

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
January 25, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

Senate Chair Jon McGinnis called the Faculty Senate Zoom meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. McGinnis asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on Dec. 7, 2021. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):

- The Senate's Five-Year Review will be held on January 28, 2022. The meetings will be conducted by Zoom. The session for faculty and senators will be held at 11:15.
- Dr. McGinnis recently met with the chairs of the Senate and Assembly committees. He stated that the committees have been hard at work during the Fall semester. He shared a few of the topics they are working on and highlighted some of their accomplishments.
- Dr. McGinnis reminded the attendees of the Homecoming Chili Feed on Feb. 24 from 11:30 – 1:30. Dr. McGinnis explained that the event continues the tradition of the colleges competing for the best chili and winning the Golden Ladle. Proceeds of the tickets will benefit the Triton Pantry. The ticket costs are \$6 for faculty/staff and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased online or at the cashier in The Nosh.
- Dr. McGinnis reported that the process and timeline for making nominations for curators' professorships has changed slightly. Deans are required to submit nominations by March 1.
- Elections for Senate department representatives will begin soon for senators whose terms are expiring this summer. Dr. McGinnis displayed a list of the senators and departments that will have elections. E-mail ballots will be sent in the coming weeks.
- Dr. McGinnis encouraged the Senate to submit nominations for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. The deadline is March 4, 2022.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik introduced UMSL's new Chief of Staff Adella Jones who joined UMSL on Jan. 18. The Senate welcomed her as she begins her new duties. One of those new duties will be overseeing the nationwide search for the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. The search committee members are currently being solicited.
- Chancellor Sobolik stated that fundraising is going well. An announcement will be forthcoming regarding a significant gift to UMSL. Philanthropic giving is up by 50% in the first months of the fiscal year.
- Chancellor Sobolik was pleased to report that Governor Parson has proposed an increase of 5.4% for higher education's core budget, as well as \$40M in ARPA funding for our campus consolidation plan. The ARPA funding request will involve a 50/50 match from the campus. (In March, President Biden signed the ARPA as the federal stimulus bill to aid state and local governments in public health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.) This funding would assist UMSL with the campus consolidation

plans that were approved by the Board of Curators in the Campus Master Plan. Chancellor Sobolik reported that Governor Parson wants to fund the top ARPA requests from all of the 13 public universities across the state, and that she will be working with legislators on those funding requests. She will be going to Jefferson City to advocate on UMSL's behalf.

- UMSL is coming up on its 60th anniversary in 2023. Discussions on how to best celebrate this milestone are just starting.

Chancellor Sobolik addressed the questions of the Senate.

Update from Athletics (Dr. Lynn Staley/Ms. Lori Flanagan):

Dr. Lynn Staley, Faculty Athletics Representative, reported that Athletics Director Lori Flanagan and her staff have been doing an amazing job of keeping the student-athletes safe, maintaining the Mark Twain athletics facility, and dealing with the safety protocols during the pandemic. Dr. Staley stated that in addition to keeping students safe during COVID, the Athletics Department also kept academics a priority. Dr. Staley thanked the faculty for their support of the athletes and for making sure that they are living up to faculty's high expectations. Ms. Flanagan reported on some of the athletic statistics. For example, in 2020-2021, the Athletics Department reported a cumulative GPA of 3.45 for 245 students, 41 students with straight As, 20 GLVC players of the week, and 2 NCAA tournament team appearances. For Fall 2021, Ms. Flanagan reported that 51 athletes had straight As, and 75% of the athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Their academic success rate for graduation is 83%. The Senate acknowledged the impressive accomplishments of the student-athletes.

Committee on Committees Report (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):

As the Chair of the Committee on Committees, Dr. Bhatia reports any changes to committee membership to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Bhatia reported that there has been a change to the membership on the Research-Spring Panel. Dr. Darwin Aquino is currently serving as the Fine and Performing Arts representative on the Research-Spring Panel but is no longer able to serve. Dr. Jeffrey Sippel has been nominated to replace Dr. Aquino on the Research-Spring Panel. There were no other nominations from the floor. The Faculty Senate voted to approve Dr. Sippel's nomination. His term will begin immediately and end July 31, 2023.

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. Pamela Stuerke):

Dr. Stuerke reported that the IFC met on Jan. 10 and discussed the following topics:

- Representatives from HR and General Council presented proposed changes to Medical Resident Policy HR-420. The proposed changes would bring that policy in line with broader program standards. The policy deals with medical residents which will apply to MIZZOU and UMKC. It does not apply to the other campuses.
- The IFC had a brief discussion about the UM Research Board funding, particularly the Tier 3 funding that is specifically for humanities, arts, and social sciences. Dr. Stuerke reported that at this point, the amounts may be distributed to the campuses who will determine how to use the funding, but it is not finalized yet. Chancellor Sobolik updated the Senate and reported that the Council of Chancellors recently met and discussed this topic. They will be moving forward to disburse those funds based upon the percentage in

each campus' operating funds. There will be future discussions on each campus on the best use of those funds.

- The IFC was updated on the work of the following two subcommittees:
 - Taskforce on Shared Governance – working on producing a white paper on best practices.
 - Criteria-Based Salary Reductions – looking at CRR's to bring the language into alignment.
- The members of IFC met with President Choi on January 12 by Zoom. They discussed the Board of Curators' mask mandate and faculty/staff morale.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report (Mr. Michael Allison):

Dr. McGinnis asked the Faculty Senate to vote on the following uncomplicated curriculum proposals:

- Drop of the Elementary emphasis area of the M.Ed. in School Counseling
- Change to the post-master's graduate certificate in School Counseling
- Change to the graduate certificate in Multicultural and Social Justice Counseling

The Faculty Senate approved the uncomplicated curriculum proposals listed above.

Mr. Allison presented each of the following curriculum proposals to the Faculty Senate:

- Change to M.S. in Chemistry
- Addition of the Public History and Museums in the Digital Age emphasis area of the B.A. in History
- Change to the Higher Education emphasis area of the M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education.

The Faculty Senate approved all of the above proposals.

Dr. McGinnis asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pickard
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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