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Floyd gives University update in report to board

In his report to the Board of Curators at its March 24 meeting in Rolla, University of Missouri President Elson S. Floyd gave an overview of recent initiatives at the University.

During a board development session, curators heard a presentation on capital plans and the master plan for University of Missouri Health Care. Jim Ross, chief executive officer of UM Health Care, emphasized that the three-phase master plan is still a work in progress.

Additional board sessions focused on the role of faculty in shared governance and on student organizations.

A final session discussed economic development efforts at UM-Columbia and UM-Rolla. The session focused on “how we can leverage the resources that are entrusted to us and making sure that we are doing all that we possibly can,” Floyd said.

“The University is continuing to focus on ways of being more accountable and efficient in what we do,” Floyd said.

He noted that preliminary planning on each campus regarding administrative streamlining is underway. At its December 2005 meeting, Floyd told the board he wanted to reduce the University’s administrative costs by 10 percent, or a total of about \$12.5 million, in order to redirect funds to instruction, research and service.

Floyd also mentioned the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative proposed by Gov. Matt Blunt. The initiative would take assets generated by the sale of a portion of the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority’s loans and use the funds to support endowed scholarships and professorships, capital improvements for higher education institutions, and other economic development and higher education initiatives.

“The initiative is very important as we try to build our physical plant capacity within the University. In addition we also must strengthen the intellectual capacity of our institution, as reflected in the endowed scholarships and professorships,” he said. “Scholarships ensure that we are recruiting the best and brightest students, and the professorships ensure that we are adding to the quality of what we do.”

The initiative continues to progress through the legislative process. The University is continuing to work in an active way in that process, Floyd said.

Floyd also praised UM-Rolla Chancellor Jack Carney for his leadership of the campus. “We have seen just a snippet of what happens in that remarkable institution, this technological university,” he said. “Academic excellence permeates throughout all that UMR does.”

Board approves tuition and fees for next academic year

At its March 24 meeting in Rolla, the University of Missouri Board of Curators approved tuition and other fees for fiscal year 2007.

Tuition rates for undergraduate and graduate students will increase by 5 percent for 2006–2007.

“I am pleased that we are able to keep next year’s recommended increase down to 5 percent,” University of Missouri President Elson S. Floyd said. “We would not have been able to do this without Gov. Matt Blunt’s recommendation to increase state appropriations for the coming year, as well as our own internal cutbacks to keep costs as low as possible. We will continue our search for ways to keep costs down at the University of Missouri.”

Undergraduate Missouri residents will pay \$227.30 per credit hour. For an undergraduate student enrolled in 15 hours per semester, this represents an additional \$324 annually, before any related enrollment fees. Base tuition for a full-time Missouri undergraduate Board approves tuition and fees for next academic year student would increase from \$6,495 to \$6,819 annually.

Non-resident undergraduate students will pay \$569.50 per credit hour.

Graduate students who are residents will pay \$276.40 per credit hour and non-residents will pay \$713.70 per credit hour.

Tuition increases for professional school students range from 2 percent to 5 percent, within the range set by the Vice President for Finance and Administration within policy guidelines. Floyd gives University update in report to board Supplemental and other related enrollment fees for undergraduate, graduate and professional students will increase 3 percent, with some exceptions.

The board also approved a variety of supplemental course fees for enrollment in specific classes or departments at UM-Columbia, UM-Rolla and UM-St. Louis. For example, UM-Columbia and UM-St. Louis will assess a fee of \$10 per credit hour for science courses with a lab component in biology, chemistry and physics, as well as departments in the School of Medicine.

Increases in student activity, facility and health service fees for under graduate students will vary by campus, with per semester fee adjustments ranging from an increase of \$4.95 or 2 percent at UM-Kansas City to \$17.72 or 6 percent at UM-Columbia.

Room and board charges, which vary across the four campuses and within each campus based on the plan selected, also were approved by the board. Based on the predominant room and board plan on each campus, rates will increase 4.4 percent at UM-Columbia, 2.4 percent at UM-Kansas City, and 6.5 percent at UM-Rolla. UM-St. Louis rates will increase 11.7 percent because the predominant plan will be the new South Campus Residence Hall, which is not directly comparable to other halls.

The fee increases are effective with the 2006 summer session.

University of Missouri Tuition, 2006-2007

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Non-resident \$713.70 per credit hour

University of Missouri briefs

Board approves retention of firms for construction projects

At its March 24 meeting in Rolla, the University of Missouri Board of Curators approved the selection of architects and engineers for campus projects.

The board approved the firm of International Architects Atelier, Kansas City, Mo., for design services for the Schurz Hall and Bingham Dining Hall renovation at UM-Columbia, for a basic services fee of \$814,000.

The firm of Archimages, St. Louis, Mo., was approved for design services for the fourth floor renovation of Columbia Regional Hospital for UM Health Care, for a basic services fee of \$454,100.

Curators amended the master plan agreement with Cannon Design, St. Louis, Mo., for master planning services to include the proposed scope of work for UM Health Care, for an additional fee of \$160,000, bringing the total master plan fee to \$400,000.

The board also approved the campus master plan for UM-Rolla.

Board approves new master's degree in bioinformatics at UMKC

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved a proposal for a new master of science degree in bioinformatics at UMKansas City.

The core curriculum for the program would provide students with a foundation of knowledge and tools in mathematics, computer sciences and biological sciences. Students would then complete specialized courses in one of three degree emphasis areas: computational bioinformatics, genomic bioinformatics, or medical informatics.

The proposed degree program now goes to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval.

2006 board committees

Executive Committee: Don Walsworth, Chair; Thomas E. Atkins; Cheryl D. S. Walker; Angela M. Bennett, J.D., ex officio

Academic and Student Affairs Committee:

- Doug Russell, Chair; Marion H. Cairns; David G. Wasinger; Maria C. Curtis, ex officio

Compensation and Human Resources Committee:

- Thomas E. Atkins, Chair; John M. Carnahan III; Cheryl D. S. Walker Finance and Audit Committee: Anne C. Ream, O.D.; Chair; Doug Russell; Don Walsworth

Physical Facilities and Management Services Committee:

- Cheryl D. S. Walker, Chair; Anne C. Ream, O.D.; David G. Wasinger

Resources and Planning Committee:

- Marion H. Cairns, Chair; Thomas E. Atkins; John M. Carnahan III

Ad hoc committee, Conflict of Interest Committee:

- John M. Carnahan III, Chair; Marion H. Cairns; Anne C. Ream, O.D.

Governor's awards for excellence in teaching announced

University of Missouri faculty were among those honored with the 2006 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching during a luncheon held April 5.

University honorees were Dr. Daniel Turban, professor of management and Stephen Furbacher Professorship in Organizational Change, UM-Columbia; Dr. Jerzy Wrobel, associate professor of physics, UM-Kansas City; Dr. Oran Allan Pringle, professor of physics, UM-Rolla; and Elizabeth Vining, senior lecturer and international business coordinator, UM-St. Louis.

Recipients were selected by their respective institutions for outstanding teaching, innovation in course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the institution's community, and commitment to excellence.

UMR goal to be one of nation's top technological universities

During her tenure as board president, Curator Angela Bennett will focus on the good news from each University of Missouri campus. At the March 24 meeting in Rolla, Chancellor Jack Carney gave a presentation on UM-Rolla.

“Today UMR is an outstanding technological university,” Carney said. “In five years our goal is to be one of the top five technological research universities in the nation. It is critically important to the future of the state of Missouri and our country that technological universities like this one flourish in the years to come.”

UMR continues to see success with its students, Carney reported. The campus currently has more than 5,600 students, and its retention rate from freshmen to sophomore year is 87 percent.

Outside of the classroom, UMR students gain hands-on experience and leadership skills from student design teams, a distinctive feature of the UMR undergraduate education. “This separates us from other programs across the country,” Carney said. “Our students learn from one another outside the classroom working in these design teams, and that is why companies love to hire our students, because they are immediately productive employees.”

Students have captured wins in recent national championships with the Solar Car Team, Solar House Team, Mucking Team, Advanced Aero Vehicle Group, Formula Race Car Team, and Human-Powered Vehicle Team.

Carney also highlighted some of the world-class research conducted at UMR, including the Center for Aerospace Manufacturing Technologies, which has ten research areas involving more than 35 faculty members and 60 students.

These and other ongoing applied research activities at UMR are already having profound economic payoffs in Missouri and nationally, Carney said.

In addition to achieving recognition as one of the top technological research universities in the nation, goals of UMR’s strategic plan include increasing total enrollment to 7,000 students; increasing externally sponsored research to \$60 million; and raising \$200 million in private funds to support campus priorities.

“Our guiding principle is to maintain the high quality and diversity of our academic programs,” Carney said.