

FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

Report of the Chairperson
January 22, 2008

1. The Board of Curators will meet on our campus Thursday and Friday next week (January 31 and February). Most of the meetings are open, public meetings and I encourage you to attend as your schedules allow.
2. As you have heard, Gary Forsee was appointed by the Board of Curators to be the 22nd president of the UM system. He doesn't officially take office until February 18th, but he is already in the process of learning about the job. He phoned me last Thursday to introduce himself and to commit himself to working in the best interest of the faculty and students. He admitted that he has much to learn, especially about the St. Louis campus. He will in St. Louis next week during the Board of Curators meetings and I understand that he will be spending time with Chancellor George to get an orientation to UMSL.
3. At our last joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly, the By-Laws & Rules Committee distributed proposed revisions in the by-laws. Since this project constitutes a major overhaul of the by-laws affecting both the Senate and the Assembly, we are planning to vote on them in February at the next joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly. Please look over those materials and communicate with Dr. Matt Keefer, Chair of the By-Laws & Rules Committee, by February 5th so that the committee can consider your suggestions before the next joint meeting.