Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
November 15, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting

Senate Chair Jon McGinnis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. McGinnis welcomed everyone. He asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Sept. 20, 2022. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):

- Dr. McGinnis reported that the Board of Curators will be on campus on November 17. The Faculty Senate will host a lunch for them. The theme of the lunch will be undergraduate research and four students will be presenting their research.
- The due date for the nominations for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence is Feb. 5, 2023. Dr. McGinnis encouraged the attendees to submit nominations.
- Dr. McGinnis announced that the Faculty Senate will again co-sponsor the Homecoming Chili Feed which will be held on Feb. 23 at 11:30 in the MSC Century Rooms.
- A strategic planning focus group will be held for the University Assembly on Dec. 9 at 10:30. Dr. McGinnis said that more details will be distributed about this session.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik reported that the Provost Search Committee has just finished Zoom interviews with eight candidates. The search committee has narrowed it down to four candidates for on-campus interviews. More detailed information will be coming regarding the interviews which are tentatively scheduled during the weeks of Dec. 1 – 16.
- Former NGA Director and retired Vice Admiral Robert Sharp is now a research fellow in the UMSL Geospatial Collaborative. Chancellor Sobolik reported that work is being done to expand UMSL's geospatial curriculum as well as working on workforce development to align with the entire geospatial ecosystem.
- Chancellor Sobolik reported that the campus construction projects are moving forward. Facilities Management will continue to update the status of the projects on the Transform UMSL website.
- Chancellor Sobolik will host the Board of Curators when they meet on campus on Nov. 17. She said that this meeting will give her the opportunity to inform the curators about the great things that are going on at UMSL. Some of the other UMSL administrators will give presentations on differential tuition, enrollment strategy, and a report from Athletics.
- Chancellor Sobolik asked Dr. Joe Pickard, Faculty Athletics Representative, to provide news about Athletics. Dr. Pickard presented the following news:
  - The women's volleyball team tied for the GLVC Championship and are playing in the D2 Regional tournament. He announced that basketball season is coming up and invited everyone to attend the games. Dr. Pickard stated that student-athletes continue to do well academically.
- Chancellor Sobolik highlighted the winners of the UMSL Hero Awards and encouraged the campus community to submit nominations.

Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Olivia Mendez-Alm):

Ms. Mendez-Alm reported that the Staff Association has been focusing on community building. There were a couple of staff activities to improve morale during the Fall Break. The Staff Association is looking forward to more community building events in the Spring semester and working on some staff affinity groups to further build community and networking opportunities for staff.

Report of the Student Government Association (Ms. Sydney Stark):

➢ Ms. Stark reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) is hosting a Fall Town Hall meeting for students on Nov. 18 at 12:30 in the MSC Fireside Lounge. She also stated that there has been good attendance at the monthly Student Assembly meetings. The next Student Assembly meeting will be held on Dec. 2.

➢ Ms. Stark reported that there have been some student concerns with the UMSL Master Plan and how the plan will affect students. She said that students are especially concerned with the closing of Mansion Hill apartments. The SGA is working on connecting the students with administrators who can provide them with more information about this student housing issue. Ms. Tanika Busch, CFO, provided some information about the decision to close Mansion Hill apartments.

UMSL Police Update (Campus Police Chief Dan Freet):

Chief Freet provided an update on police activities including a crime and incident report. Chief Freet encouraged all faculty, staff, and students to download the RAVE Guardian app on cell phones to give them quick access to the campus police at any time of day. The instructions for downloading the app can be found here: https://safety.umsl.edu/police/safety/rave.html Some of the other recommendations noted by Chief Freet were to encourage evening staff/students to walk with others or call for a safety escort, be sure to secure personal items while on campus, and he advised if you see something, say something. Chief Freet addressed the questions from the University Assembly.

Emergency Preparedness (Mr. Mark Diedrich and Mr. Brian Allen):

UM System Emergency Management representatives Mr. Diedrich and Mr. Allen provided a briefing on emergency preparedness. They stated that their mission is to work in collaboration with each campus community to build, sustain, and improve their capacity to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from all hazards. The following priority areas were discussed:

➢ Protect the system's critical assets to ensure business and academic continuity.
➢ Protect the system's unique research assets.
➢ Strive for multi-dimensional communications redundancy to ensure multiple modes of communications after an event.

Mr. Diedrich addressed any questions from the University Assembly.

Dr. McGinnis thanked them for their presentation and asked if there was any other business for the University Assembly. Hearing none, Dr. McGinnis adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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