

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
February 23, 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 Nov. 17, 2020. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):

Dr. Hall reported on some of the accomplishments of the Senate/Assembly committees as follows:

- The Administrator Evaluation Committee has been working on administrator evaluations to be distributed soon to faculty and staff. This year the deans and associate deans will be evaluated. The surveys will be available from March 2 – March 16 and the responses are anonymous.
- The Budget & Planning Committee has met several times to discuss budget shortfalls due to COVID-19, the Extra Compensation Taskforce, and the Strategic Enrollment Plan. The committee will be discussing the Academic Program Prioritization recommendations, the overall budget, and the Capital Plan when it meets again in March.
- The Information Technology Committee has received reports on building the UM System technology base by consolidating systems across the four campuses. The committee has discussed the potential impact of consolidating IT with system and ensuring that there is good communication on what may be coming to the campus community. The committee is seeking input from others as to potential issues.
- The Physical Facilities Committee has been getting updates on COVID as it relates to the facilities. The committee is also focusing on accessibility. A student-led subcommittee called “Open the Doors to UMSL” has been created to address accessibility on the outer doors to campus buildings. The committee received a presentation from Mr. Daryl Ives about a plan to consolidate some campus buildings. Mr. Daryl Ives is presenting the plan to the University Assembly at today’s meeting.

Dr. Hall congratulated the College of Education on their winning the Golden Ladle this year. Their recipe for Ranch Chicken Chili was voted the favorite during the Homecoming’s virtual Chili Feed.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik reported that UMSL received very positive comments about the mass vaccination event conducted on campus by the National Guard on Feb. 20. She thanked the MSC workers, Facilities staff, and the Campus Police for their good work in making this a successful event.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported that this week there are currently 12 active student COVID cases and two employee COVID cases on campus.
- Chancellor Sobolik stated that the Unified Command is discussing the best way to re-populate the campus and will be reaching out to units. Chancellor Sobolik said that the re-population plans will give UMSL an opportunity to re-assess how we do our best work.

- Enrollment is down by 5%. Chancellor Sobolik reported that UMSL will receive \$5M from UM System over the next five years to implement the Strategic Enrollment Plan.
- Chancellor Sobolik provided a budgetary update to the University Assembly. She reported that UMSL has received Cares Act funding twice. The first Cares Act funding was in the amount of \$10.2M and the second amount was for \$12.2M. Both times UMSL received the funding, \$2.9M of the funding was immediately distributed to students. Chancellor Sobolik reminded the attendees that as we move forward, it is important that expenses are aligned with revenue. She acknowledged the business managers and the financial division for their hard work on managing the budget. Additional budget information will be discussed at the next Budget & Planning Committee meeting on March 17.

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

- Ms. Izard Magee reported that there will be an All-Staff Meeting held on Feb. 25. Many presenters will attend to provide updates and information to the staff members.
- The Staff Council is working on an event for staff appreciation and professional development tentatively scheduled for April.
- Elections are coming up for Staff Association open positions. Ms. Izard Magee encouraged staff members to get involved.

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

- Mr. Methner reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) has passed their updated constitution. It will go to the student body for a vote in the Fall. The SGA is holding a Town Hall meeting on Feb. 24 to answer questions about the proposed constitution or any other questions. Mr. Methner said the new constitution will help the SGA be more effective.
- The elections committee is working on setting a timeline for Spring elections.
- Mr. Methner reported that SGA has found that students are not aware of the MyEngage app which is the platform that connects students to campus events. SGA will follow up with students about MyEngage so that students can be more involved in campus activities and events. Some faculty members said they could also include MyEngage information on a syllabus if Mr. Methner could provide faculty with that information.
- Mr. Methner stated that he recently met with the Intercampus Student Council. They are working on a student leadership summit for student leaders throughout the state of Missouri to be held this Spring. He will report back on that event.

Capital Plan/Facilities Consolidation (Mr. Daryl Ives):

Mr. Ives, Executive Director of Facilities Management, briefed the University Assembly on a plan to decrease UMSL's footprint by consolidating some of the campus buildings and reduce deferred maintenance. He reported the following information:

- Bellerive Hall is scheduled for demolition in Summer 2021.
- The Music Building, Fine Arts Building, and the Sculpture & Ceramics Building will be consolidated into the Arts Administration Building. A timeline has not been announced.
- The College of Optometry will eventually be moved into the Patient Care Center.
- The College of Education is at the beginning phases to move to north campus with the bulk of the operations moving to SSB. Facilities will be working over the next few months to solidify the plan.

- The College of Nursing is currently expanding their nursing simulation labs. The project is expected to be completed in Fall 2021.

Mr. Ives addressed the questions of the University Assembly.

Anchor Network Presentation (Dr. Chris Spilling/Mr. Karl Guenther/Dr. Todd Swanstrom):

Dr. Spilling reported that the economic development mission has recently been merged into the Office of Research Administration. As part of their economic development mission, Dr. Spilling is working with Mr. Karl Guenther and Dr. Todd Swanstrom on the Anchor Network. Dr. Swanstrom explained that the definition of the anchor mission is a commitment to intentionally apply an institution's place-based economic power and human capital in partnership with community for long-term mutual benefit. UMSL is a leader in the Anchor Network, along with Edward Jones. They are working together with other institutions on this initiative to build relationships and adopt inclusive growth in the St. Louis region. If more information is needed, contact Mr. Guenther or Dr. Swanstrom or visit: <https://www.umsi.edu/collaborations/anchor-folder/index.html>

There being no other business, Dr. Hall adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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