

IFC Report  
Meeting of March 16, 2007

The Board of Curators will meet on April 4 with the search firm that is screening candidates for the position of President of the University of Missouri. After they narrow the list to 3-5 candidates, the Advisory Committee, which will have broad representation from all the campuses and alumni will meet with the consultants. The Advisory Committee will provide a report on the strengths and weaknesses for each candidate to the Board of Curators, which will make the final decision. In a number of forums, Board members have expressed an interest in having someone with managerial experience for the next President.

Vice President Steve Knorr reported that Senate Bill 389 on higher education is stalled in the Senate, which is now in recess. When the legislators return they will attempt to bring the bill to vote, where it is expected to pass with support from the Republicans.

The UM System is close to a final draft on a document that describes the procedures for review of criminal background check reports for faculty. We currently have a procedure for staff. The document outlines the appropriate procedures and the individuals to review the background check reports for academic and non-academic positions. The final decision on whether an applicant's criminal background check is approved will be the Provost for academic positions and the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services for non-academic positions.

House Bill 213 seeks to establish an Intellectual Diversity Act that will require colleges and universities to report the ways in which they support intellectual diversity. This bill seems to have support from the Board of Curators. The four campuses have provided the Board with information that details the ways in which they already comply with the requirements for intellectual diversity as described in the house bill.