

**UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY
UM-ST. LOUIS
February 19, 2002
3 p.m.
Century Room A
Millennium Student Center
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by University Assembly Chairperson Lawrence Barton.

Minutes from the previous meeting (held November 13, 2001) were approved as submitted.

Report from the Chairperson – Dr. Lawrence Barton

Chair Barton encouraged Assembly members to sign the attendance sheet that was circulating. He pointed out that attendance at Assembly and Senate meetings has been poor this year.

The Chair noted the passing of two colleagues, Evening College Dean Everette Nance and History Department faculty member Dr. Arthur Shaffer. Dean Nance died over the Christmas holidays, and Dr. Shaffer's passing was recent. In 1977-78, Dr. Shaffer chaired the Senate. In 1982-83, Dr. Shaffer was the Presiding Officer of the Faculty Council, and he chaired the History Department in 1974-76. Both Drs. Nance and Shaffer will be missed.

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The Chair reported that he attended the spring meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) earlier this month. Last year, the major issue was faculty representation on Boards of Trustees. This year, the major issue is funding. A presentation was made by Representative Barbara Fraser, who serves as chairperson of the Subcommittee on Funding Equity among four-year institutions. In addition to this, the other major activity was a day of lobbying at the Capitol. The Chair regretted that his teaching schedule did not permit him to participate. He informed Assembly members that the Steering Committee concurred with the Chair, who believes we need to be better represented at the meetings. At the part of the meeting Chair Barton had to miss, a resolution (see attached) was adopted which MAFS hoped would be passed by all the Senates.

Although the Chair was unable to participate in the lobbying effort on February 5, there is another opportunity coming soon. On Wednesday, February 27, it is University of Missouri Alumni Alliance Legislative Day at the Missouri Capitol. The group will travel by Amtrak from the Kirkwood station at 7:15 a.m. and will return to Kirkwood by 8:30 p.m. Lunch will be

provided. The Alumni Association will pay expenses (although it would be appropriate for attendees to contribute toward the cost). Those who are interested were invited to contact Ms. Donna Carothers in the Alumni Relations Office. Chair Barton noted, however, that faculty must meet their classes, and students should not be encouraged to miss class.

In closing, the Chair invited comments and concerns.

Report from the Chancellor – Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Board of Curators will be meeting at UM-St. Louis on March 21 and 22, at which time this campus is to make three important presentations, the Chancellor said.

We are to review with the Curators our Strategic Plan, which was submitted to President Pacheco last year. Dr. Pacheco recently asked us to make some revisions to that plan, and the Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting to determine how the requested changes can be accomplished. The revised Strategic Plan must be approved before being presented to the Curators, so the Committee is working on a fast timeline.

Also, we are to present our Academic Plan to the Curators, the first campus to do so. It must be related to the Strategic Plan. Vice Chancellor Durham is leading this effort, the Chancellor reported, and is in the best position to answer any questions.

In March, Sasaki and Associates, Master Plan consultants, will provide the Curators with an update of the Master Plan that the Curators reviewed in 1993. I believe that Sasaki will recommend that we continue our efforts to secure properties near the campus – perhaps expanding our boundaries as far west as Hanley Road. This plan must also receive Central Administration approval before going to the Curators. Sasaki also will present a space study that was conducted as part of a Systemwide review of facility needs and utilization.

Report from the Student Government Association – Mr. Ryan Connor

Recently, Student Government has passed three resolutions, one concerned funding equity, one concerned extending the hours of the Library, and one overturned the 1998 amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965. This latter resolution pertains to students receiving financial aid who are involved in drug offenses.

The lobbyist group, Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM), has encouraged that the SGA give up its funding equity effort at this time, but Mr. Connor reported that the SGA will persevere. At its meeting earlier today, SGA members were urged to contact their legislators.

Homecoming was a success, with an attendance of 400+.

February 20 at 5:30 p.m. is the scheduled opening of the Pilot House. Mr. Connor invited everyone to attend.

Report from the Committee on Bylaws and Rules – Dr. Timothy Farmer

Dr. Farmer presented the three amendment proposals that were appended to the meeting's agenda. Two, regarding membership on the Assembly and the Budget and Planning Committee, were approved as submitted. A housekeeping change was made from the floor to correct the title listed under the Committee on Computing and Instructional Technology. The old version, "Director of the Instructional Technology Center," was replaced by the current title, "Director of Faculty Instructional Support and Telephone Services."

Report from the Committee on Physical Facilities and General Services – Dr. W. Gary Bachman

(see attached)

At the close of the report Mr. Ryan Connor inquired if the Committee had received a letter concerning returning the parking ticket appeal process to students. Dr. Bachman reported that the Committee had received the communication but decided not to deal with it.

Report from the Committee on Computing and Instructional Technology – Dr. Robert Keel

(see written report attached)

In closing, the Chair encouraged students to proceed with their elections for next year's Assembly members. The Senate Office has begun the process of electing unit representatives and at-large members of next year's Senate and University Assembly.

Completing the business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Pierce
University Assembly Secretary

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban, Assistant to the Senate Chair)

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Faculty Senate Chairperson Dr. Lawrence Barton called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

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Senate members were encouraged to sign the attendance sheet which was circulating. The Chair commented that attendance at Senate meetings is less than he would have hoped but about the same as a year ago.

It was announced that the Senate Office is preparing now for elections. For this purpose, we are compiling a complete list of full-time regular faculty and non-regular faculty who meet the criteria for membership. We have defined "faculty" as those who are connected to a department or unit. Chair Barton announced that we will not replace anyone who resigns from the Senate for this brief spell between their departure and regular spring elections. He also advised Senators that Ms. Arban is about to send out the Committee Service Preference Poll, and he encouraged everyone to return it to Joan promptly.

The Chair noted with sadness the passing of former Senate Chair Arthur Shaffer. Dr. Shaffer was also a past presiding officer of the Faculty Council and chairperson of the History Department.

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UM-St. Louis Faculty Senate approved the Resolution (see attached) unanimously. Although the Chair was unable to participate in the lobbying effort on February 5, there is another opportunity coming soon. On Wednesday, February 27, it is University of Missouri Alumni Alliance Legislative Day at the Missouri Capitol. The group will travel by Amtrak from the Kirkwood station at 7:15 a.m. and will return to Kirkwood by 8:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The Alumni Association will pay expenses (although it would be appropriate for attendees to contribute toward the cost). Those who are interested were invited to contact Ms. Donna Carothers in the Alumni Relations Office. Chair Barton noted, however, that faculty must meet their classes, and students should not be encouraged to miss class.

Concerning ATP procedures, the Chair noted that a hearing was held, and the Steering Committee received several proposals for change from faculty members. The Steering Committee met on February 12 and went over the material in detail. Chair Barton has incorporated the proposed changes into the draft and, once the Committee agrees that his version conforms to their recollection of the meeting, he will distribute the materials to all faculty members. In fall, it was agreed that a special faculty meeting would be called for the purpose of discussing and approving the amended materials (probably with some minor revisions). Substantive amendments will not be allowed from the floor. (The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 2). The Chair emphasized that an enormous amount of work has gone into the project by many colleagues over the past several years.

The Board of Curators March meeting will be at UM-St. Louis on March 21 and 22. It will be a very busy meeting with the budget issue at the forefront. The campus will present its Strategic Plan, the Master Plan, the Academic Plan, and a space report. The Faculty Senate will host a breakfast. All Senate members will be invited. The program will be similar to what we did last year, i.e., highlighting faculty members with major research grants or recent accomplishments in research. Last time, we focused on senior faculty, but this time, we will highlight some junior faculty, too.

Returning to the attendance issue, the Chair reported that the Senate Office will be communicating with the units to inform the chairs/coordinators about the attendance record of Senate representatives.

In closing, the Chair invited comments and concerns.

Report from the Budget and Planning Committee – Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Committee has met twice since the January Faculty Senate meeting. At the January 28th meeting, the Chancellor outlined a possible administrative change that would separate the positions of Dean of the Graduate School and Director of Research. Chancellor Touhill said she is still talking to various people about this change.

At the February 3rd meeting, the Chancellor presented higher education's response to the Governor's State of the State message. In his message, higher education institutions would be cut 10 percent in FY 2003. This cut is actually 13 percent, since there has traditionally been an automatic 3 percent cut to higher education. The Governor's Office and the Council on Public

Higher Education (COPHE) are attempting to reach an agreement on this issue. Although the Governor is optimistic that he can discover funds in order to prevent any additional rate cut above the 10 percent, this optimism is not shared by everyone. The System's response to the FY 2003 rate cut will probably be a combination of an 8 percent increase in educational fees, coupled with a rate reallocation by the campuses, plus the probability of no salary increase for faculty and staff. Educational fees should be voted upon at the March Board of Curators meeting, although this vote could be delayed.

As she mentioned in the Chancellor's Report presented at the University Assembly meeting, the Chancellor believes that the March Board of Curators meeting will be crucial to the future of this campus.

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council – Dr. Lawrence Barton (see attached)

At the close of his report, Chair Barton was asked by Dr. R. Rocco Cottone about a request from Southwest Missouri State (Springfield) to become Missouri State University. The Chair said the University took no position on the matter. Dean David Ganz inquired about a possible conflict of interest for UM faculty who teach at other institutions. The Chair said he would look into this.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction – Dean David Ganz

Dean Ganz presented the proposed academic calendar for 2003-04. After he pointed out the notable features, the academic calendar was approved without dissent.

All proposals detailed in the agenda were approved. Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi called attention to an error in the rationale on page 6 of the B.A. in Art History. Art 265 should be corrected to read 263.

Dean Ganz reminded Senate members that when a proposal leaves the unit, it goes to Academic Affairs. Graduate-level proposals go from Academic Affairs to the Graduate School before coming to C&I. A few items need clarification or have crosslisting problems. Otherwise, the Committee is current.

Senators were informed of the March 1st deadline for accepting new proposals this year.

Report from the Committee on Research

A written report (see attached) was appended to the agenda.

Completing the business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Pierce
Faculty Senate Secretary

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban, Assistant to the Senate Chair)