

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly and Faculty Senate
September 11, 2012 - 3 p.m.
202 JCPenney**

The meeting of the Faculty Senate 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 April 24, 2012. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Chris Spilling:

Chair Spilling reported information about the following items:

- **Grand Center:** Grand Center is having its ribbon cutting ceremony & open house on Sept. 15. Tim Eby, Director/General Manager of St. Louis Public Radio/90.7 KWMU, will provide an update to the Assembly today. Dr. Tom McPhail, Chair of the Theatre, Dance and Media Studies Department, will also report about the academic side of the Grand Center.
- **Senate/Assembly Committees:** Of the 22 Assembly and Senate Committees, 21 have met and elected chairs. The Academic Advisory Committee will meet after two new nominees are confirmed.
- **University Press:** UM System President Tim Wolfe informed us that he is establishing an Advisory Committee to provide input for the transition of the University of Missouri Press from UM System to MU. The transition team will work with the advisory committee that includes representatives of faculty, staff, students, authors, and external members. Mike Murray has agreed to be UMSL's representative on the committee.
- **IFC:** The Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) will be conducting a retreat on Sept. 25. Our current IFC representatives are: Susan Brownell, Steve Moehrle, and Chris Spilling. Steve Moehrle will be serving as IFC Chair this year.
- **Student Discrimination Grievance Panel:** The Office of Student Affairs has notified us that the terms of the faculty membership on the Student Discrimination Grievance Panel is expiring. Ten faculty members serve on this panel. We currently have eight faculty members who have agreed to serve, but need two more volunteers that serve a 2-year term. Chair Spilling asked that anyone who is interested in serving on this panel contact the Faculty Senate Office.
- **Reminders:**
State of the University Address will be held on Sept. 19 at 3:00 in JCPenney Auditorium. Photos will be taken today of the assembly and senate.

Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Tom George:

Chancellor George reported on the following items:

- State of the University Address: Dr. George encouraged everyone to attend the State of the University Address on Sept. 19. Besides his address, the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence and other awards will be presented to members of the faculty and staff.
- Gateway for Greatness Campaign: The campaign was completed June 30 and raised \$154 million which exceeded its original goal of \$150 million.
- Enrollment: The overall credit hours were up 2%. This year's class is the largest incoming class of new students – freshmen and transfers – since 1999. The 1,974 transfer students are the second largest class in campus history. There are 535 freshmen (up 5%) with an average ACT score of 24 – a campus record. Undergraduate enrollment was particularly strong in nursing, engineering and business. Graduate enrollments are down so total on-campus headcount enrollment was basically flat.
- Facilities Update: The student referendum for the new Wellness Center was approved by the curators this summer. Funds will be reallocated to M&R to support construction of an addition for Benton-Stadler Hall. President Wolfe is supportive.
- I Chose UMSL Campaign: The University Marketing and Admissions Office has launched a campaign featuring alumni and students in radio, TV, print and outdoor advertisements. The UMSL alumni featured in the campaign are:
 - George Paz, Chairman and CEO of Express Scripts Inc.
 - Sandra Van Trease, Group President of BJC HealthCare
 - Dan Isom, Chief of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
 - Beth Fitzgerald, President of the Magic House
 - Art McCoy, Superintendent of the Ferguson-Florissant School District
 - Tom Minogue, Chairman of Thompson Coburn LLC
- Cigarette Tax: UM System is discussing ways in which it would allocate and spend new funds from a proposed tax on cigarettes. The measure is on the November ballot. It seeks to move the state's tobacco tax to 90 cents per pack of cigarettes from 17 cents – the lowest level in the nation. The national average is \$1.46 cents per pack. If the measure passes, \$82 million would be earmarked for higher education - \$40 million for UM System. UMSL's share (approximately 14%) would be centered around scholarships, faculty in health care and STEM programs, and M&R.

Report of the Staff Association, Mr. Robert Peterson:

Mr. Peterson reported that the Staff Association hopes to increase effective communication with all staff members by inviting various speakers to Staff Association meetings to keep the staff better informed.

To show appreciation for staff members, Mr. Peterson informed the attendees that an event will be held at the Mark Twain building on Sept. 28 from 11:30-1:30. Food will be available and tours will be given of the updated facility.

The next Staff Council meeting will be held on Sept. 19 in 93 JCPenney at 1:30 p.m.

Report of the Student Government Association, Mr. Steven Brockman:

Mr. Brockman reported that the Student General Assembly has met and discussed their goals which are:

- Monitor the progress of the wellness center.
- Advocate for students for the Benton-Stadler Hall renovations.
- Work on revisions to the SGA Constitution.

Mr. Brockman invited everyone to the SGA Safe Walk which will be held on Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees will walk the campus in the evening and identify any potential safety concerns. All participants will meet at the Provincial House.

Budget and Planning Committee Report, Dr. Terry Jones:

The University Assembly Budget and Planning Committee met August 14, 2012. The three agenda items were (1) electing a chair for the 2012-2013 academic year, (2) reviewing the Administration's revised recommendations for the FY 2013 budget, and (3) being informed about a revenue shortfall in the FY 2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget Recommendations

The tentative FY 2013 budget endorsed by the Budget and Planning Committee in May 2012 assumed that the Governor's recommendations to reduce the UM budget would prevail and that would require a rate (i.e., permanent) reduction of \$4,300,000. The tentative FY 2013 endorsed budget outlined the rate cuts needed to generate the \$4,300,000.

The Missouri General Assembly instead passed a budget that appropriated the same amount for UM in FY 2013 as had been funded in FY 2012. The Governor largely accepted this decision although he made a slight cut (\$560,000 is UMSL's share) in the FY 2013 allocation. This \$560,000 reduction is largely offset by the \$500,000 that had been set aside for promotion raises and counter offers.

The UM System decided that instead of restoring the previously identified cuts, the funds (\$4,240,000) should be reallocated to high priority initiatives. The Administration recommended the following allocations:

(1) \$2,000,000 annually for 30 years as a revenue stream for a bond issue to build the Benton-Stadler project. This allocation would cover payments on interest and principal. After 30 years, the \$2,000,000 would become available for reallocation.

(2) \$1,000,000 for a one percent salary raise pool for faculty and staff. This amount includes the staff benefits on the raises. The Administration has yet to determine the process for distributing these funds.

(3) \$740,000 to improve undergraduate student persistence. This initiative will implement recommendations made by the Provost's New Student Experience Team submitted in their March 15, 2012 report. An additional \$168,000 in rate funds will be allocated for this initiative effective with the FY 2014 budget.

(4) \$500,000 for student scholarships.

After discussion, the Budget and Planning Committee voted to endorse these recommendations and will move on September 11, 2012 that the University Assembly approve this endorsement.

FY 2012 Shortfall

The Administration reported that the tuition and fee of the FY 2012 revenue budget had a \$1,100,000 shortfall. This will require units to return \$1,100,000 in cost funds from their FY 2013 budget.

A motion was made to endorse the recommendations of the Budget and Planning Committee. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Grand Center Update, Mr. Tim Eby & Dr. Tom McPhail:

Mr. Tim Eby, Director/General Manager of St. Louis Public Radio/90.7 KWMU, gave an interesting time-lapsed presentation of the Grand Center building. The photos included the day they broke ground on April 15, 2011 to the photo of the completed building. Their first broadcast at the new location occurred on June 18, 2012.

Mr. Eby invited everyone to the Grand Center Opening on September 15 from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. He described some of the features of the new building:

- The building is 27,000 square feet in size and has three floors.
- There are nine studios (increased from five in Lucas Hall).
- Three classrooms with state of the art equipment are available.
- The building contains functional meeting space for seminars and workshops as well as a reception space that will accommodate 120 people.
- Convenient garage parking is nearby.
- An additional space will be added outdoors as a public media commons area to be shared with KETC Channel 9. It is expected to be completed in the spring.

Mr. Eby reminded the Assembly that the radio station will continue to keep a presence on the campus by using a studio in the Touhill Performing Arts Center. When the studio space is completed in the near future, it will allow faculty members easy access for radio interviews.

Mr. Eby also informed the attendees that the station is in need of good interns. He encouraged the faculty to recommend students who are interested in an intern opportunity. He explained that the interns could gain experience in graphic design, web design, marketing, and sales.

Dr. Tom McPhail, Chair of the Theatre, Dance & Media Studies Department, briefed the Assembly on the academic side of the Grand Center. He informed the Assembly that the academic portion of the building is located on the entire first floor and part of the second floor. A new full-time faculty member has been hired – BC Bierman. His appointment is in the Art and Art History Department. He will also serve as the new academic coordinator for the facility.

Dr. McPhail described an 18-hour joint certificate program that has been created by Art History and Media Studies. He also provided handouts describing a new course that will be taught in the spring entitled “Convergence and Digital Media” (Fundamentals of Emerging Media). He included a handout for a proposal for a Media Graphics certificate.

Dr. McPhail explained that they are working to organize a one-day workshop with the Black Journalist Association for 50 area high school students. He informed the Assembly that faculty members are welcome to assign courses to teach at the Grand Center. Also, he encouraged attendees to conduct seminars and workshops at this new location.

Dr. Spilling asked the Assembly if they had any questions. He thanked Mr. Eby and Dr. McPhail for their informative presentations.

There being no other business, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:50 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.

NCTQ Request for Syllabi Discussion by Dr. Chris Spilling:

In an effort to keep the Faculty Senate informed of university issues, Dr. Spilling reported the following:

- The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) made a request for syllabi to Colleges of Education (under Sunshine Law)
- Two telepresence meetings have taken place with general counsel:
 - One meeting with the College of Education
 - One meeting with IFC members
- The syllabi are generally considered to be the intellectual property of the faculty.
- UMSL, UMC, and Missouri S&T have agreed to give up syllabi
- UMKC is resisting request

Faculty members expressed their concerns about how the syllabi would be used. Some members felt that each individual faculty member should make their own decision if they wanted to share their syllabus. Dr. Spilling will inform the Senate if any more information is forthcoming.

Committee on Committees Report by Dr. Alice Hall:

Dr. Hall presented the following nominations from the Committee on Committees.

Faculty Senate Committees:

- Academic Advisory Committee:
Education vacancy: Lisa Dorner will replace Carole Murphy
Nursing vacancy: Margaret Barton Burke will replace Vicky Becherer
- Assessment of Educational Outcomes Committee:
Education vacancy: Donald Gouwens will replace Deborah Moberly
- Curriculum & Instruction Committee:
Humanities vacancy: John Brunero will replace Suellynn Duffey
- Research – Spring Panel:
CoFAC vacancy: Yael Evan will replace Marian Amies
- University Libraries Committee:
CoFAC vacancy: Jacqueline Thompson will replace Tlaloc Rivas

University Assembly Committees:

- Administrator Evaluation Committee:
Any parallel unit vacancy: Michael Howard will replace Tlaloc Rivas
- Information Technology Committee:
CoFAC vacancy: Leighanne Heisel will replace Jina Yoo

The members of the Faculty Senate approved all of the nominations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Martinich
Assembly/Senate Secretary

(Minutes written by Loyola Harvey, Faculty Senate Office)