

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly and Faculty Senate
November 13, 2012 - 3 p.m.
202 JCPenney**

The meeting of the University Assembly was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Senate Chair, Dr. Chris Spilling. Dr. Spilling asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting on October 9, 2012. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Chris Spilling:

Chair Spilling reported on the following items:

- Board of Curators Meeting at UMSL: Dr. Spilling announced that the Board of Curators will be meeting on the UMSL campus on December 6 and 7, 2012 in the MSC Century Rooms. The meetings are open to everyone.
- Senate Breakfast with Curators: On December 7, the Faculty Senate will host a breakfast with the curators. Each year at the breakfast, the Faculty Senate chooses a theme which highlights a unique aspect of UMSL. This year's theme will be "Serving our Military's Academic Needs". Dr. Spilling explained that we will present the ways that UMSL has focused on serving our military -- through ROTC, or veterans who are returning from serving their country, or military students that are being served through on-line courses all over the world.
- Research Awards: Dr. Spilling reminded the assembly that this year the Provost has budgeted \$100,000 for research awards. The Research Spring Panel has been tasked with reviewing the guidelines for the awards. Mary Lacity is the chair of the Research – Spring Panel. The Panel has recommended that the research proposals be due on March 14. The Panel will meet in early April to make decisions on the awards.
- Senate Website Upgrade: The Faculty Senate website is in the process of being upgraded to the new design. We expect the upgrade to be completed soon.
- Strategic Planning: Chair Spilling reported that President Tim Wolfe has asked all four campuses to participate in strategic planning. Dr. Spilling provided some background information about UMSL's Strategic Plan. He listed the committee members who have participated in the planning. He explained the planning building blocks which are used to develop a strategy. He reported on the strategic themes and where we are in the process. He presented the following vision, mission, and strategy statement:

VISION:

The University Missouri-St. Louis will be known as a premier metropolitan public research university and as a university of choice for undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

MISSION:

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides excellent learning experiences through an outstanding faculty and staff, innovative research, community engagement, and creative partnerships that prepare our diverse student body to benefit the St. Louis region and the global society.

STRATEGY STATEMENT

By 2018, UMSL will increase enrollment by 6% and graduation rate by 8%, producing well-prepared graduates by engaging the community in student-focused relationships, promoting retention orientated teaching and learning, and integrating faculty research into the student experience.

Dr. Spilling explained that the administrators are seeking input for the Strategic Plan from faculty, staff and students. In order for everyone to share their input, Academic Affairs has created the following SharePoint site:

<https://sharepoint.umsf.edu/academicaffairs/G4G/SitePages/Home.aspx> .

Dr. Spilling encouraged the faculty to share their ideas about the Strategic Plan.

Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Tom George:

Chancellor George reported on the following items:

➤ Election results:

- Proposition B failed with a vote of 50.8% No and a 49.2% Yes. This proposition would have increased educational funding through an increase in the cigarette/tobacco tax.
- State-wide results included Jay Nixon's re-election as governor and UMSL alum Clint Zweifel was re-elected as treasurer.
- The State Senate and House remain solidly Republican with 70% in the Senate and 67% in the House.
- Locally Clem Smith was re-elected to the House from this area (District 71). Rick Stream of Kirkwood was re-elected to the House. Mr. Stream is an alum and likely chairman of the House Appropriation Committee.
- Chancellor George thanked the Political Science faculty for their great local and national analysis of the elections in the newspaper, magazines, television and radio.

➤ College of Education's Kids Voting Program:

More than 150,000 students participated in the Kids Voting program offered out of the Center for Character and Citizenship Education. Chancellor George commented that it was great to see UMSL's name in 29 school districts.

➤ Faculty Award:

College of Business Professor Vicki Sauter received the 2012 Women in Operations Research and Management Sciences Award for the Advancement of Women from the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.

➤ UMSL Alum:

Grayling Tobias was named as the Hazelwood School District Superintendent. He is a 1980 UMSL graduate who starred in basketball and baseball. He is also a member of the UMSL Sports Hall of Fame.

Report of the Staff Association, Mr. Robert Peterson:

Mr. Peterson reported that Provost Cope attended the Staff Council meeting today and explained the Strategic Plan. Mr. Peterson stated that the staff appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the strategic planning process and looks forward to providing input.

The Staff Association is making preparations for the annual Holiday Bazaar. This event will be held on Dec. 12 from 11-4 in the MSC Century Room. Proceeds go to the John Perry Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Peterson reported that staff member Ms. Meg Naes has been nominated to serve as Vice President for the Intercampus Staff Council. The results of the election will be announced in December.

Report of the Student Government Association – the report was not given due to illness.

Information Security Report, Mr. Mark Monroe:

Chair Spilling asked Mr. Monroe, Information Security Officer, to update the Senate and Assembly on computer security issues. Mr. Monroe provided information on protecting passwords, guarding against phishing e-mails, and some things to beware of when opening questionable e-mails. He also reminded the attendees of the following:

- Always perform all official work communications using your UMSL account (This is for compliance and legal reasons.) For example: using your personal yahoo.com email address to communicate with students about class work could lead to a FERPA violation since we do not have a contract or agreement with Yahoo to protect student information.
- You want to be confident that you have no work email in your personal accounts should legal issues arise. This will protect your personal/private email in case of legal hold.
- When initiating communications with students, use their official UMSL account for FERPA reasons.
- Students may send/initiate a conversation with their non-UMSL account. It is ok to reply to that account as they have started the communication.
- Guest Accounts:
 - Official guest accounts can be created for guests or visiting professors.
 - Accounts are created by going to www.ums.edu/technology/security
 - These guest accounts are different than generic accounts. They are tied to the guest and provide less liability for the department. They can also get on the network faster without all of the Bradford issues.
 - Accounts are for 1 to 7 days and then deleted (can be extended by special request)
 - Call the Technology Support Center and put in a ticket.

Chair Spilling thanked Mr. Monroe for his presentation. He asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:45 by Senate Chair, Dr. Chris Spilling.

Dr. Spilling did not have any additional comments for the Chair's Report.

Dr. George did not have additional information for the Chancellor's Report.

IFC Report by Dr. Susan Brownell:

Dr. Brownell updated the Senate on the issues that were addressed at the last Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) meeting as follows:

- **Domestic Partner Benefits (now Plus One):**
This relates to the recommendation that the University of Missouri System add domestic partner benefits to our portfolio of employee benefits. The IFC has been working on this case for a couple of years. The case is to be made to the Board of Curators as early as their December meeting. There has been a development here. According to Betsy Rodriguez, the system's Chief Human Resources Officer, the decision has been made to request that the system offer what they are calling a "Plus One" plan. Under this plan, *any* cohabitant meeting specified criteria will be eligible to receive the benefits currently available to spouses of University of Missouri system employees. The proposed plan is modeled after the plan that has been instituted at the University of Kentucky, and is receiving praise.
- **The Strategic Funding Initiative:**
UM System President Tim Wolfe has proposed a concept whereby the UM System's four campuses would have a portion of their budget withheld and then earned via demonstrated progress towards strategic goals. The details of this concept are still being debated. Thus, it is early in the process. The IFC spent approximately 75 minutes expressing various concerns about this concept to President Wolfe during our last meeting. Chief among the concerns expressed by UMSL representatives was that our budget has been cut so deeply over the past several years that we would have to cut programs if a significant portion of our budget were at risk. President Wolfe listened attentively to the many concerns expressed by Council members. This is an ongoing discussion.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report by Mr. Michael Allison:

Mr. Allison presented the following program proposals:

- Drop of the minor in Music Education
- Change in the B.M. in Music Education
- Change in the Physics and Astronomy undergraduate program
- Change in the Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management
- Change of the Master of Public Policy Administration Local Government Management emphasis area
- Addition of the Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs Administration & Leadership
- Change in the M.S. in Nursing
- Change in the M.S. in Physics and Astronomy
- Deactivation of the M.S. in Vision Science
- Deactivation of the Ph.D. in Vision Science
- Change in the Ph.D. in Business Administration

Note: On the list of course proposals, Studio Art 4273 should read Art Education 4273.

All of the above program proposals were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assembly/Senate Secretary

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