- Supply Chain Management emphasis of B.S. in Business Administration (change)
- B.A. in Economics (change)
- B.S. in Economics (change)
- B.A. in English (change)
- Joint Engineering Program Admissions Information (change)
- Core Requirements for undergraduate Mathematics degree (change)
- Related area requirements for undergraduate Mathematics degrees (change)
- B.M. in Music Education (change)
- Performance emphasis of B.M. in Music (change)
- B.S. in Nursing (change)
- B.A. in Philosophy (change)
- Acting/Directing emphasis of the B.A. in Theatre Arts (change)
- Cinema emphasis of the B.A. in Theatre Arts (change)
The Faculty Senate approved all the above proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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