Senate Chair Jon McGinnis called the Faculty Senate meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on February 21, 2023. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):**
- Dr. McGinnis stated that the Senate’s First Organizational Meeting (for 2023-2024) will be held on April 4 at 3:00 by Zoom. Newly-elected senators and senators continuing their terms should attend the April 4 meeting.
- Dr. McGinnis reported that the last meeting for this year’s Senate will be held in person on April 25 at 3:00 in the MSC Century Rooms. It will be followed by the Senate reception.
- Dr. McGinnis stated that nominations are needed for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching to a Tenured or Tenure-Track faculty member. Nominations are also needed for the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The deadline has been extended to April 9.
- Dr. McGinnis reported that the Faculty Senate has been asked to vote on a one-year extension of the test optional which is the SAT/ACT test requirement. He provided some background on this topic. UMSL has been using this option on a temporary basis for two years. Dr. McGinnis explained that so far, the data has not shown a significant difference in GPA for those who have taken the SAT/ACT tests over those who have not. Dr. McGinnis asked the Senate if there was any discussion on this topic. After discussion, the Faculty Senate voted unanimously in favor of a one-year extension of test optional. The Board of Curators will vote on the final approval at their meeting on April 20, 2023.

**Report of the Chancellor (Chancellor Kristin Sobolik):**
- Chancellor Sobolik congratulated the men’s basketball team on their success in reaching the Elite 8 for Division II. She noted that this was a big accomplishment for UMSL because the team has not reached this level of success in 51 years. She wished the team well on their game on March 21.
- Chancellor Sobolik said that she is concentrating on the legislative season and working with legislators. She recently visited Washington, DC to meet with federal legislators and also to visit with UMSL alums and donors who live in the DC area.
- Chancellor Sobolik invited Provost Berberich to report on some items from Academic Affairs. Provost Berberich announced that six faculty members have been approved for sabbatical leaves during the 2023-2024 academic year. The faculty members are as follows:
  - Gaiyan Zhang, Finance & Legal Studies Department
  - Rebecca Rogers, Educator Preparation and Leadership Department
  - Nathan Muchhala, Biology Department
  - Deborah Cohen, History Department
  - Lea-Rachel Kosnik, Economics Department
  - Eric Wiland, Philosophy Department
The updated Non-Tenure Track Faculty promotion guidelines that were approved by the Faculty Senate are now posted on the Academic Affairs website. Provost Berberich thanked the Promotion of Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee for their work on updating those guidelines.

The final candidate for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will be on campus tomorrow. Provost Berberich thanked the search team members for their work.

In April there will be a celebration of the first cohort of the Emerging Leaders Program. Provost Berberich will also be recruiting the members of the second cohort in April. He asked that faculty and staff consider nominations for the next group of emerging leaders.

Appointments, Tenure, & Promotion (ATP) Committee Report (Dr. Jon McGinnis):
While ATP Committee Chair Stephanie Merritt was in class, Dr. McGinnis gave the following report:

- The ATP Committee met on Feb. 16 to decide on 9 cases for tenure and promotion.
- All were given a favorable recommendation.
- Recommendations were subsequently forwarded to the Provost and Chancellor.

Promotion of Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee (Dr. Theresa Coble):
Committee Chair Theresa Coble reported the following:

- The Promotion of Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee met on Feb. 28, 2023 to consider 13 cases for promotion. The cases reviewed were as follows:
  - Promotion to Associate Clinical Professor – 1
  - Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor – 8
  - Promotion to Teaching Professor - 4
- All candidates were recommended for promotion.
- Recommendations were forwarded to Provost Berberich.

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):
Dr. Bhatia reported that the IFC met on March 6, 2023 by Zoom with the following agenda topics:

- Minority faculty retention at Mizzou followed by a general discussion on DEI rubrics and statements.
- HB 1196 and SB 410
- Update on the new PTO plan and discussion of UM System Retirement Plan
- CIO search for the UM System
- ChatGPT

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report (Mr. Michael Allison):
The following uncomplicated curriculum proposals were approved by the Faculty Senate:

- Change to the B.A. in Biology
- Change to the B.S. in Biology
- Change to the B.S. in Data Science and Analysis
- Change to the Information Systems emphasis area of the M.S. in Cybersecurity
- Change to the undergraduate certificate in Labor Studies
- Change to the graduate certificate in Enterprise Systems Development
- Change to the admission and general requirements of the Doctor of Nursing Practice
Mr. Allison presented the following curriculum proposals for the Senate’s review:

- Change to the minor in Child Advocacy Studies
- Change to the undergraduate certificate in Child Advocacy Studies (it was noted that the proposal should be amended to delete the reference of field experience which was eliminated.)
- Change to the undergraduate certificate in East Asian Studies
- Change to admission requirements of the B.S. in Nursing
- Addition of the Accelerated Master’s in Mathematics
- Addition of the Accelerated Master’s in Education

All of the proposals were approved by the Faculty Senate.

Dr. McGinnis asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sanjiv Bhatia
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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