

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
October 6, 2015 - 3 p.m.
202 JCPenney**

The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Senate Chair, Dr. Keith Stine. Dr. Stine asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting on September 15, 2015. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Keith Stine):

Chair Stine reported information about the following topics:

- UM System President Tim Wolfe is expected to attend the next University Assembly meeting on November 10, 2015. Dr. Stine encouraged all of the senators to attend.
- Dr. Stine reminded the Senate that the annual enrollment period for benefits is Oct. 19-30, 2015. If more information is needed about benefits, Dr. Stine informed them that a town hall meeting will be held on Oct. 8 at 10:00 and 1:30 in the MSC Century Rooms B & C.
- Dr. Stine reported that the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) recently met. Dr. Stine stated that some of the topics on the IFC agenda were updates from University Relations, Finance, Human Resources, and the Office of the General Counsel. The IFC also discussed the status of Title IX and the subcommittee that was formed last year. This year the IFC will focus on post-tenure review. A subcommittee was organized with one member from each campus. Dr. Susan Brownell will represent UMSL. The subcommittee will examine the good reasons for the existence of tenure and seek to suggest revisions in the post-tenure review procedures to make them more meaningful. The subcommittee would like feedback on the current regulation. Dr. Stine will be sending a message to the Senate asking for any comments or suggestions for improvement to the post-tenure review regulation.
- Dr. Stine stated that all of the 22 Senate and Assembly committees have now elected their chairs. He presented a slide listing all of the newly-elected chairs.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Thomas George):

- Chancellor George announced that Dr. Jim Krueger, Vice Chancellor of Managerial and Technological Services, has decided to retire after forty years at UMSL. Dr. George stated that a search committee has been organized to find a replacement for Dr. Krueger. Dean Charles Hoffman from the College of Business Administration will serve as chair of the search committee. The Senate gave Dr. Krueger a warm round of applause for his decades of loyal service to UMSL.

- Chancellor George announced that Dr. Judith Walker de Felix, Dean of the Graduate School, has also retired. She has taken the Phased Retirement Enhancement Program (PREP) and will still be on campus about 40% of the time. Dr. Wes Harris is serving as the interim dean. Dr. George announced that the Graduate School will be merging with the Office of Research Administration. An internal search process will be used for an interim head. The dean of the College of Nursing, Dr. Susan Dean-Baar, will chair the search committee.
- Dr. George reported that UMSL has awarded a record number of 3,146 degrees this past year, which means we have reached our goal for the year.
- Chancellor George stated that Governor Jay Nixon proposed a 6% increase for higher education for FY2017. The proposal will have to go through the legislative process. Dr. George will keep the Senate updated on the progress of the proposal.
- Chancellor George reported on current budget issues. He presented the following information regarding cost funds:

• FY 2014 campus budget shortfalls	\$3.5M
• FY 2015 campus budget shortfalls/overspending	\$7 M
• FY 2015 selected transfers to Colleges/Schools/Divisions	<u>\$2.5M</u>
• Total	\$13M

Dr. George explained that in order to address the \$13M deficit, the colleges and units have been requested to make cuts. Academic Affairs units will need to make \$9M in cuts; the additional \$4M will come from the rest of the units. Dr. George provided details about the budget and addressed the Senate's questions. He stated that an increase in enrollment would help the financial situation. Chancellor George stated that they are taking steps to address the budget for 2017. He informed the Senate of the following:

- Three mini-retreats have been organized with faculty, staff and student leaders to examine ways to deal with budget issues.
- Any new state appropriations are targeted and thus not available for general campus use (e.g. raises).
- SB389 results in limited tuition increases for resident undergraduate students.
- Chancellor George also reported that the College of Fine Arts and Communication will be merging with the College of Arts and Sciences effective January 1, 2016. As a result of the merger, there will be a School of Fine and Performing Arts. The communication and media department will be included in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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

Mr. Allison briefed the Senate on the collected rules and regulations for establishing the academic calendar. The academic calendar for 2017-2018 was presented for approval.

The Senate voted in favor of the 2017-2018 calendar.

Mr. Allison presented the following program proposals:

- Change to the Minor in Athletic Coaching
- Change to the Business Undergraduate General Requirements
- Change to the Accelerated B.S. in Nursing

The Senate approved all of the above proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Keefer
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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