

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Faculty Senate  
January 28, 2020  
202 JCPenney**

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Senate Chair Alice Hall. Dr. Hall asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on December 3, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):**

Dr. Hall reported on the following topics:

- The Homecoming Chili Feed co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate will be held on Feb. 27. Dr. Hall asked the senators to consider serving chili for a short shift to represent their college at the event.
- Dr. Hall announced that the UMSL Research Award proposals are due to the Office of Research on Feb. 17.
- The UM System Tier 3 proposals for Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences are due to the Office of Research on March 13. Dr. Hall explained that Tier 3 is the replacement for the Research Board Awards.
- Dr. Hall encouraged the attendees to nominate a colleague for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. The nominations are due to the Senate Office on March 6.
- Dr. Hall announced that there will be a Budget and Planning Committee on Feb. 17.
- Dr. Hall explained that she recently asked the Senate and Assembly Committee Chairs for a report on their accomplishments during the Fall semester. She reported the following highlights from the Senate Committees:
  - The Academic Advisory Committee is looking at the impact of policy regarding scheduling classes on Friday. The committee plans to continue gathering information and to work with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) on course evaluation policies, including the required questions. The committee was also updated on General Education Revisions.
  - The Assessment of Educational Outcomes Committee is also considering course evaluations and was updated on the Curriculum Alignment Process (CAP).
  - The ATP Committee made recommendations for Curators' Professors and has been trained in MyVita. The committee will meet in early February to review dossiers for tenure and promotion.
  - The Faculty Teaching & Service Awards Committee is creating criteria for a new faculty award for on-line teaching. Also, the committee reported that the honorarium

for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence to a part-time faculty member has been increased from \$500 to \$1,000, which is the same as the other awards.

- The Fall Research Panel evaluated 19 applications for travel awards for junior faculty in units throughout the university. The budget for funding is typically \$10,000, but this year the panel was given an extra \$5,000 from ORA for a total of \$15,000. The Panel fully funded 11 trips and provided partial funding for the remaining applicants. Dr. Hall explained that the increase in funding was due in part to the changes in how the F&A funding from external grants was being redistributed.
  - Dr. Hall reported that the Research Policy/University Libraries Committees worked together for the first time this year. The big issue this Fall was the consequences of possibly having to cancel Elsevier's Freedom Collection. The committee reported the following:
    - A request for feedback and a list of all the journals affected was circulated to all research faculty in an effort to evaluate the impact that this cut would have.
    - The Senate Office summarized all of the faculty responses. The summary was sent to the IFC and to the Dean of Libraries to assist them in making an informed and cohesive argument about the implications of this loss to the central administration.
    - Dean of Libraries shared the summary with the Interim Chancellor. It appears that together with the input of the Task Force's report, faculty concern has had an impact. It is their understanding that the University will seek to renew this collection for 2020.
- Dr. Hall announced that this is the time of year when the Senate conducts elections for the departments and colleges who have senators with expiring terms. The following departments will be receiving e-mail ballots to elect their new representatives:

College of Arts & Sciences:

- Economics
- Language & Cultural Studies
- Math & Computer Science
- Physics & Astronomy
- Political Science
- Psychological Sciences
- At-large representatives (two vacancies)

College of Business Administration:

- Accounting
- Finance & Legal Studies
- Marketing
- At-large representative (one vacancy)

College of Education:

- Education Sciences & Professional Programs

### **Report of the Interim Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):**

Interim Chancellor Sobolik reported on the following topics:

- The Board of Curators will be meeting Feb. 6 in Columbia, MO.
- She reported that there are going to be some changes in campus space allocations. Human Resources will be moving to Woods Hall. The Music Department will be re-located to the Arts Administration Building. The current Music Building will be demolished.
- The College of Business Administration will have their AACSB accreditation visit on Feb. 10-11. The School of Social Work will have their accreditation visit on Feb. 3-4.
- Interim Chancellor Sobolik reported that now that the legislators are back in session, she will be visiting with them to keep them informed about the good work going on at UMSL.
- Interim Chancellor Sobolik announced that a request for proposals is being issued for the Normandie Golf Course which is currently owned by UMSL. She explained that UMSL intends to ensure that this historic golf course remains an asset to the community for years to come.
- Interim Chancellor Sobolik asked Dr. Chris Spilling to update the Senate on the status of the ITe building. Dr. Spilling explained that UMSL is planning to sell the ITe building. The MIMH staff that are currently in the ITe building will be moving to Benton Hall and the RCEW building after it is renovated. The compact shelving that was stored in the ITe building will be moved to the first floor of the library after some repairs have been made on the library's first floor.

### **Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) Report (Dr. Pamela Stuerke):**

The IFC met by telepresence on Dec. 18 & Jan. 10 and discussed the following agenda items:

- A proposal for the UMSL Nursing Simulation Lab scored well in the state-wide MO Excels work force funding initiative.
- Next Gen Precision Health Initiative is seeking industry partners for funding as well as participation from all four campuses.
- The IFC is working on revising and updating three faculty-related Collected Rules and Regulations. The CRRs that are being reviewed are related to the Ability to Work, Promotion and Tenure, and Dismissal for Cause regulations.
- The IFC was updated on the eLearning initiative. The Senate reviewed the slides that displayed the undergraduate and graduate programs that are proposed for the eLearning initiative.

### **Other business:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Gibb  
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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