

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
January 28, 2014 - 3 p.m.
202 JCPenney**

The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Senate Secretary, Dr. Joe Martinich. (Senate Chair Chris Spilling was out of town at the time of the meeting.) Dr. Martinich asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting on Dec. 10, 2013. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Senate Secretary Dr. Joe Martinich):

Dr. Martinich welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained Dr. Spilling was out of town and asked him to give the senate chair report and conduct the meeting. Dr. Martinich announced that this is the time of year for Senate elections. The Senate Office will be sending the e-mail ballots out this week. He displayed a list of the departments that will be electing representatives. Dr. Martinich reminded the attendees that when all senate elections are completed, preference polls will be distributed. The preference polls give faculty members the opportunity to volunteer for service on Senate/University Assembly committees.

Dr. Martinich reported that the Faculty Senate was sponsoring a Homecoming Chili event with Student Affairs on February 5. He explained that the colleges will be competing to win the “Golden Ladle” award for best chili. Dr. Martinich asked for faculty volunteers to help serve the chili. He reported that tickets are being sold for \$5 and all proceeds will benefit a local charity. The Homecoming Committee will cover the costs of the event. He encouraged the faculty to participate in the event.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Thomas George):

Chancellor George updated the Senate on the following topics:

Dr. George reported that he attended the Governor’s state-of-the-state address. He explained that Governor Nixon proposed a 5% increase for higher education based on performance funding. The Governor also proposed a 3% allotment for STEM. Governor Nixon is not in favor of an increase in tuition.

Chancellor George reported that UMSL hosted a legislative reception on Jan. 26. The reception was well attended with local politicians. He commented that Rep. Rick Stream, Chair of the House Budget Committee, is committed to assisting UMSL with the equity adjustment and its 50/50 capital match project for the College of Business Administration building.

The Chancellor stated that UMSL has received favorable press coverage in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch recently about UMSL’s “Finish Your Degree” scholarship.

Chancellor George was pleased to announce that the College of Nursing has received a generous gift from BJC. The gift will be used for an endowed chair in nursing and will be named for Don Ross, retiring chair of the BJC board of directors.

Chancellor George explained that in light of a tragic issue in Columbia, UM System President Wolfe has asked each of the campuses to review and document their procedures related to sexual assaults. Dr. George asked Institutional Safety Police Chief Forrest Van Ness to speak to the Senate about this issue. Chief Van Ness commented that he and other members of Institutional Safety have worked closely with the Campus Safety Committee to ensure good communication with the campus community. He reminded the attendees of UMSL's procedures related to Clery reporting regulations. He encouraged the faculty to report any issues to the campus police. Institutional Safety will follow up on any incidents or concerns. Chief Van Ness reported that a safety website is also being developed that will contain helpful safety information for students, staff, and faculty. Chancellor George said that President Wolfe is taking a system-wide approach to these safety issues and has established a Task Force to look into the matter and make recommendations.

Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) Report (Dr. Steve Moehrle):

Dr. Moehrle reported on the two following items that the IFC had recently discussed:

Information Technology:

Dr. Moehrle presented a draft document which described the user responsibilities for data devices. He also provided more details on the following items:

- Data classification system being developed for devices (desktops, laptops, portable devices)
- The devices will be classified according to the sensitivity of the data stored on that device.
- A security protocol will be developed for these various classifications.

Faculty Workload Policy Task Force:

- Goal is to create operating procedures that would fairly spread the workload of departments across faculty members.
- Secondary goal is to inform external stakeholders (e.g., curators and legislators) about our day-to-day duties.
- System has a reasonably good policy.
- Key is implementation of the policy.
- Implementation is variable across departments and across campuses.
- We have identified innovative approaches used by other universities
 - Identify what faculty members do best
 - Allow them to disproportionately perform that function
 - Reward their performance

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

Mr. Allison presented the following program proposals:

- Change in the General Graduate Requirements in Chemistry
- Change in the Ph.D. in Chemistry
- Change in the Certificate in Public Relations
- Change in the Certificate in Advertising

All voted in favor of all of the proposals.

Executive Session:

The Senate met in Executive Session to consider candidates nominated to receive honorary degrees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Martinich
Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes written by Loyola Harvey, Faculty Senate Office)