

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
University Assembly  
April 30, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.  
MSC Century Rooms & Zoom option.**

Senate Chair Sanjiv Bhatia called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Dr. Bhatia welcomed the attendees in the MSC Century Room and those who were attending by Zoom. He asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Feb. 20, 2024. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia):**

Dr. Bhatia welcomed everyone to the final University Assembly meeting for 2023-2024. He reported the following:

- The Budget and Planning Committee will meet on May 7 at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom.
- Dr. Bhatia thanked all members of the University Assembly and all the Senate/Assembly committees for their service throughout the year. He especially thanked the committee chairs for their extra work during this academic year. He invited them to attend the Senate reception immediately following the Senate meeting.

**Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Kristin Sobolik):**

- Chancellor Sobolik announced the Honorary Doctorate recipient, Warner Baxter.
- Chancellor Sobolik encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming commencement ceremonies. Five ceremonies will be held on May 10 and May 11.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced that there is a new Dean of the College of Nursing, Norma Hall-Thoms starting on July 1, 2024.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced the recipients for the 2024 Women Trailblazer Awards which were Patricia Zahn, Maria A. Ellis, Kimberly Werner, Channon Peoples, Nora Stith, and Kimberly Baldus.
- Chancellor Sobolik shared that Mary Edwin, Emily Brown, Anita Manion, Rachel Winograd and Vivek Singh were honored at the annual Research and Innovation. Michael Nichols was named the Innovator of the Year.
- Chancellor Sobolik recognized the Honorees of the Business Achievement Awards, Bill D. Dickens III, BSBA 2003, Morgan Koenig, BSBA 2003, Janelle Stowers MEd 2011, MBA 2018, and Jeanne Dee, BSAcc 2005.
- Chancellor Sobolik announced the recipients for the April UMSL Hero Awards which were Yuan Chen, Candace-Rae Davis, and Bob Ross. Chancellor Sobolik encouraged everyone to continue to submit more nominations for the UMSL Hero Awards.

**Report of the Staff Association (Britne Bacca-Haupt):**

Britne Bacca-Haupt reported on the following topics:

- Approved/updated Staff Association bylaws.
- Chancellors Staff Excellence Awards
  - The nomination period opens May 1.

**Report of the Student Government Association (Alexander Orywall):**

- Actively working to get Sports Clubs
- Alexander Orywall has been re-elected.

**Administrator Evaluation Committee Report (Dr. Natalie Bolton):**

Dr. Bolton reported that this year, reports to the Provost Deans and Associate Deans were evaluated. The following Deans and Associate Deans were reviewed by faculty and staff this year:

Deans	Associate Deans
Christopher Dames Edward Munn Sanchez Joseph O’Sullivan Sharon Johnson	Birgit Noll Cara Doerr Ekin Pellegrini Elise Schaller Gerald Gao Haiyan Cai Jaleh Fazelian Jim Craig Julie DeKinder Kim Baldus Kimberly Werner Matt Taylor Nancy Singer Patricia Rosenthal Shawn Woodhouse Vinita Henry

Dr. Bolton reported that a total of 361 responses were received for the individuals evaluated. The Chancellor, Provost, Deans, and Associate Deans evaluated received the evaluation results. The results are included in the individual’s annual evaluation (e.g., to discuss changes from the last evaluation). She explained that the results provide feedback and ideas for how the individual can improve. Those who have been evaluated have received a copy of their own results. Dr. Bhatia thanked Dr. Bolton and the committee.

**Campus Dining Operations (Jessica Long-Pease)**

- Trend Data for Residential Meal Plan Usage
  - Students utilize the Nosh at a higher frequency than Provincial House Dining Hall, except on days when hours are reduced/venues are closed.
  - C-Store Average weekly sales increased 120% after transition to a 24/7 smart market concept in mid-March.
  - There was a 53% decrease in monthly usage of Provincial House Dining Hall from February 2024 – April 2024
- Future Dining Concepts
  - Starbucks
  - Vending Expansion

- “Smart Market” Expansion
- Next steps include financial analysis, Operational integration, Infrastructure and technology and Communication and marketing.

**UMSL Police Update (Chief of Police Danny Freet)**

- CALEA Accredited since 2000
- UMSL PD Services:
  - 24/7 Preventive Patrol
- RAVE Guardian mobile safety app

There being no other business, Dr. Bhatia adjourned the University Assembly meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

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