

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
February 22, 2022 – 3 p.m.
Zoom meeting**

Senate Chair Jon McGinnis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. McGinnis asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Nov. 16, 2021. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):

- Dr. McGinnis thanked everyone for their participation in the Faculty Senate's five-year review that was held on Jan. 28.
- The Administrator Evaluation Committee will be distributing evaluations for some of the Chancellor's direct reports. The evaluations will be distributed March 3 and will be available until March 17. The responses are anonymous.
- The Budget and Planning Committee will meet by Zoom on Feb. 23 at 3:00. The Zoom link is available by contacting the Faculty Senate Office.
- Dr. McGinnis encouraged everyone to attend the Homecoming Chili Feed on Feb. 24 in the MSC Century Rooms at 11:30.
- Dr. McGinnis explained that there will be some software changes to the UM System Libraries catalog and shared the following statement from the Dean of Libraries:

Due to upcoming software changes to the UM System Libraries catalog, all campuses will need to temporarily suspend the borrowing and lending of materials through MOBIUS beginning **April 15, 2022** and shift to other methods of obtaining materials for users. MOBIUS is our statewide consortium of academic and public libraries that agree to share materials. The UM System Libraries have every intention of reinstating MOBIUS service as soon as our new software allows. ***However, we will be without MOBIUS services for at least one year.*** This disruption does not impact MERLIN items, as those are items shared within our four-campus system. Users can still receive materials from other libraries using the Interlibrary Loan process. We are working with our vendors and MOBIUS to reinstate services as soon as possible. We will alert users as soon as we know more about reinstating MOBIUS across the four campuses. The UM System Libraries apologize for any inconvenience this causes to our users. For more information, contact Chris Dames, Dean of Libraries.
- Dr. McGinnis reported that a newsletter was e-mailed to faculty and staff on Feb. 7 from Missouri Online. He advised the faculty to review the portion of the newsletter that addressed some changes to the Canvas App Center and in particular, the list of approved apps and apps that are "unenabled."

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik introduced UMSL's new Chief of Staff, Adella Jones, who started at UMSL on January 18. Ms. Jones spoke to the Assembly about her new duties and how she looked forward to working with everyone at UMSL.

- The number of active COVID cases are 14 students and 7 employees.
- Chancellor Sobolik presented updates on enrollment and stated that fall applications are up and moving in a positive direction.
- Chancellor Sobolik displayed a slide of the UMSL hero award winners and encouraged everyone to submit nominations.
- Chancellor Sobolik showed a sample of some of the latest UMSL billboards which state “we love nurses” and “we love teachers.” She reported that alumni are appreciating the billboards, and she is receiving positive feedback from alumni.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported on the results of the recent economic impact report of UM System. She shared some of the following findings:
 - UM System supported more than 69,000 jobs throughout the state of Missouri.
 - In FY21, UMSL generated more than \$429M in economic impact for the state.
 - UMSL generated \$100.3M in economic impact from research.
 - In FY21, UMSL supported and sustained 5,485 jobs throughout the state.
 - UMSL is strengthening Missouri’s economy with 76,199 alumni living and working in Missouri which generated \$13.4B in economic impact from alumni.
- Chancellor Sobolik will be working closely with legislators to move forward with UMSL’s legislative priorities which includes the proposal for the north St. Louis County Business and Workforce District that would be built along the Natural Bridge Road corridor and anchored around the UMSL South Metro Station.
- The St. Louis City NAACP presented Chancellor Sobolik and Christian Hospital President Rick Stevens with the Freeman/Seay Commitment to St. Louis Award for UMSL’s transformative effect in helping St. Louis rise to its full potential.
- Chancellor Sobolik explained the significance of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) as the longest running, largest organization serving and connecting the world’s urban and metropolitan universities. UMSL was one of the founding universities and continues to serve in a leadership role.
- Chancellor Sobolik shared a conceptual rendering for a North St. Louis County Track and Field Complex that may be an opportunity for UMSL in the future.

Chancellor Sobolik responded to questions from the University Assembly.

Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Olivia Mendez-Alm):

- Ms. Mendez-Alm reported that an All-Staff meeting will be held on Feb. 23, 2022.
- One of the items the Staff Council is focusing on is continued work on community building and furthering the relationship with faculty.
- Ms. Mendez-Alm reported that United Healthcare is interested in bringing a mammogram van to campus. The Staff Council is discussing how to organize a wellness event for faculty and staff.

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

- Mr. Methner reported that the SGA had an assembly meeting a couple weeks ago and discussed a variety of topics.
- The students are working on a sustainability service event to be held in April.
- The SGA is trying to find ways to help promote and recruit for student organizations to help students get more involved in campus activities.
- The SGA is organizing some speakers to update the students on various events and opportunities on campus.
- The SGA is finalizing the timeline for their elections for next year. Elections should be open from March 14 – 25. The SGA continues to recruit students to get involved in the SGA and asked faculty to encourage students to get involved.

Other business:

Dr. Michelle Ciurria, an adjunct representative on the University Assembly, thanked full-time faculty members and administrators who have been working to include adjuncts on faculty websites and mailing lists.

Dr. Ciurria presented the following two proposals: that the Senate Steering Committee vote to give adjuncts a designated spot on the agenda, and that the university give adjunct representatives access to an adjunct mailing list.

Dr. McGinnis noted that he believed e-mail lists could not be shared but would confirm.

There being no other business, Dr. McGinnis adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pickard
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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