First Organizational Meeting of
2018-2019 UM-St. Louis Faculty Senate/Assembly
April 3, 2018
3:00 p.m. - 202 JCPenney
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by 2017-2018 Chairperson, Dr. Pamela Stuerke.

Dr. Stuerke welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked the attendees to introduce themselves and to state which department they represent.

Dr. Stuerke announced that the first agenda item was the election of the Senate Chairperson for 2018-2019. She asked for nominations. Dr. Alice Hall was nominated to serve as Chairperson. The nomination was seconded. No other nominations were forthcoming. All were in favor of electing Dr. Hall as Senate Chairperson for the 2018-2019 term.

Dr. Hall asked for nominations for the Senate Secretary. Dr. Erika Gibb was nominated. The nomination was seconded. All were in favor. Dr. Gibb was elected as Senate Secretary for the 2018-2019 term.

Dr. Hall asked Dr. Pamela Stuerke if she would serve as Parliamentarian. Dr. Stuerke agreed to serve as the Senate Parliamentarian.

To welcome and educate the newly-elected senators, Dr. Stuerke announced that the senate orientation will be presented. Newly-elected senators and current senators were invited to participate.

Dr. Stuerke began the orientation with a power point presentation. She explained that the role of the faculty senator includes the following:

- Senators represent their departments/units by attending each monthly Faculty Senate/University Assembly meeting.
- After meetings, senators should share information with their department/unit at faculty meetings.
- Senators are encouraged to participate in shared governance by serving on Senate/Assembly committees.

Dr. Stuerke asked the current members of the Senate Steering Committee to present some of the orientation slides. Dr. Jeffrey Sippel provided background information about the Faculty Senate and University Assembly. He explained how the senate meetings are scheduled throughout the year. Dr. Erika Gibb briefed the attendees about the difference between the Faculty Senate and University Assembly, and explained its composition regarding voting and non-voting members.
Dr. Stuerke briefed the senators about the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC). She explained how the IFC members serve as the voice of the faculty among each of the four campuses. She stated that two of the UMSL IFC representatives are elected at the Spring faculty meeting to serve three-year staggered terms so that no more than one of the two elected members will be replaced or re-elected in the same year. The Chair of the Faculty Senate serves as the third IFC member.

Dr. Joe Pickard displayed a list of UM System General Officers to familiarize newly-elected senators with their names. He explained their role in the administration at the university system level. He described the role of the UM System Board of Curators. He explained how the curators are chosen, and described their role as it relates to UMSL.

Dr. Gibb described the role of the Senate Steering Committee. She explained that this committee meets a week before each monthly senate meeting to discuss potential topics or concerns that should be addressed at the upcoming senate meetings. Dr. Gibb stated that the Steering Committee also serves as a “first responder” to emerging issues that affect the welfare of faculty. The Steering Committee consists of the Senate Chair, Senate Secretary, Chancellor George, the Provost, and three senators. Dr. Gibb also briefed the attendees about Senate/Assembly committees. She explained the process of how faculty members are selected for committees. She reminded them that they can choose their committees by completing preference polls. Dr. Gibb explained that the Committee on Committees reviews the results of the preference polls and makes recommendations. The recommendations are presented to the Senate and voting takes place at the Second Organizational Meeting.

Senate/Assembly committee chairpersons were invited to this meeting. The following chairpersons were present to provide a brief description of the charge of their committee:

**Joint Committees:**
- Bylaws & Rules Committee – Dr. Larry Irons
- Steering Committee – Dr. Pamela Stuerke

**Faculty Senate Committees:**
- Academic Advisory – Mr. Jim Craig
- Appointments, Tenure, & Promotion – Dr. Wolfgang Althof
- Assessment of Educational Outcomes – Dr. Natalie Bolton
- Committee on Committees – Dr. Linda Marks
- Curriculum and Instruction – Mr. Michael Allison
- Faculty Teaching and Service Awards – Ms. Diane O’Brien
- Oversight Committee – Dr. Jim O’Brien
- Promotion of Non-Tenure Track Faculty – Dr. Nigam Rath
- Research Policy – Dr. Lara Zwarun
- Research – Fall Panel – Dr. Ravindra Girivaru

**University Assembly Committees:**
- Budget and Planning – Dr. Greg Geisler
- Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid – Dr. Marc Spingola
- Student Affairs – Dr. Lynn Staley
Dr. Stuerke asked the attendees if there were any questions. An attendee asked if the Senate needs all 23 committees. Dr. Stuerke replied that perhaps next year’s Senate can examine that question.

When the orientation was completed, Dr. Hall asked for nominations for the members of the Committee on Committees.

The following senators were elected by acclamation:

- **Business:** Mimi Duncan
- **Education:** Natalie Bolton
- **Fine & Performing Arts:** Jeffrey Sippel
- **Humanities:** Andrew Black
- **Natural Sciences/Mathematics:** Jim O’Brien
- **Nursing:** Maryann Bozzette
- **Optometry:** Linda Marks
- **Social Sciences:** Jennifer Siciliani
- **Social Work:** Diane O’Brien

Dr. Hall asked the members of the Committee on Committees to meet immediately following the meeting. At that time, the members elected Linda Marks as the chair of the Committee on Committees.

Dr. Hall announced that the Second Organizational Meeting will be held on May 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in 202 JCPenney. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Gibb
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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