

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Faculty Senate  
October 25, 2022  
202 JCPenney w/Zoom Option**

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

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Jon McGinnis):**

- Dr. McGinnis reminded the Senate that open enrollment for benefits begins Oct. 24 and ends on Nov. 4. He encouraged the attendees to complete their enrollment forms.
- The Budget and Planning Committee will meet by Zoom on Oct. 31. Dr. McGinnis asked that those who would like the Zoom link for the meeting to please contact the Senate Office at [senate@umsl.edu](mailto:senate@umsl.edu)
- Dr. McGinnis reported that other UM System campuses have addressed the topic of converting the status of librarians to NTT faculty. He explained that the Senate Office is starting the process of reviewing the faculty bylaws and the Senate Operating Rules to see what would be involved in making this change. Dr. McGinnis stated that the Faculty Senate would need to vote on a proposal to move this change forward. A proposal to convert the status of librarians to NTT faculty may be coming to the Senate in November.

**Report of the Chancellor (Provost Steve Berberich):**

Chancellor Sobolik was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. In her absence, Provost Berberich provided the Chancellor's report as follows:

- UMSL alumni were selected as Missouri Teacher of the Year for three years in a row.
- UMSL has earned the 2022 Higher Education Excellence (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. The HEED Award is a national honor recognizing universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Provost Berberich displayed a slide announcing the winners of the UMSL Hero Awards for the past four months. He encouraged others to make nominations for this award.
- Provost Berberich provided an update on the status of the following campus construction plans as of Oct. 21, 2022:

- Optometry to Patient Care Center	Construction (to be Completed: 6/1/2023)
- Opt. and Honors Consolidation	Design (C: 12/15/23); Construction (Starts: 2/25/24)
- Music and Fine Arts to AAB	Design (C: 4/1/2023); Construction (S: 6/1/23)
- SSB Modernization and Expansion	Design (C: 9/1/23); Elevator (S: Q2 2023 – C: Q1 2024)
- Library Renovation	Design (C: 3/30/23); Construction (S: 5/11/23)
- Richter Family Welcome & Alumni Ctr	Design (C: 3/30/23); Early Demo (S: Q1 2023)
- Accelerate Consolidation	Start Design (11/3/23)

Provost Berberich stated that Facilities will engage with all stakeholders who will be moving or occupying renovated spaces. The status of construction projects can be found at the monthly PDF update at the following site: <https://www.umsl.edu/transform/academic-core.html>

- Provost Berberich announced the following timeline for UMSL's Strategic Plan for 2023-2028:
  - Nov - Jan      Announce Strategic Planning Process; Form Steering Committee; Hold Focus Group meetings
  - Jan              Consultants provide feedback to Strategic Planning Steering Committee in form of objectives
  - Feb - Mar      Create subcommittees around objectives; seek input on goals
  - Mar (late)      Draft plan to campus
  - April           Strategic Plan completed

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

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

- Change to the minor in chemistry
- Change to the M.S. in biochemistry and biotechnology
- Deletion of the minor in nonprofit administration

**The Faculty Senate approved all of the above uncomplicated curriculum proposals.**

Mr. Allison presented the following academic calendar:

- Academic Calendar for 2024-2025

**The Faculty Senate approved the academic calendar for 2024-2025.**

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

- Change to master's requirements of the Graduate School
- Change to B.S. in sport management
- Change to M.S. in financial technology

**The Faculty Senate approved all of the above proposals.**

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

Dr. Stuerke reported that the IFC met on Oct. 3 and discussed the following topics:

- IFC members met with UM System President Choi and discussed CRR 330.050. Dr. Stuerke explained that CRR 330.050, Political Activities, requires that any candidate for office inform their supervisor, who is to inform the UM System President. Part-time offices are allowed as long as they do not interfere with University duties. Anyone seeking election to any full-time office must either resign or be granted a leave of absence. Anyone elected to any full-time office must resign from the University.
- IFC members received a presentation from the Director of Emergency Management. The presentation focused on preparedness for all sorts of emergencies, campus and system-wide. An informational session is scheduled for the University Assembly at the November 15 meeting.
- The IFC members were told that Ms. Beth Chancellor, UM System CIO, will retire at the end of the year. Mr. Ben Canlas will step into her position as an interim.

- The IFC members had a discussion about the distinction between BS and BA degrees. It was noted that the degrees are inconsistent both within the system and across universities more generally.

Dr. McGinnis asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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