

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – ST. LOUIS
RETIREES ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
June 2nd, 2006

Members Present: David Garin, David Ganz, Doris Trojcak, Fred Wilke, Sandy MacLean, Sharon Davis, Shirley Martin, Costa Haddad, Ingeborg Goessl, University Relations staff: Cindy Vantine. Unable to attend: Norman Seay and Larry Friedman.

David Garin welcomed everyone; he introduced the board members who were present. Garin introduced Chancellor Tom George after thanking him and Dr. Barbara Harbach for hosting the luncheon.

The Chancellor thanked all retirees for their many years of service and contributions to the Campus. He briefed the members on the status of the University and the UMSL campus. In particular he talked about the UM budget and state funding, about new things happening around campus like the new Express Scripts location which will be a cornerstone of our Business Park and will hopefully attract business and restaurants to the area. The park will extend from Florissant Road to Hanley Road.

David Garin summarized a part of the May 4th meeting of the Board of Curators. Garin gave his interpretation of the consultants' presentation to the Board on the issue of the potential changes from a defined benefit retirement program to a defined contribution program, and post-employment health benefits program. The programs are being reviewed by the University Retirement and Staff Benefits Committee.

Sandy MacLean, chair of the nominating committee, presented a slate of candidates for Board positions, which are David Garin (President), David Ganz (Vice President), Larry Friedman, Norman Seay, and Steve Spaner (members of the Board for a two year term). The slate was elected by acclamation. Garin requested nominees to serve on the next nominating committee which will be chaired by past-president Shirley Martin.

Paul Speck, chair of the Faculty Senate and University Assembly was a guest as was Tim Farmer, his elected replacement as of August. Garin, Speck and Farmer suggested the formation of a new ad hoc committee for cooperative ventures to be comprised of two active faculty/staff and two RA members. The goal is to produce two programs this academic year--one social and one informative. Sharon Davis and Debbie Kettler volunteered from the Retirees Association.

Dean Emeritus Donald Driemeier talked briefly about new donating opportunities, particularly The Charitable Gift Annuity which combines personal and charitable goals.

The Book Exchange was continued and centerpiece flowers were distributed by a lottery organized by UR staff.

Sharon Davis gave the Treasurer's report. The Association checking account, now held by First National Bank, is \$3,750.37. In addition there is a \$2,500 CD which matures on 5/24/07 and a \$1,500 CD which matures on 4/27/07.

Respectfully Submitted,
Costa Haddad