

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
March 17, 2020
First Virtual Senate Meeting by Zoom**

The Faculty Senate's first virtual meeting on Zoom was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Senate Chair Alice Hall. Dr. Hall asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on Feb. 25, 2020. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):

Dr. Hall welcomed the 53 participants of the Senate's virtual Zoom meeting. Dr. Hall stated that due to the circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate should anticipate that future meetings will also be held virtually through Zoom. Dr. Hall announced that the Strategic Plan Progress item listed on the agenda will be postponed until a later date to allow additional time for the question and answer session for the COVID-19 topic. Dr. Hall stated that Interim Chancellor Sobolik will provide an overview of UMSL's response to COVID-19.

Report of the Interim Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

Interim Chancellor Sobolik announced that there is an Executive Policy Group that is continuously meeting to decide on each course of action the university should take to manage the COVID crisis. She shared the following list of UMSL administrators who serve on the Executive Policy Group:

- Interim Chancellor – Kristin Sobolik
- Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs – Kristin Sobolik
- Associate Provost, Academic Affairs – Marie Mora
- Associate Provost, Student Success – Beth Eckelkamp
- Director and Chief Diversity Officer – Tanisha Stevens
- Vice Chancellor, Finance & Admin/CFO – Tanika Busch
- Vice Chancellor, University Advancement – Paul Herring
- Vice Provost, Office of Research Administration – Chris Spilling
- Vice Provost & Dean, Student Affairs – Curt Coonrod
- Vice Provost for Enrollment – Alan Byrd
- Associate Vice Provost – Student Services – D'Andre Braddix
- Associate Vice Chancellor – University Communications – Bob Samples
- Executive Director – Facilities Management – Daryl Ives
- Executive Director – Human Resources – Jim Hertel
- Chief Information Officer, ITS Operations – Jane Williams
- Director, Institutional Safety – Dan Freet
- Director, Infrastructure Services – Ken Voss
- Assistant Vice Chancellor, Marketing & Communications – Justin Roberts

Interim Chancellor Sobolik gave an overview of UMSL's response to COVID-19. She and some of the members of the executive policy group provided information about how UMSL is handling the ever-changing events of this pandemic. The Senate was given the opportunity to ask questions of the executive policy group. Dr. Sobolik said that she sincerely appreciates the dedication and calm response from faculty and staff as everyone adjusts to this crisis.

Appointments, Tenure and Promotion (ATP) Committee (Dr. Beth Huebner):

Dr. Huebner reported that the ATP Committee met on Dec. 4, 2019 to discuss four nominations for Curators' Professorships. Recommendations were forwarded to the Interim Chancellor.

The ATP Committee met on Feb. 7, 2020 to consider 23 candidates for tenure and promotion. The candidates reviewed were as follows:

- Ten candidates were considered for promotion to Professor.
Eight received a positive recommendation.
- Thirteen candidates were considered for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.
Ten received a positive recommendation.

Recommendations were subsequently forwarded to the Interim Chancellor.

Promotion of Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee (Dr. Andrew Black):

The committee met on Feb. 28, 2020 to consider 14 candidates for promotion. The candidates reviewed were as follows:

- Ten candidates were considered for promotion to Associate Teaching Professor.
- One candidate was considered for promotion to Associate Clinical Professor.
- Three candidates were considered for promotion to Teaching Professor.

All but one candidate received a positive recommendation. Recommendations were subsequently forwarded to Interim Chancellor & Provost Sobolik. Dr. Black mentioned that the committee is considering revisiting the NTT guidelines to make them a bit clearer. He said that any suggestions regarding the guidelines can be sent to him.

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. Alice Hall):

Dr. Hall reported that the IFC met on Mar. 13, 2020 and discussed the following:

- The process for decision making regarding the COVID-19 virus for the UM System.
- A new system-level committee to address issues relating to open-access in regards to research and scholarship.
- More changes to the CRRs, including a new policy regarding minors on campus.

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

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

- Actuarial Science, BS (Change)
- American Sign Language (ASL), Curricular Designation (Addition)
- Criminology & Criminal Justice, BS/MA Program (Addition)

- Creative Writing, Undergraduate Certificate (Change)
- Professional Writing, Undergraduate Certificate (Change)
- Philosophy, BA/MA Program (Change)
- Information Systems and Technology, BS (Change)
- Information Systems and Technology, BS/MS (Addition)
- School Counseling, MEd – Elementary Emphasis (Change)
- School Counseling, MEd – Secondary Emphasis (Change)
- Literacy, Minor (Drop)

All of the above proposals were approved by the Faculty Senate.

Other business:

Dr. Hall thanked the members for their participation and patience during this first virtual Senate meeting. Dr. Hall asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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