Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
September 22, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.
MSC Room B/C

Senate Chair Erika Gibb called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Dr. Gibb welcomed the attendees in the MSC B/C. She asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on April 21, 2026. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Erika Gibb):

- Dr. Gibb reported that all but one of the Senate committees have elected their chairs and the committees are up and running as we begin a new academic year. She displayed a list of all the newly elected committee chairs.
- Dr. Gibb welcomed Dr. Necdet Gurkan, the new senator representing Information Systems and Technology.
- Dr. Gibb announced that the next Budget & Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6 at 9:00am. Please reach out to the Senate office for the zoom link.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Chris Spilling):

- Chancellor Spilling shared that there are approximately 7,000 full-time students enrolled this semester, with a slight increase in the total number of new students. He noted that the university continues to focus on enrollment and retention efforts.
- Chancellor Spilling shared that an open house for faculty and staff connected with UMSL alumni will be held on September 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Chancellor Spilling cautioned senators to remain compliant with state and federal laws regarding course content and student support. It is important that faculty are aware that any statements could potentially be recorded and shared online by another party, with the intent to harm the reputation of the faculty member and/or institution.

Report of the Staff Association (Ms. Jackie Wilmes):

Ms. Wilmes reported on the following topics:

- Jackie shared the Staff Council representation.
- Jackie shared that there is a Staff Council Connect on September 8 and October 13.

Report of the Student Government Association (Mr. Kaine Koehler):

- Mr. Koehler reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) will focus on supporting the search for the next Student Curator.
- Mr. Koehler stated that he plans to focus on rebuilding and strengthening SGA's organizational foundation throughout the coming year.

There being no other business, Dr. Gibb adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Meriac
Senate/Assembly Secretary

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