

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
December 7, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Senate Chair Jon McGinnis called the Faculty Senate Zoom meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. McGinnis asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on Nov. 16, 2021. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):

- The Senate's Five-Year Review will be held on Jan. 28. The Senate is planning for both in-person and Zoom capabilities for the various sessions. The session for faculty and senators will be held at 11:15. More information about the review sessions, calendar invites, and Zoom links will be forthcoming.
- As a co-sponsor of the Homecoming Chili Feed, Dr. McGinnis was happy to report that the Chili Feed will return on Feb. 24. Colleagues can send their favorite chili recipes to their dean. The colleges will then submit their best recipe to compete for the Golden Ladle for the best chili. Tickets will cost \$6 for faculty/staff and \$5 for students. This year the proceeds from the tickets will be donated to the Triton Pantry.
- Dr. McGinnis stated that if anyone has a suggestion for the Faculty Senate/University Assembly or one of its committees, suggestions can be submitted to senate@umsl.edu or submitted to the suggestion box on the Senate's home page at: <http://www.umsl.edu/committees/senate/>
- Dr. McGinnis and the Senate acknowledged Chief of Staff Bob Samples for his decades of dedicated service to the university as he retires later this month. A retirement celebration will be held for Bob Samples on Dec. 10 at 3:00 in the JCPenney Summit Lounge.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- The Board of Curators met at UMSL on Nov. 18. The Campus Master Plan was unanimously approved by the curators. Chancellor Sobolik explained some of the highlights of the plan to the Faculty Senate. She said that the entire Master Plan is available at: <https://www.umsl.edu/stratplan/campusplanning.html>
- Besides presenting the Master Plan to the curators, Chancellor Sobolik reported on UMSL highlights and UMSL's research. UMSL has increased its research expenditures by about 50% over the last five years. Chancellor Sobolik also stated that UMSL researchers address important issues affecting the regional community and state.
- UMSL's core budget allocation from the state increased from \$55.3M to \$57M which is 24% of the collective budget. Chancellor Sobolik reminded the attendees that back in the 1990s, UMSL was almost 90% funded by the state.
- The governor and other legislators have recently been on campus to take a look at the new nursing simulation lab and discuss new initiatives for UMSL.
- In UMSL's leadership role in the St. Louis Anchor Action Network, Chancellor Sobolik announced that Ameren recently joined the network. Ameren and the other institutions in the network have agreed to increase hiring and contracting by 10% in the most underserved zip codes of the region.

- Chancellor Sobolik reported on UMSL’s partnership with the National Geospatial Agency (NGA) and that UMSL will work on developing STEM professionals and educators. The Cooperative Research and Development Agreement that UMSL has with the NGA will allow UMSL to optimize resources, share technical expertise and intellectual property, and speed up the commercialization of federally developed technology.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced that as of December 1, 2021, St. Louis Public Radio has a new CEO – Tina Pamintuan. UMSL will continue the oversight role of St. Louis Public Radio.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced the November winners of the monthly UMSL Hero Awards. She reminded everyone to submit nominations for the UMSL Hero Award. (Faculty nominations are especially encouraged.) Nominations can be submitted at this link: <https://www.umsl.edu/chancellor/heroes/index.html>

Chancellor Sobolik addressed the questions of the Senate.

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):

Dr. Bhatia reported that the IFC met on Dec. 6 and discussed the following topics:

- Update of UM System Libraries Funding (by UMSL Dean of Libraries Chris Dames)
- Criteria-Based Salary Reductions
- Update from Shared Governance Taskforce
- Federal Vaccine Mandate

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report (Mr. Michael Allison):

Dr. McGinnis asked the Faculty Senate to vote on the following uncomplicated curriculum proposals:

- Change to B.S. in Biochemistry and Biotechnology
- Change to Social Science emphasis area of B.S. in Data Science and Analysis

The Faculty Senate approved both of the above uncomplicated curriculum proposals.

Mr. Allison presented each of the following curriculum proposals to the Faculty Senate:

- Change to M.S. in Computer Science
- Addition of Graduate Certificate in Personal Finance Literacy Education
- Addition of Graduate Certificate in College Access, Student Success and Student Services Leadership

The Faculty Senate approved all of the above proposals.

Dr. McGinnis asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pickard
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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