

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
April 27, 2021 – 3 p.m.
Zoom meeting**

Senate Chair Alice Hall called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Hall asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Feb. 23, 2021. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):

Dr. Hall welcomed everyone to the final University Assembly meeting for 2020-2021. She thanked the members of the University Assembly and all of the Senate/Assembly committees for their service throughout the year. She especially thanked the Senate Steering Committee, Senate Secretary Dr. Erika Gibb, Parliamentarian Dr. Pamela Stuerke, and those who have served as committee chairs this year. Dr. Hall announced that after serving as Faculty Senate Chair for three years, this was her last Assembly meeting. She congratulated Dr. Jon McGinnis on his recent election as the next Senate Chair. His term will begin on August 1, 2021.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik announced the recent winners of the UMSL Hero Award – Ms. Emily Baize, Mr. Anthony Harper, and Ms. Erika Webb. She encouraged the faculty to submit more faculty nominations for this monthly award.
- The national search for UMSL's Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Enrollment is progressing. The top three candidates for the position will be coming to campus for interviews on May 4, May 6, and May 7. Chancellor Sobolik encouraged everyone to attend the candidate's Zoom presentations and provide feedback on each of the candidates.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported that she met with UM System President Choi recently to present UMSL's FY 2021 budget. The Board of Curators will vote on the budgets at their next meeting. She stated that UMSL is making major progress on its baseline budget issue.
- Chancellor Sobolik acknowledged Dr. Hall on her excellent leadership as Senate Chair over the past three years. She congratulated Dr. Hall on her kind, astute, strategic, and calm and collected leadership. She presented her with a plaque and gavel for her three years of service as Faculty Senate Chair.
- Chancellor Sobolik invited everyone to attend her virtual inauguration on April 30 at 10:30.

Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Tiffany Iazard Magee):

Ms. Iazard Magee stated that this is her last University Assembly meeting as Staff Association Chair after serving in this role for the past two years. She reported the following:

- The Staff Association is one of the sponsors of the upcoming Tritons against Asian Hate Town Hall event to be held on May 13 at 1:00. She invited everyone to attend this Zoom event.
- An all-staff meeting will be held by Zoom on April 28 at 2:00 to provide staff with updated information.
- The Staff Association has been working on some staff appreciation events to be held the end of May. She encouraged the attendees to thank staff for their good work.

- The Staff Association has requested nominations for staff council positions. The nominations are due May 7.

Dr. Hall thanked Ms. Izard Magee and the Staff Association for initiating the statement opposing violence toward Asian Americans earlier in the semester. The Faculty Senate endorsed that statement last month and applauded the Staff Association's initiative. Dr. Hall congratulated Ms. Izard Magee on her years of service as Staff Association Chair and said it was a pleasure to work with her over the past two years.

Report of the Student Government Association (Mr. Joseph Methner):

Mr. Methner reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) passed a variety of resolutions at the last Student Assembly meeting. One of the resolutions passed was a hair texture and protective hairstyle anti-discrimination resolution. The SGA also passed a staff and faculty appreciation resolution. Mr. Methner noted that this was a difficult year for everyone, but was proud to report on some of the SGA's accomplishments during this past year as follows:

- The SGA helped students prepare for classes with a Town Hall meeting. The SGA also communicated with students often throughout the year to assist them.
- The SGA collaborated with student organizations on campus to lead voting and civic engagement efforts. They also assisted with hosting town hall meetings, as well as some debate watch parties.
- In conjunction with the Intercampus Student Council, the SGA passed a staff appreciation resolution.
- The SGA hosted a focus group with students that live on campus to discuss campus dining and options students preferred for the future.
- A new constitution for the Student Government Association was passed.
- Elections for next year's student government officers are underway. The elections will be held May 3-7, 2021.

Mr. Methner thanked everyone. Dr. Hall thanked Mr. Methner for his report and for all the good work he has done over the course of the year as SGA President.

Administrator Evaluation Committee Report (Dr. Natalie Bolton):

Dr. Bolton reported that the following deans, associate deans, and directors were evaluated by faculty and staff this year:

Deans:

- Christopher Dames (Libraries)
- Larry Davis (Optometry)
- Edward Munn Sanchez (Honors College)
- Sharon Johnson (Social Work)
- Ann Taylor (Education)
- Andrew Kersten (A&S)
- Roxanne Vandermause (Interim Dean - Nursing)
- Joseph A. O'Sullivan (UMSL/WU Joint UG Engineering Program)

Associate Deans:

- Patricia Rosenthal (Social Work)
- Shawn Woodhouse (Education)

- Birgit Noll (A&S)
- Matt Taylor (A&S)
- Jim Craig (A&S)
- Colette Dixon (Nursing)
- Natalie Murphy (Nursing)
- Michael Elliott (Business)
- Joe Rottman (Business)

Directors:

- Carl Bassi (Optometry)
- Julie DeKinder (Optometry)
- Vinita Henry (Optometry)
- Nick Palisch (Optometry)
- Angel Simmons (Optometry)

Dr. Bolton reported that 513 responses were received for the 22 individuals evaluated. Dr. Bolton explained that the Chancellor and Provost will receive the evaluation results. Deans will receive copies of the reports regarding their own direct reports. The results are included in the individual's annual evaluation (e.g. to discuss changes from last evaluation). She explained that the results provide feedback and ideas for how the individual can improve. Those who have been evaluated will receive a copy of their own results. Dr. Hall thanked Dr. Bolton and the Administrator Evaluation Committee for their work.

There being no other business, Dr. Hall adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Gibb
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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