

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
November 18, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
MSC Century Room A-B**

Senate Chair Erika Gibb called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Dr. Gibb asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on September 23, 2025. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Erika Gibb):

- Dr. Gibb reported that the Board of Curators are scheduled to meet on UMSL campus on Thursday, November 20.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):

- Chancellor Sobolik encouraged attendees to check out the CUMU website and stated that next year the conference will be in Houston.
- Transform UMSL Updates from Chancellor Sobolik
 - Thomas Jefferson and Mercantile Library official opening was on November 19 with the Board of Curators; Chancellor will ring the Mercantile Library bell.
 - Innovation Center opened last week.
 - Supply Chain Center for Excellence is now open.
 - New SSB building on the former Tower site will be called **Summit Hall**.
- Chancellor Sobolik also provided an update on UMSL Athletics.
 - Across all teams, UMSL holds a combined record of 40 wins, 14 losses, and 8 ties—an impressive .710 winning percentage.
 - The women’s soccer team won the regular season title and secured their second NCAA tournament bid.
 - The women’s volleyball team clinched their third season title and will also advance to the NCAA tournament, finishing undefeated in GLVC play.

Chris Scheetz (Interim Chief Information Officer)

- On November 3, reports were received that the previous issues had returned. The current Microsoft version proved to be unstable, so IT rolled back to a previous version to improve system stability. As of November 17, there have been no further reports of computers freezing, so the issue appears to be resolved.
- For assistance, please contact Classroom Support at 6852 at any time.

Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Sarah Goskie):

Ms. Goskie reported on the following topics:

Upcoming Events:

- December: Hot Cocoa and Coffee event

Currently Working On:

- Quarterly newsletter

- All-staff meetings scheduled for February and April
- Launching new community groups

Report of the Student Government Association (Ms. Grace Desjardins):

- Leadership Update: Grace Desjardins is now President, and Kaine Kohler is now Vice President.
- Community Partnership: SGA partnered with Kraft, donating 75,000–100,000 units of Kraft products to the Triton Pantry.
- Student Support Initiative: The first shipment of free menstrual products for students has arrived, and the distribution plan is being finalized.
- Internship Success: UMSL now has three interns—more than any other UM campus.
- Regional Collaboration: WashU SGA will host a summit with 10 St. Louis universities to identify student needs and build stronger connections.

UMSL Police Update (Chief Marisa Smith)

Chief Smith reinforced mission: ensuring UMSL is a safe and supportive space for all.

- UMSL is a CALEA-accredited university.
- Officers receive Crisis Intervention (CIT) training.
- Body cameras in use, with all staff trained on proper use and activation.
- Overview of UMSL Police Services
 - Crime Prevention
 - Active Shooter Response Training
 - Self Defense
 - Narcan and AED equipped
 - Parking and transportation
 - Safety Escorts
- Shared the 2025 UMSL Annual Fire Safety and Security Report.
- Safety reminders:
 - If you *see something, say something*.
 - Walk with others or call for a safety escort.
 - Secure belongings and keep valuables hidden.
 - Lock your vehicle.
- Encouraged students and staff to download the UMSL Guardian App, which includes a location-sharing feature for virtual escorts.

UMSL Retiree Association (Dave Ganz, retiree):

Representing the UMSL Retiree Association, Dr. Ganz shared the following information about the Retiree Association.

- UMSLRA is a social organization focused on staying connected with former colleagues and friends - You can join starting at age 55, whether retired or not.
- Meets twice a year with additional periodic day trips.
- First year is free; after that, membership is \$15/year or \$115 lifetime.

- Members receive discounts at the bookstore and the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

There being no other business, Dr. Gibb adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Meriac
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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