

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
February 17, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.**

Senate Chair Erika Gibb called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Gibb welcomed everyone. She asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Nov. 18, 2025. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Erika Gibb):

- The Budget and Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on March 19 by Zoom. Those interested in attending can contact the Senate Office for the Zoom link.
- Dr. Gibb thanked everyone who volunteered at the Homecoming Chili Feed today.
- The deadline for submitting nominations for the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence is Mar 20, 2026.

Report of the Chancellor (Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik announced that Great Lakes Valley will be hosted on campus for basketball March 5–7. The women’s team has already secured their spot, and the men’s team needs support.
- Homecoming week is here, with the Homecoming theme “Louie of Hearts.” including “Pack the Stands” on Thursday.
- The Royalty Court will be introduced at halftime on Thursday.
- Additional events include a student and alumni fashion show on Friday, Tritons Got Talent next Wednesday, and a Student Wellness Fair.

Report of the Staff Association (Sarah Goskie):

Ms. Goskie shared that there is a spirit social on Thursday, February 19 and a community resource fair in April.

Ms. Goskie also reported that the Staff Association has scheduled an all-staff meeting for UMSL staff in April – it is hybrid. She thanked the attendees for any opportunity for staff and faculty to work together.

UMSL Counseling Services Update (Chris Sullivan):

- Mr. Sullivan explained that UMSL Counseling Services provides no/low-cost mental health treatment and support to UMSL students. The team of mental health clinicians is made up of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Graduate Interns.
- Services offered: Individual Counseling, Group Therapy, 24x7 Mental Health Crisis Services, Primary Care Psychiatric Care, Relaxation Room, Mental Health Training, Workshops, and On-Line Resources

Community Psychological Service (Felix Vincenz):

- Mr. Vincenz explained that they are a training facility for doctoral students in clinical psychology for the School of Social Work, Psychological, and Brain Sciences.
- As a community behavioral health center, services are available to individuals of all ages, including children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. The center is especially committed to serving marginalized and uninsured or underinsured populations. Referrals come from a wide range of sources, including medical providers, schools, social service agencies, Missouri DSS Children's Division, UMSL personnel, and community word of mouth.
- Location: **University Eye Center Building**
7480 Natural Bridge Rd.

Counseling and Social Advocacy Center (Emily Oliveira):

- Dr. Oliveira explained that it is a Counseling Program in the College of Education, they offer Individual, Couple, Family and Group Services.
- Specialty programs include Play Therapy Services, Aging Gracefully, Partnership with Office of Inclusive Postsecondary Education and Grief Services.
- Contact info: csac.umsl.edu 314-516-4613

Children's Advocacy Center (Jerry Dunn):

- Dr. Dunn explained that their mission is to transform lives by breaking the cycle of childhood trauma through service, research, and workforce development.
- Community resources: Parent Advocacy and Partnering, TASK Group, KITS Program and Community Training.
- Contact info: www.stlouisac.org 314-516-6798

University Advancement (Bristol Hough):

Bristol Hough spoke about UMSL's fundraising momentum and the impact of philanthropy. Bristol gave examples of ways to give to UMSL. If you would like more information on faculty and staff giving, you can email them at giving@umsl.edu.

Dr. Gibb asked if there was any other business for the University Assembly. Hearing none, Dr. Gibb adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Meriac
Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes written by Allison Belew, Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office)