

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
September 10, 2019 - 3 p.m.
402 JCPenney**

Senate Chair Alice Hall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Hall asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on April 30, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):

- Dr. Hall welcomed Dr. Deana Smith as a new senator. Dr. Smith will complete the rest of Dr. Matt Taylor's term as the senate representative for the Psychological Sciences Department.
- Dr. Hall introduced the two newly-elected adjunct representatives to the University Assembly. Mr. Gary Flotron (Finance and Legal Studies Department) and Ms. Shannon McAllister (Criminology & Criminal Justice Department) will serve for the Fall semester.
- Dr. Hall announced that the Faculty Senate website now has a fresh new look. She noted that the items that Google Analytics indicated were used most often are listed at the top of the site for easy access. The new Senate Suggestion Box is located at the bottom of the site.
- Dr. Hall announced that the Senate and University Assembly committee chairs have now been elected except for the Budget and Planning Committee which meets next week. She displayed a list of all the newly-elected committee chairs.
- Dr. Hall invited everyone to gather for a photo of the Assembly and Senate after the Assembly meeting adjourns.

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

In her first report to the University Assembly as Interim Chancellor and Provost, Dr. Kristin Sobolik reported some changes in leadership as follows:

- Ms. Tanika Busch has been named Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration/CFO effective September 1, 2019.
- Mr. Bob Samples will now serve as Interim Chief of Staff.
- The Executive Assistant to the Chancellor is now Ms. Sydney Moore who replaces Ms. Candi Agnew after 42 years at UMSL.
- UM System President Choi is planning to begin the process of the nation-wide search for Chancellor George's replacement sometime this fall.

Interim Chancellor Sobolik encouraged the attendees to read the recent *UMSL Daily* articles that announced UMSL's notable rankings in *US News and World Report* including UMSL as one of the Tier One national research institutions. UMSL's successful undergraduate international business program was highlighted. UMSL also received recognition in the new social mobility category.

Dr. Sobolik reported that enrollment is down by about 5%, but reported that UMSL has a four-pronged plan for increasing enrollment which includes:

- Working with the firm of Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL) to strategically invest using their recommendations on the best ways to improve enrollment.
- Taking a leadership role in UM System's eLearning initiative with a goal of enrolling 25,000 new fully online students by 2025.
- Building programs important for the work force and student demand (cybersecurity, computer technology, organizational leadership, sport management, actuarial science, and entrepreneurship)
- Creating six new sports teams at UMSL - men's and women's cross country and men's and women's track and field as NCAA sports beginning with the 2020-21 academic year.

Dr. Sobolik invited the campus community to the State of the University Address to be held on September 19, 2019 at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Report of the Staff Association (Mr. Harry Hawkins representing Ms. Tiffany Izard):

Mr. Hawkins reported that the Staff Association is working hard to increase awareness around the concept of shared presence. The Staff Association is also increasing awareness of their roles and functions on the campus and system wide. Mr. Hawkins announced that there will be an annual all-staff meeting on Oct. 17 at 9:30 in MSC Century Room A to update the staff on important topics on the campus. At the UM System level, President Choi has tasked the Intercampus Staff Advisory Council (ISAC) to work on a proposal for staff awards at the system level. Mr. Hawkins stated that the Staff Association is excited to collaborate and work with the Faculty Senate. They look forward to partnering with them on matters that are important to the growth and stability of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Report of the Student Government Association (SGA) (Ms. McKenzie Schuessler):

Ms. Schuessler reported that the SGA currently has five student senators, but expects to have more by the end of the month after a special election. She invited everyone to attend the Campus Safe Walk on November 6. More information about the Campus Safe Walk will be distributed as the date gets closer. Ms. Schuessler reported that students are upset with the preacher who has been coming to the campus to preach in the Quad on Tuesdays. She explained that some of the students find his remarks offensive. The SGA is forming an ad-hoc committee comprised of students, staff, and faculty to discuss the best way to deal with this matter and how to provide helpful resources to the students who are feeling threatened.

Ms. Schuessler also reported that the Intercampus Student Council (ISC) which serves as a liaison between the UM System President and the student governing bodies from each campus had the first meeting of the year. The ISC agreed it was important to meet more often. Ms. Schuessler invited the campus community to the SGA “Chilling Out” event on Sept. 18 from 11-2 in the SGA MSC office.

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):

Committee Chair Sanjiv Bhatia presented the minor edits to the Senate Operating Rules. He explained that the edits were needed to keep the document updated to indicate the changes to departments and titles of administrators. **The University Assembly unanimously approved the document.**

eLearning Update (Dr. Amber Reinhart):

The Assembly received an update on the eLearning initiative, which is a UM System initiative created to attract 25,000 new, fully online students from across Missouri and the surrounding states by 2025. Dr. Amber Reinhart explained how UMSL CTL and IT staff will be working with system to lead and support this initiative, as well as how it is structured and governed. UM System has hired Mr. Matthew Gunkel to serve as the new Chief eLearning Officer to lead this initiative.

eCompliance Briefing (Dr. Chris Spilling & Ms. Danielle Hunter):

The Assembly was briefed on the purpose of reporting potential conflict of interests and conflicts of commitment. Procedures have changed this year. All part-time and full-time faculty, as well as exempt staff, must submit a disclosure statement and are asked to disclose a wider range of outside activity than in the past. The members of the Assembly had many questions regarding what needs to be reported. Dr. Spilling and Ms. Hunter addressed their questions and comments. The deadline for reporting is September 23, 2019. For more information or additional questions about eCompliance requirements, the attendees were asked to contact Ms. Danielle Hunter at x5972 or review more information at: <http://www.umsl.edu/services/ora/Compliance/conflict-of-interest.html>

There being no other business, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to gather for a photo of the Assembly and Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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