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Floyd renews University's commitment to excellence

In remarks to the Board of Curators April 1 in St. Louis, University of Missouri System President Elson S. Floyd renewed the University's commitment to excellence and quality despite declining state revenues totaling \$158 million during the past three years.

Floyd said the University is increasingly depending on educational fees to fill the appropriations gap, "and even that has been inadequate." Floyd said that for the first time in the University's history, state appropriations represent less than half of the revenue used for operations, while students continue to shoulder a larger share of the cost of their education.

Floyd said he will direct the general officers to conduct a comprehensive analysis and review of the University's current educational fee policy in the coming months and propose modifications. The group will consider such variables as financial aid, ability to pay, merit, projected general appropriations, student mix, time of entry into the University, and in- and out-of-state status.

"It is imperative that we have an educational fee policy that is stable and predictable," Floyd said. "The guiding principle for us must be to continue to be affordable, maintain the excellence of the University, and enhance and promote access."

Floyd noted that the educational fee recommendation for the coming year represents "the minimum investment requested" of UM students and their parents to meet costs.

"We understand the sacrifices made by many to receive and earn a college degree, and we will always exercise prudence in what we ask of you and them," Floyd said.

Floyd said that the University's proposal to issue state-supported bonds to support seven capital projects related to life sciences infrastructure on the four UM campuses has taken a major step forward. The life sciences bill has been voted out of the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Senate floor.

"This is a bold and extremely important initiative," Floyd said. "Not only for the University and its regional partners, but for our entire state."

Floyd to appoint interim chancellor at UM-Columbia

University of Missouri System President Elson S. Floyd announced April 2 that he will appoint an interim chancellor for the University of Missouri-Columbia to succeed Chancellor Richard Wallace, who will retire Aug. 31, 2004.

Floyd is seeking nominations from the campus community to be submitted to him in writing by April 16, 2004. The interim chancellor will take office Sept. 1, 2004, with the goal of assuring a seamless administrative transition until a permanent chancellor is on board.

Floyd also will appoint a committee to begin a search for a permanent chancellor. He hopes to have a permanent replacement for Chancellor Wallace by Jan. 1, 2005.

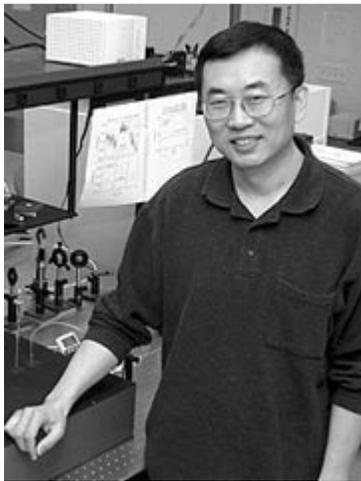
Floyd had been exploring the possible consolidation of administrative functions between the UM-Columbia and UM System administrations, including merging the offices of the UM President and the UM-Columbia chancellor.

After consulting with constituents across the UM System, Floyd decided that it is in the best interests of all four campuses to maintain the position of UM-Columbia chancellor.

“We will continue to look at possible consolidations of other administrative functions to operate more efficiently,” Floyd said.

“Dr. Floyd is moving forward with the full confidence of the Board of Curators,” said UM Board President Mary James. “We will continue to explore every opportunity to serve this state as effectively as possible.”

UM technology transfer showcase honors faculty



Dr. Zhi Xu, recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year award.

University of Missouri System faculty members were recognized for their outstanding research at the University’s fourth annual Technology Transfer Showcase, held April 6 in Columbia.

Thomas Sharpe, executive director of the Office of Technology and Special Projects, recognized faculty members who filed patent disclosures and patent applications, or who licensed their patents during 2003.

Sharpe also presented plaques to faculty members who were awarded U.S. patents from January 2003 to December 2003. Honorees included: Jerry L. Atwood, G. William Orr, Leonard J. Barbour, Kathy L. Timms, John Steven Morris, Edward Allen Deutsch, Yadong Li, R. Lee Peyton, Gurmukh S. Johal, John Gray, Tim Hui-Ming Huang, Silvia S. Jurisson, Thomas P. Quinn, Michael F. Giblin, Henry W. White, Shen Zhu, Yungryel Ryu, Cecil C. Chappelow, J. David Eick, James Code, Roy O. Morris, Giovanni Vignale, Daniel S. Smith, John C. Walker, Kattesh V. Katti, Kandikere R. Prabhu, Hariprasad Gali, Nagavara Kishore Pillarsetty, Wynn A. Volkert, Jeffrey O. Phillips, Rajiv S. Mishra, Zhonghua Peng, Yongge Wei, Bubin Xu, William C. Nunnally, and Daniel Armstrong.

The third annual Entrepreneur of the Year Award went to Dr. Zhi Xu, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Much of Xu's research focuses on optical spectroscopy, which uses light to determine the presence and identity of a wide variety of substances.

New technology developed by Zu and his research team could, among many other things, reduce the amount of blood needed for medical diagnostic tests to less than 1 percent of the amount now required. Increased sensitivity also will aid researchers using spectroscopy in developing new drugs and could make it faster and easier to identify environmental pollutants.

The award includes a \$15,000 prize, which Xu has donated to UM-St. Louis to support research. Thomas C. Melzer served as the event's keynote speaker. Melzer is a co-founder of RiverVest Venture Partners, a national venture capital firm that specializes in seed and early-stage investments in the life sciences. He also is managing director of the firm, which is based in St. Louis. Among many other activities, he was a member of the Chancellor's Council at UM-St. Louis.

The annual Technology Transfer Showcase is coordinated by the UM System Office of Technology and Special Projects. Created in 1999, the office takes an aggressive, entrepreneurial approach to licensing technologies from all four campuses, creating research and development partnerships, and assisting start-up firms that utilize University discoveries.

Krawitz reports on educational fees, FY05 budget

The University of Missouri System Board of Curators approved educational fees for the 2004-2005 academic year at its April 1 meeting in St. Louis.

Resident education and enrollment fees for undergraduate and graduate students will increase by 7.5 percent beginning in the summer session. Nonresident educational fees will increase by the same dollar amount as resident educational fees for undergraduate and graduate students: \$14.60 and \$17.70 respectively. Fees were increased to help cover increases in mandatory expenditures in the face of a predicted flat state appropriation.

Educational fee increases for professional school students range from zero to 7.5 percent and are within the range set by the vice president for finance and administration. The process for variable

increases in professional school educational fees was approved by the board in November 2002 based on recommendations from the Graduate and Professional Fee Task Force.

Supplemental course fees at the University of Missouri-Columbia also will be increased or instituted, effective fall 2004, including a \$35 per credit hour increase for undergraduate and graduate courses in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; a \$30 per credit hour increase for undergraduate and graduate courses in the College of Business; and a \$30 per credit hour increase for College of Education undergraduate courses leading to certification. The School of Journalism will increase their existing supplemental fee to \$35 per credit hour for undergraduate and graduate courses. The fees reflect the differential costs of these programs and the need for additional resources to maintain program quality.

The board also heard an update by Vice President for Finance and Administration Nikki Krawitz on financial assumptions used for budget planning for fiscal year 2005.

The University's general operating budget is the largest funding source for the University's instructional mission. The primary sources of revenue making up the FY04 operations budget are student fees at 44 percent and state appropriations at 42 percent. Krawitz noted that educational fees are closely tied to the level of state appropriations. The current year marks the first time that educational fee revenues have exceeded state support in the University's general operating budget.

"People costs" account for two-thirds, or 67 percent, of the University's expenditures. The remaining one-third includes all non-personnel expenses, such as utilities and insurance, as well as \$98 million in scholarships and fellowships.

Krawitz said University administrators are anticipating a 5.6 percent increase in certain mandatory expenses such as insurance, utilities and information technology.

Revenue and expenditure assumptions for FY05 include no growth in state appropriations. "We are taking a conservative approach by budgeting for flat appropriations with the full realization that if the state's revenues do not materialize in FY05 to support flat appropriations, we could be subject to additional withholdings by this time next year," Krawitz said.

Assumptions also take into account a 2 percent increase to the University of Missouri salary pool. "This would provide increases based on merit, equity and market consistent with our commitment to recruit and retain the highest quality faculty and staff," Krawitz said.

Other assumptions include a 2 percent increase in student enrollment System-wide; a moderate to no increase in investment or endowment income due to market conditions, 0.7 percent; and continued physical plant maintenance and repair expenditures of 1.25 percent of replacement value, down from the optimum 1.5 percent.

The final FY05 budget will be presented to the board at its May meeting for approval.

Alumni Alliance gives awards for outstanding service to UM

The Alliance of Alumni Associations and University Outreach and Extension honored six individuals for outstanding service to the University of Missouri at the 30th annual Legislative Day, Feb. 25, in Jefferson City.



Pictured from left to right: Chancellor Richard Wallace, Senator Wayne Goode, Michael Albano, Dr. Ronald Turner, and David Adam.
Not pictured: Fred Kummer.

Outstanding Alumni Service to the University of Missouri-Columbia: Chancellor Richard Wallace

Chancellor Richard Wallace received his bachelor's degree in journalism, with distinction, from Northwestern University in 1958 and a doctorate in economics from Vanderbilt University in 1965.

Wallace joined UM-Columbia in 1966 as assistant professor of economics and community health and medical practice. He served as director of the Business and Public Administration Research Center, as associate dean of the graduate school, as interim dean of the College of Arts and Science, and as associate provost. He was named associate vice president for academic affairs for the University of Missouri System in 1985 and promoted to vice president for academic affairs in 1989.

He returned to the Columbia campus in 1996, serving briefly as interim chancellor before assuming his present post. As chancellor, Wallace enhanced the reputation of UM-Columbia among the nation's land-grant research universities, and successfully advocated the adoption of a set of values to guide the campus community.

Outstanding Alumni Service to the University of Missouri-Kansas City: Michael Albano

Michael Albano earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1965 and a juris doctorate in 1968, both from UM-Kansas City.

Albano is a partner in the law firm of Welch, Martin & Albano of Independence, Missouri. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has served as the organization's president and was president of its foundation as well. He has chaired the family law section of both the American Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association, and he is a diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers.

Albano has been active in UM-Kansas City's alumni association, serving as president, vice president of finance, and as a member of the association's board of directors. In addition, he is an active member of the campus' Law School Alumni Association, which he served as president for one year and as a director for six years.

Outstanding Alumni Service to the University of Missouri-Rolla: Fred Kummer

Fred Kummer received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1955 from the Missouri School of Mines, now called UM-Rolla. In 1984 UM-Rolla also awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree.

Kummer is founder, owner and chief executive officer of the St. Louis-based HBE Corporation. His firm is the nation's leading design-build organization for health care and financial facilities, and is the parent company of the Adam's Mark Hotel chain.

Kummer served on the UM-Rolla Board of Trustees for five years. His alma mater has honored him with an Alumni Achievement Award and declared him an Honorary Knight of St. Patrick. In 1992 he was inducted into UM-Rolla's Academy of Civil Engineers. He also is one of the founding members of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh, the campus' major gift recognition society, and is a member of the Clagh of the Emerald Isle. Kummer also served as a member of the UM Board of Curators from 1987 to 1993.

Outstanding Alumni Service to the University of Missouri-St. Louis: David Adam

David Adam received a bachelor's degree in accounting, cum laude, in 1981 and a master's degree in accounting in 1993, both from UM-St. Louis. After a career as a tax consultant, Adam is currently studying law at St. Louis University.

As a student at UM-St. Louis, Adam served as a student ambassador. Following graduation, he became an active member of the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association, which he twice served as president. In addition, he worked closely with the admissions office and the athletic department, where he helped reestablish homecoming's "Alumni Family Day" event.

Adam spearheaded several fundraising efforts for the Alumni Association. He made a significant challenge gift in a drive to endow the association's Presidential Scholarship. He also encouraged the association to give back to the campus financially, in the form of a gift to the new Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Outstanding Alumni Service to University Outreach & Extension: Dr. Ronald Turner

Dr. Ronald Turner, executive vice president of the University of Missouri System, served as Director of Outreach and Extension for ten years.

Turner received a bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Missouri State College, now Southwest Missouri State University, in 1963 and a master's degree and a doctorate in speech from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1967 and 1970, respectively. He first joined the University staff in 1965 in the Office of Instructional Television on the Columbia campus.

During his tenure as director, Extension expanded its efforts to bring the expertise of the University of Missouri and Lincoln University directly to the people. Under Turner's leadership, Extension took full advantage of technology to better serve more people throughout Missouri. Turner also strongly encouraged the strengthening of county extension councils. He recognized that the councils could best identify local needs, thus enabling Extension to respond by providing access to research-based knowledge.

Outstanding Alumni Service to the University of Missouri System: Senator Wayne Goode

Senate Wayne Goode became a member of the General Assembly in 1962, when he was first elected to the House of Representatives. His support for education continued when he was elected to the Senate from the 13th District in St. Louis County in 1984.

Although Goode received a bachelor's degree in banking and finance from the University of Missouri-Columbia, he has been most involved with the University of Missouri-St. Louis. During his first term as a representative, in 1963, he successfully sponsored legislation to establish UM-St. Louis. Since then, Goode has supported initiatives such as the creation of the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry and the establishment of a joint undergraduate engineering program in cooperation with Washington University.

Goode currently serves on eight Senate committees, including Education, Appropriations, and Commerce and Environment.

Distinguished teaching professors named

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved the appointments of two distinguished teaching professors at UM-Columbia.

Ira Papick, professor of mathematics, and Meera Chandrasekhar, professor of physics and astronomy, were both designated distinguished teaching professors. The appointees will each receive a \$10,000 annual stipend as long as they hold their respective positions. Both appointments are effective Sept. 1, 2004.

President establishes health disparities task force

UM System President Elson S. Floyd has established the UM System Task Force on Health Disparities. The task force will be guided by the Institute of Medicine's definition of health disparities. The IOM defines health care disparities as "racial or ethnic differences in the quality of health care that are not due to access-related factors (i.e. patient's insurance status or income) or clinical needs, preferences, and appropriateness of intervention."

The task force is charged with establishing an inventory of initiatives to reduce health disparities within the University of Missouri and the state. The task force also is charged with establishing recommendations for strategies to increase minority student recruitment in the health care schools, changes in curricula to enhance students' understanding in regard to health care disparities, and strategies to make UM a national leader in reducing health care disparities.

Other duties include recommending steps to eliminate any disparities in health care to UM patients, recommending strategies to increase UM research on health disparities, outlining proposals for UM to reduce health disparities in the state, and developing partnerships with the state and other universities to address such disparities.

Members from UM-Columbia are: Dr. Kris Hagglund, Dr. Lanis Hicks, Dr. Steve Zweig, Dr. Jacqueline Grant, and Gwen Ratermann. UM-Kansas City members are: Dr. John Ma, Dr. Reaner Shannon, Dr. Thad Wilson, and Dr. Cameron Lindsey. UM-St. Louis members are: Dr. Susan Feigenbaum, Dr. Jean Bachman, Dr. Timothy Wingert, and Dr. Alexander Harris. Other members include Peter Wilden, ex officio; Erin Elliott, legislative support; Lee Henson, disabilities liaison; and Phil Harrison, staff support.

Board of Curators approves facilities actions at UM-Columbia

The Board of Curators approved the retention of a firm to provide design services for the life sciences business incubator at UM-Columbia. The firm, Cannon St. Louis, Inc., was approved for a fee not to exceed \$12,000 for programming and a fixed fee to be determined by administration for design services. The \$241,894 funding is from HUD.

The board also approved naming the Sociology Building and Addition at UM-Columbia the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute, contingent on securing executed gift agreements. The \$31 million gift from the Reynolds Foundation to the School of Journalism includes \$12.4 million for programs within the School of Journalism and \$18.6 million for construction and renovation.

The construction project includes the complete renovation of the vacant Sociology Building, partial renovation of Walter Williams Hall and construction of a new addition between Sociology and Walter Williams Hall.

The late newspaper publisher Donald W. Reynolds previously donated approximately \$9 million to construct the Donald W. Reynolds Alumni Center at UM-Columbia.

UM legislative academy seeks issues briefs

The UM Legislative Academy is soliciting issues briefs to inform state legislators about pending issues. Briefs should address an issue of interest or potential interest to legislators, should present objective analysis of the issues, and cannot advocate specific solutions.

Briefs will be published and distributed to new members of the General Assembly in 2005. The academy is supported by the University from funds set aside for legislative programs.

For additional information, contact Arlan Dekock, UM-Rolla; Linda G. Taylor, UM-Kansas City; Mark Tranel, UM-St. Louis; Mary Leuci, Extension; or David Valentine, UM-Columbia; or see www.truman.missouri.edu/ipp/legacad.

Board approves changes to faculty workload policy

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved changes to sections 310.080 and 310.090 of the University's collected rules and regulations regarding faculty workload at its April 1 meeting in St. Louis.

The revision to the regular faculty workload policy is the culmination of eight months of work by faculty leadership and by campus chief academic officers. The revised policy combines the current executive guideline on instructional workload with an update of the current workload policy into a single faculty workload policy.

The revised policy better describes the process used to collect information about the full scope of faculty activities. The revised policy maintains campus benchmarks for instruction, as well as policies to manage the assignment of instructional workload.

The policy further stipulates the use of a common reporting system for faculty activity that can generate reports on the full scope of productivity, which includes faculty contributions in the areas of research, service and administration as well as instruction. The standard report must specify the types of assignments and the distribution of the percent of effort in each of these areas. The common reporting system will enable University officials to produce recurring reports on faculty duties that can be aggregated at the college, campus and System levels.