

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Faculty Senate  
October 24, 2023  
MSC Century Room A & Zoom meeting**

Senate Chair Sanjiv Bhatia called the Faculty Senate meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Dr. Bhatia asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on September 26, 2023. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):**

- Dr. Bhatia introduced Allison Belew as the new Executive Assistant for the Faculty Senate and University Assembly.
- Dr. Bhatia announced that the Faculty Senate will sponsor a lunch at the Board of Curators meeting on November 16, 2023. The presentation theme this year is Geospatial at UMSL, and will include poster highlighting student research in the area.
- Dr. Bhatia reminded Senators that open enrollment began on October 23 and will continue through November 3.
- Dr. Bhatia reminded Senators that the Senate Snapshot will be e-mailed to them the Fridays after each Senate meeting. He asked them to please share the Snapshot with their colleagues to keep them informed of what is happening in the Senate.

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

- Chancellor Sobolik announced that Charlotte Richards, UMSL alumna and former member of the UMSL women's volleyball team, has been named a Top 30 honoree for NCAA Woman of the Year.
- Chancellor Sobolik also announced that the women's volleyball team is undefeated at 22-0.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported that UMSL has received its 7<sup>th</sup> HEED award.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced that UMSL will host a Legislative Reception at the Patient Care Center on October 24, 2023.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported that Husch Blackwell was on campus to help navigate the federal white paper process.
- Chancellor Sobolik also announced that the Alumni 5K Run/Walk was highly successful.
- Chancellor Sobolik shared that the CUMU conference was held the previous week in Washington D.C., and that Chancellor Sobolik was elected to the position of chair of the board for the organization.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced that UMSL received a \$1.8 million CAMPIS grant to assist student parents with a stipend for childcare. This grant will allow those student parents to select from high-quality childcare providers across the region.

**Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. Jon McGinnis):**

The IFC met by Zoom on October 2, 2023.

- Discussion with President Choi addressed student enrollment, particularly as it relates to the recent Affirmative Action decisions by the Supreme Court.
- Discussion by the IFC also considered issues with library materials access, particularly as it relates to research published in journals, recognizing that the current model is not sustainable. IFC also discussed issues surrounding the use of Open Access.
- Representatives from the UM System presented information about disaster planning and preparedness.

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

Mr. Allison presented the following uncomplicated curriculum proposals for the Senate's review. The proposals were approved by the Senate:

- Change to the undergraduate requirements for Computer Science Department degrees
- Change to the undergraduate certificate in Mobile Apps and Computing
- Change to the M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Change to the Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Change to the B.A. in Organizational Leadership
- Change to the admissions criteria for the traditional B.S. in Nursing
- Deletion of the B.S./M.Acc. 2+3 dual degree program in Accounting
- Deletion of the B.S./M.S. 2+3 dual degree program in Information Systems and Technology
- Deletion of the post-graduate certificate in Advance Nursing Practice with Educator Functional Role

Mr. Allison also presented the 2025-26 Academic Calendar, which was approved unanimously.

Dr. Bhatia asked if there was any other business for the Faculty Senate. Hearing none, Dr. Bhatia adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Stuerke  
Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes originally drafted by Sydney Moore, Office of the Chancellor)