

## **Spectrum**

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### **President Floyd's first report to board**



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University of Missouri System President Elson S. Floyd has set a fast pace since assuming his new post Jan. 6. "I want to connect with the people of Missouri and to learn more about their aspirations for the future," Floyd said in his first report to the UM Board of Curators Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> in Columbia.

Although Floyd has visited with community leaders in St. Louis and Kansas City, he said he has spent a majority of his time in Jefferson City, meeting with the governor and other state officials, legislative leaders of both political parties, chief executive officers of Missouri's colleges and universities, and others with an interest in a strong system of education.

While the conversations usually began with an assessment of the current budget crisis and proposals for resolving it, there also was discussion of the future.

"We must not be paralyzed by the state's on-going fiscal problems," Floyd said. "This is the very time when we should be moving forward in areas that are of vital importance to the future of the University of Missouri."

Floyd said he has been encouraging state leaders to invest in higher education so that Missouri is positioned to take advantage of opportunities when the economy begins to rebound.

Floyd participated in the statewide Show-Me Life Sciences Conference Jan. 14, which brought together representatives of the public and private sector life sciences community to discuss the state's role in the field.

"This gathering was proof positive that Missouri not only has the resources to become a front-line player in the life sciences, but that our state is positioned to become a leader in this field of unlimited possibilities," Floyd told the curators.

Floyd said he planned to keep up the demanding schedule of visits around the state. "My message will address issues of accountability, access and affordability of higher education. It also will be about collaboration, cooperation and coalition building.

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### **Gov. Holden announces appointment of two UM curators**



Gov. Bob Holden announced Jan. 8 the appointment of Cheryl D.S. Walker of St. Louis and Don Walsworth of Marceline to the University of Missouri System Board of Curators.

"Both of these appointees are outstanding community leaders who recognize the value of a strong public university system," Holden said. "Each will work in a unique way to support and enhance the University's mission of teaching, research and service."

Walker, 39, is a counsel with the firm of Bryan Cave LLP in St. Louis. Prior to joining Bryan Cave, she served as the senior counsel for the Deutsche Financial Services Corporation (formerly ITT Commercial Finance Corp.). She earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1986 and a Juris Doctor degree from Washington University in 1990.

She is a former board member and two-term president of the St. Louis City Mental Health Board of Trustees and a member of the Tower Grove Park Board of Commissioners. She also is a board member of the Salvation Army and Haven of Grace.

Walsworth, 68, is president and chief executive office of Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc., Marceline. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1957.

He served two terms on the Marceline City Council and one term as mayor. He has served on several corporate boards, including: Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Chillicothe; Citizens Bancshares Company of Chillicothe; and Marceline Savings and Loan. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway and Transportation Commission and was a member of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health. In 1989, he was awarded the University of Missouri Distinguished Service Award by the Alumni Association.

Walker replaces Curator Malaika Horne of St. Louis and Walsworth replaces Curator Paul Steele of Chillicothe. Both appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate. Horne's and Steele's terms expired Jan. 1.

## **Silverstein delivers words of encouragement for year ahead**



During her first address as University of Missouri System Board president, Curator Connie Hager Silverstein called for the University to refrain from allowing two years of state funding cuts to limit its possibilities.

Silverstein said she had asked fellow curators to describe the past year in a word or two. She said they used words like "tragedy, cataclysmic, dramatic, unavoidable, unfortunate."

Silverstein suggested new words for 2003: "Optimism, pride, resourcefulness, vigilance and appreciation."

While noting that the University had "received a big dose of harsh reality last year," Silverstein said there is still plenty of room for optimism.

She said that the governor, in his "State of the State" address to the Missouri Legislature Jan. 15, expressed his commitment to public higher education. "The governor talked about our key role in educating Missouri's citizens and in economic development," she said. "Our legislative leadership, including Speaker Hanaway and Senator Kinder, have stressed the critical role of public higher education in bringing prosperity to the state."

Silverstein said the recent arrival of UM President Elson Floyd contributes to the general feeling of optimism. "Dr. Floyd will lead our efforts in approaching Missouri's business leaders for increased support. Our chancellors, campus development leaders and our president are committed to taking our fund-raising to a new level, both in terms of dollars and approach." She encouraged the University community to be resourceful in addressing the challenges imposed by reduced state appropriations.

Silverstein noted "great leaps" made in recent years with respect to UM System federal funding efforts, as well as grants at the department and college level.

She called for vigilance in the University's efforts to keep its best faculty and staff from departing due to the state budget crisis. "The gradual erosion of quality is insidious and is a real danger in times like these," she said.

"No one can deny that 2002 was a challenging and painful year," she said. "We cannot, and I assure you that we will not, let the current well-known and well-publicized difficulties we are experiencing interfere with the high-quality educational experience our students, faculty, parents, employers and taxpayers deserve."

## **New board president and vice president discuss 2003 goals**

As the new year commences, the new officers of the University of Missouri System Board of Curators are focusing on the opportunities and daunting challenges that lie ahead. The board elected Connie Hager Silverstein of St. Louis to serve as president and Mary James of Harrisonville to serve as vice president for 2003 at the Nov. 22 meeting in Rolla.

"In many ways, we have a new landscape before us with a new System president, two new curators and many freshman legislators," Silverstein said. "Nevertheless, the Land Grant mission of the University remains unchanged. To accomplish that mission, we must continue to provide a University of Missouri education characterized by high quality, access and affordability."

Silverstein received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1976 and a Juris Doctor degree from Washington University in 1979.

Silverstein, who is principal of Edward Jones' banking services division, noted that one of the board's top priorities is to "identify the most critical issues faced by each of our campuses and the System as a whole, and to give President Floyd the resources he needs to address those issues."

With the state's fiscal crisis and reductions in state support to higher education, Silverstein expects the board to focus on the impact of budget cuts but also be proactive in terms of looking for other sources of revenue.

"Everyone who values the University of Missouri —students, faculty, alumni, parents, employers throughout the state, patients in our hospitals and clinics, Missourians who bring their pets to our veterinary hospital, sports enthusiasts, devotees of our theater and music programs — is concerned about the impact of the state's economic situation on the University," Silverstein said. "We will work closely with Gov. Holden and the leaders in the General Assembly on fiscal issues."

Silverstein noted that the University's most pressing challenges are linked to its financial situation. "All of these issues obviously concern me as a curator," she said, "but they also concern me as a parent and a Missourian."

Despite the fiscal challenges, Silverstein looks forward to celebrating the many successes of the University's students, faculty and staff. "When I am asked about my experience as a curator, I often say that this role has taken a lifelong St. Louisian and made me into a Missourian," she

said. "It is truly a privilege to be given the opportunity to brag about the University of Missouri on a daily basis."

Like Silverstein, James agreed that the budget is on everyone's agenda and noted that the board will look to Dr. Floyd for leadership in this area. "Our mission is to properly serve the students of Missouri and we need to continue to do that, regardless of the budget situation," James said. "Trying to maintain the quality programs that we offer and serving our students are our main goals."

James received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1971. A former school teacher, she also served as executive director of the Cass Medical Center Foundation for two years and was the human resources manager for the Cass County Publishing Co. for 26 years.

James looks forward to continuing the board development sessions in the upcoming year and notes another high priority for the board will be University of Missouri Health Care.

### **Board approves student fees**

The University of Missouri System Board of Curators approved increases in student activity, facility and health service fees, and room and board charges Jan. 24 in Columbia.

Such fees for undergraduate students vary by campus, with fee adjustments of 7.9 percent at UM-Columbia, 43.0 percent at UM-Kansas City, 42.5 percent at UM-Rolla and 12.0 percent at UM-St. Louis. Increases in excess of inflation reflect additional services to be provided and have been approved by the respective students or their governing associations.

The 20032004 student activity, facility and health service fees for undergraduates enrolled for 12 hours or more will vary from \$365.68 per semester at UM-St. Louis to \$211.65 at UM-Columbia.

Room and board charges also vary by campus and within each campus based on the room and board plan selected. Based on the predominant room and board plan on each campus, rates for 20032004 will increase by 4.4 percent at UM-Columbia, 3.2 percent at UM-Kansas City, 4.3 percent at UM-Rolla and 3.7 percent at UM-St. Louis.

The board would normally approve the educational and related enrollment fees for fiscal year 2004 at its January meeting. However, the administration decided to delay its educational fee recommendations until the March meeting because of uncertainty related to FY03 and FY04 state appropriations.

The board also decided to make the \$9 per credit hour educational fee surcharge a permanent part of the educational fee base. Any increase to the FY03 educational fees would include the \$9 per credit hour surcharge.

## **Student & faculty presentations**

The University of Missouri System Board of Curators heard presentations about University of Missouri-Columbia student and faculty achievements Jan. 24 in Columbia.

"At every board meeting this year, we will devote time on the agenda to the success stories of our students," said Board President Connie Hager Silverstein.

"Similarly, we have asked the faculty and staff to share their successes in teaching, research and service," Silverstein said.

UM-Columbia presenters included Sylvia Jurisson, professor of chemistry, and senior chemistry major Brandon Tilghman, representing the Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program; Barton Wechsler, professor and director of the Truman School of Public Affairs; Sandra Abell, professor of science education and director of the Southwestern Bell Science Education Center; and Randall Prather, Distinguished Professor of Reproductive Biotechnology.

Student presenters included Mora Thompson, a senior journalism major; Jennifer Horst, a Conley Scholar and senior biology major; Pritish Tosh, president of the Graduate-Professional Council and a medical student; Alicia Miles, a junior vocal performance major; and Ryan Kiernan, a member of the men's basketball team and a senior general studies major.

## **October 2002 research board awards announced**

The University of Missouri Research Board, a System-wide panel composed of 20 faculty members, has awarded nearly \$1 million to support 41 research projects across the University's four campuses.

The board has established a network of UM experts in each discipline. The board addresses specific criteria in evaluating a request. The board then considers the recommendations of the peer reviewers. Richard Rosenfeld, professor of criminology and criminal justice at UM-St. Louis, is chair of the research board.

In October, researchers from the UM System filed 111 requests for grants, totaling nearly \$4 million. Approximately 37 percent of the requests were approved and approximately 25 percent of the total dollar amount requested was awarded.

The board granted nine engineering requests for a total of \$222,566; eight in humanities and fine arts for a total of \$71,521; eight in life sciences for a total of \$327,875; nine in physical sciences and mathematics for a total of \$209,077; and seven in social and behavioral sciences for a total of \$168,353.

The next competition deadline is Feb. 17, 2003.

### **UM-Columbia:**

- Stephen Alexander, Biological Sciences, \$30,000
- Stefani Engelstein, German & Russian Studies, \$12,000
- Stephen Ferris, Finance, \$10,750
- Ronald Friedman, Psychological Sciences, \$20,212
- Jonathan Green, Animal Sciences, \$35,000
- Adam Hafdahl, Psychological Sciences, \$28,392
- Alex Iosevich, Mathematics, \$16,000
- Valerie Kaussen, Romance Languages, \$6,000
- Jay Scribner, Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis, \$20,000
- A. Mark Smith, History, \$6,082
- Douglas Smith, Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering, \$26,400
- Carsten Strathausen, German & Russian Studies, \$12,000
- Michael Taksar, Mathematics, \$15,000
- Carlos Wexler, Physics & Astronomy, \$18,000
- Qingsong Yu, Chemical Engineering, \$27,818
- Troy Zars, Biological Sciences, \$44,298

### **UM-Kansas City:**

- Ghulam Chaudhry, Engineering, \$27,646
- William Everett, Conservatory of Music, \$11,539
- Orisa Igwe, Pharmacology, \$46,758
- Kathleen Kilway, Chemistry, \$31,000
- Michael Kruger, Physics, \$32,000
- John Laity, Cell Biology & Biophysics, \$41,058
- Thomas Menees, Cell Biology & Biophysics, \$35,000
- Jeffrey Price, Molecular Biology, \$46,791
- Thomas Stroik, English Language & Literature, \$9,000
- Maude Wahlman, Art & Art History, \$5,900

### **UM-Rolla:**

- Fatih Dogan, Ceramic Engineering, \$27,990
- Roman Dwilewicz, Mathematics & Statistics, \$13,308
- Babak Fahimi, Electrical Engineering, \$27,762
- William Fahrenholtz, Ceramic Engineering, \$15,160
- Anne Maglia, Life Sciences, \$48,970
- Mohamed Rahaman, Ceramic Engineering, \$23,300
- J. David Rogers, Geological & Petroleum Engineering, \$20,157
- V.A. Samaranayake, Mathematics & Statistics, \$25,531
- Robert Schwartz, Ceramic Engineering, \$26,333
- Jay Switzer, Chemistry, \$30,369
- Daniel Tauritz, Computer Science, \$23,400
- David Williams, Philosophy & Liberal Arts, \$9,000

## **UM-St. Louis:**

- Philip Fraundorf, Physics & Astronomy, \$30,000
- Louis Gerteis, History, \$25,000
- David Kimball, Political Science, \$38,468.

## **University of Missouri System briefs**

### **Curators' and distinguished teaching professors named**

The Board of Curators approved the appointments of three curators' professors and two distinguished teaching professors at UM-St. Louis and two distinguished teaching professors emeriti at UM-Rolla.

David Ricks, professor of management and international business; Charles Chui, professor of mathematics; and Rajiv Sabherwal, professor of information systems, were named curators' professors for their exemplary service, research and contributions to UM-St. Louis. As curators' professors, each will receive a \$10,000 annual stipend as long as they hold their respective positions.

Lloyd I. Richardson, professor of educational leadership and policy, and Fred Willman, professor of music and education, were appointed distinguished teaching professors at UM-St. Louis. As distinguished teaching professors, each will receive a \$10,000 annual stipend as long as they hold their respective positions.

All appointments are effective Sept. 1, 2003.

Donald Ridley, professor of history, and Leonard Koederitz, professor of engineering, both of UM-Rolla, were each designated distinguished teaching professor emeritus at the Nov. 22 meeting in Rolla.

### **UM legislative academy seeks issues briefs**

The UM Legislative Academy is soliciting two-page briefs to inform state legislators about pending issues. The academy was established as a resource for timely public policy research and training for members of the General Assembly, drawing on expertise from the UM System.

Briefs should address a legislative issue and be nonpartisan. The authors of 15 briefs will receive \$500 for travel or professional development. Abstracts must be submitted by March 7 and briefs must be complete by July 15.

The academy is supported by the University from funds set aside for legislative programs. For additional information, contact David Valentine, UM-Columbia; Linda G. Taylor, UM-Kansas City; Arlan Dekock, UM-Rolla; Mark Tranel, UM-St. Louis; Mary Leuci, Outreach & Extension; or see <http://truman.missouri.edu/ipp/legacad>.

## **Governor's award for excellence in teaching recipients announced**

Gov. Bob Holden honored outstanding faculty from postsecondary schools, colleges and universities in Missouri during the 2002 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching luncheon Dec. 4 in Jefferson City.

University of Missouri honorees were James N. Spain, interim assistant dean/state dairy extension, UM-Columbia; Kathleen V. Kilway, associate professor of chemistry, UM-Kansas City; J. Keith Nisbett, associate professor of mechanical engineering, UM-Rolla; and Janet L. Lauritsen, professor of criminology and criminal justice, UM-St. Louis.

Recipients were selected by their respective institutions for outstanding records in teaching and advising, service to the school community, commitment to high standards of excellence, and success in nurturing student achievement.

## **Board committee appointments**

*Executive Committee:* Mary L. James, Chair; Thomas E. Atkins; Angela M. Bennett, J.D.; Connie Hager Silverstein, ex officio.

*Academic and Student Affairs Committee:* Angela M. Bennett, J.D., Chair; John A. Mathes; Anne C. Ream, O.D.; Vicki C. Eller, ex officio.

*Finance Committee:* Anne C. Ream, O.D., Chair; Thomas E. Atkins; Cheryl D.S. Walker.

*Physical Facilities Committee:*

Thomas E. Atkins, Chair; Mary L. James; Anne C. Ream, O.D.

*Resources and Planning Committee:* M. Sean McGinnis, Chair; Mary L. James; Don Walsworth.

## **Donald Driemeier named UM-St. Louis interim chancellor**



Donald H. Driemeier, 64, deputy to the chancellor and associate professor of finance at University of Missouri-St. Louis, has been appointed to serve as interim chancellor of UM-St. Louis. Then University of Missouri System President Manuel T. Pacheco announced the appointment Dec. 18, 2002.

Driemeier succeeds Chancellor Blanche Touhill, who retired Dec. 31, 2002. Touhill, 71, became interim chancellor of the campus in 1990 and was named to the position permanently in 1991.

Driemeier joined the University in 1965 as an instructor of finance. He was appointed dean of the school of business administration in April 1976. From August 1990 until August 1992 he served as interim vice chancellor of academic affairs, at which time he was appointed deputy to the chancellor.

He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, and a master's of business administration degree and a doctorate of business administration from Washington University in St. Louis.

"I am delighted to be given the opportunity to serve UM-St. Louis as its interim chancellor," Driemeier said. "As a person who has shared much of UM-St. Louis history with Chancellor Touhill, it is exciting to be given the opportunity to carry on her vision as we await the appointment of a permanent chancellor."

UM System President Elson S. Floyd has appointed an 19-member search committee to help find a permanent chancellor for the campus. Dr. Douglas Smith, professor of business administration and director of the Center for Business and Industrial Studies at UM-St. Louis, will chair the search committee. For a complete committee list, see [www.system.missouri.edu/urel/main/second/ur/wurmed1/wnewrel.htm](http://www.system.missouri.edu/urel/main/second/ur/wurmed1/wnewrel.htm).