

Spring Faculty Meeting

Thursday, 5/9/22

Minutes

2:10pm Provost Berberich made welcoming remarks and then introduced Faculty Senate President Jon McGinnis who provided the [Faculty Senate Highlights 2021-2022](#).

- a 5Yr review was completed with input from faculty, staff, student & administrators.
- ATP Changes were approved
- The budget & planning committee endorsed the Campus Master Plan
- The Chancellor's Award for excellence was approved for new recipients in Collaborative Research & Creativity.

FS President McGinnis then moved to the election of the open Intercampus [Faculty Cabinet \(IFC\)](#) member. Dr. Pamela Stuerke offered to serve and after no additional nominations were provided the faculty voted unanimously to approve Dr. Stuerke as the third member to join Drs, Bhatia & McGinnis on the IFC.

Next, FS President McGinnis described the UM System committee: [University Faculty Committee on Tenure](#) and detailed the faculty who would fill the 3 vacancies: Dr. Winkler will replace Dr. Segal for 1 year ending in '23 and Drs. Isaac-Savage (member) & Mirchandani (alternate) will serve two-year terms from 2022 thru 2024. Hearing no additional faculty nominations, the faculty voted unanimously to approve these three faculty to serve on the committee.

Provost Berberich kicked off the Academic Affairs report by acknowledging the 20 faculty who were promoted this academic year. He noted that there were [13 NTTs](#) moving to the Associate Teaching Professor; [2 Associate Clinical Professors & 2 Teaching Professors](#).

He then reported on the 7 faculty who received [sabbaticals](#) for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year.

Provost Berberich then introduced Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Enrollment who gave a report on the [enrollment objectives](#) for UMSL this past year. He outlined a multi phased [plan](#) that has been implemented. Reggie provided [data](#) showing there has been increases in enrollments: 60% for incoming freshmen, 15% in transfers, 34% for males, 108% in African Americans with increases seen for Hispanics as well. He noted that the foundation of his office is based on customer central team for applicants & analytics.

Next, Beth Eckelkamp, Vice Provost for Student Success and Innovation spoke about Student Success. She provided [metrics](#) regarding year one retention and six-year [graduation rates](#) for FTC and transfer students. The data was further segregated by various student groups. Finally, she reported how UMSL compared to our [peers' institutions](#) with respect to retention and graduation. While there is work to be done, UMSL is clearly a leader in student success among tier 1 urban public institutions. Finally, MS. Eckelkamp spoke about the predictive analytics within [Starfish](#) and how they can help faculty/department see which of their courses create student roadblocks and where to consider interventions.

Dr. Natissia Small, Vice Provost for Access, Academic Support and Workforce Integration gave an [overview](#) of the services in her unit that spans the precollege student to the St. Louis workforce. She provided [examples](#) of how they [support students all across campus](#).

Beth Eckelkamp then presented for Dr. Keeta Holmes, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Director, Center for Teaching and Learning regarding [activities in Center for Teaching & Learning \(CTL\)](#) and [plans](#) for the upcoming academic year. She noted a number of faculty workshops and that CTL's Teaching Tech Conference had 1950 participants. Finally, she noted the [role of embedded student leaders](#) to supplement instruction and Active Learning Assistants (ALA) and the student partnership in many faculty workshops.

Beth Eckelkamp next spoke on behalf of Liane Constantine, Executive Directors of UMSL Global regarding its efforts this [past year](#) and plans for the [upcoming academic year](#). Efforts are underway to support both international students and faculty (GFAN). They expect a larger population of international students this fall and more opportunities for faculty and students to travel abroad.

Next, Dr. D'Andre Braddix, Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students and Dr. Jessica Long-Pease, Associate Vice Provost for Campus Life provided an overview of Student Affairs [activities](#) and [highlights](#) that provided an overview of the critical services and campus life opportunities for our students.

Dr. Amber Reinhart, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs provided an overview of the work the office [accomplished this past year](#) with a special acknowledgement of thanks to all of the [faculty](#) who served [on five-year reviews](#) or completed department five-year reviews.

Dr. Chris Spilling, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic and Community Development provided an [overview of research activities](#). He noted that we are on track to have a projected all-time high in [grant expenditures](#). He closed his report by sharing the various [new programs](#) that are offered to stimulate research and support faculty scholarship.

Mr. Matt Prsha, Interim Executive Director of Facilities presented the campus consolidation [plan](#) sharing the first [six projects](#) that will be underway this coming year.

- [Optometry PCC movement](#) design phase is complete and bidding begins 7/1/22
- [Optometry and Honors consolidation](#)
- [Music & Fine Arts consolidating](#) into the Arts & Administration Bldg. (AAB)
- [COE moving from the SSB](#)
- [First Floor Library renovation](#)
- Creation of the [Welcome & Alumni Center](#) at JC Penney

Lastly, Provost Berberich outlined [initiatives](#) that will be starting Fall 2022 and [announced](#) that Dr. Alice Hall will be the Associate Provost Faculty Affairs (APFA) and Dr. Collette Dixon will be the Associate Provost Student Success (APSS) both starting July 1, 2022.

The meeting concluded and a social hour ensued.

Thank you for a good year, enjoy the summer.