The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. following the University Assembly meeting. Dr. Stuerke asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on Jan. 23, 2018. The minutes were approved as written.

Chancellor George did not have any additional information to report.

**Report of the Spring Research Panel, Dr. Stephen Holmes:**
Dr. Holmes reported that the members of the Spring Research Panel recommend that the eligibility for the Chancellor’s Award for Research and Creativity be changed as follows:

- Currently reads:
  Purpose: The purpose of this annual award is to honor a full-time, regular faculty member who has demonstrated superior achievement in a program of research and creativity.

- Proposed change **(in red)** to read:
  Purpose: The purpose of this annual award is to honor a full-time, regular faculty member who has demonstrated superior achievement in a program of research and creativity.

Dr. Holmes explained that this change will allow non-tenure track faculty to be included in the eligibility for this award.

**The Faculty Senate voted on the proposed change. All were in favor of the change.**

Dr. Holmes also reported the following from the Spring Research Panel:
- March 1 – Nominations due for Chancellor’s Award for Research and Creativity
- March 12 – UMSL Research Award Proposal due

Dr. Holmes explained that the UMSL research award is designed to strengthen faculty research and creative activities. A significant portion of the funds available for faculty research support is based on F&A cost recovery from externally funded grants and contracts. In order to perpetuate the fund, one goal of the UMSL Research Awards is to support faculty whose competitive position for external funding will be improved by such assistance. Awards are also given to help faculty in all disciplines maintain an active research program, even if external funding is difficult to obtain. Awards are intended to promote research innovation and the long-term success of an applicant’s program rather than as a vehicle for student support. Special consideration, particularly for summer research support, is given to junior faculty to assist them in establishing a strong research record. The amount of the UMSL Research award ranges from $1,000 – $12,500
**Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) Report, Dr. Pamela Stuerke:**
- Committee working on better and more effective ways to evaluate teaching
- IT and the registrars working on ways to make Course Sharing easier
- Legislative Update:
  - Support for UM System and higher education is strong
  - Bill that restricts doctoral degrees to the four campuses
  - Attempt to have computer science classified as a math/science credit in high schools

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

- Junior-Level Writing Requirements (change)
- Policy on Admissions Requirements for Transfer Students (change)
- Policy on Priority Registration (addition)
- Policy on Academic Probation and Suspension (change)
- Counseling Emphasis Area of the Ph.D. in Education (change)
- Minor in Disability Studies (addition)
- B.S. in Media Studies (change)
- Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing (change)

The Faculty Senate approved all of the above proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Gibb
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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