

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
January 24, 2023
Zoom Meeting**

Senate Chair Jon McGinnis called the Faculty Senate meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on December 13, 2022. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):

- Dr. McGinnis thanked Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia for conducting the December Senate meeting while he was out sick. He also thanked the Senate Steering Committee for their support during his absence.
- Dr. McGinnis reminded the attendees that the deadline for submitting nominations for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence is Feb. 5, 2023.
- Dr. McGinnis reported that he recently met with the chairs of the Senate and Assembly committees. The committees have been working hard during the Fall semester. He shared a few of the topics that they are working on and highlighted some of their accomplishments so far this academic year.
- Dr. McGinnis stated that as a co-sponsor, the Faculty Senate invites everyone to attend the Homecoming Chili Feed on Feb. 23 from 11:30 – 1:30. The event continues the tradition of the colleges competing for the best chili and winning the Golden Ladle. The ticket costs are \$6 for faculty/staff and \$5 for students. Proceeds of the tickets will benefit the Triton Pantry. Tickets can be purchased online until Feb. 17, 2023.
- Elections for Senate department representatives will begin soon for senators whose terms are expiring this summer. The e-mail ballots will be sent in the coming weeks.

Report of the Chancellor (Chancellor Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik stated that the December commencement ceremonies went well. Over 1,200 students graduated in the Fall. Chancellor Sobolik thanked the faculty who participated in the commencements.
- Chancellor Sobolik thanked the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for their work on the event for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 16. She also commended UMSL students for all of their service projects during that week of service.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported that Governor Parson is recommending a 7% increase to the core funding for higher education across the state. Last year he recommended \$40M in ARPA funding for the Transform UMSL project. He is recommending another \$20M for this fiscal year and a second \$20M in the next fiscal year towards the Transform UMSL

project. Governor Parson's recommendations will go through the state legislative process which ends in June.

- For the third year in a row, UMSL has a workforce development proposal that is being funded by Missouri Excels (MoExcels). The first year, UMSL received funding for the Nursing Simulation Lab. Last year, funding was received for development of a geospatial lab. This year, funding will be directed to Child Advocacy Services. Chancellor Sobolik stated that she and others will continue to work with legislators in Jefferson City to advocate for funding on UMSL's behalf.

Planning for UMSL's 60th anniversary (Ms. Susan Elliott):

The Faculty Senate received a briefing about the planning for UMSL's 60th anniversary. An anniversary committee has been created. The committee co-chairs are Adella Jones, Chief of Staff, and Susan Elliott, Managing Director of External Relations. Discussions are underway for ways to celebrate, including events, marketing opportunities, and ways to engage the community to share the great things happening at UMSL.

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):

Dr. Bhatia reported that the IFC met on Jan. 23 by Zoom with the following agenda topics:

- President Mun Choi reported that the Governor's budget stipulates a 7% increase for all public universities in the state.
- In addition, there is money for capital projects -- \$20 million for UMSL; In 2025, each campus is expected to get the same amount that they received in 2024.
- Enrollment is up for the Fall on all campuses.
- President Mun Choi will officially visit all campuses. He will visit UMSL on May 9 to meet with university leadership.
- UM pension plan is working to keep the pension solvent for long term, beyond 2100.

Dr. McGinnis asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sanjiv Bhatia
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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