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UM President Elson S. Floyd to lead Washington State University



University of Missouri President Elson S. Floyd was introduced on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Pullman, Wash., as the next president of Washington State University. He was hired as president of the University of Missouri's four-campus system on Nov. 11, 2002, and took office the following January.

In a letter to members of the University of Missouri community, Floyd wrote: "I remain exceptionally proud of our four campuses, University of Missouri Health Care and the central administration for providing unparalleled service, quality and excellence in all that we do. I leave the University in the capable hands of the finest collection of chancellors in the country, and a CEO of University of Missouri Health Care who understands financial sustainability and excellence in patient care."

During his tenure at the University of Missouri, Floyd guided the institution through a period of unprecedented state appropriations cuts and recent state reinvestment, all without compromising the University's commitment to excellence. He also implemented a plan to reduce system-wide administrative expenditures by \$20 million, far exceeding the 10 percent goal. Resources identified by this initiative were reinvested in scholarships and financial aid, student services and faculty recruitment.

Floyd has had a significant impact on the University's leadership team, having appointed four new chancellors. The University also added a fourth mission of economic development under his leadership to better link research across the University with emerging and existing firms.

Enrollment growth also reached a record during his tenure, with an all-time high of more than 63,000 students in 2006. With a focus on access, affordability, and accountability, Floyd worked

to create scholarships for students, including an endowed scholarship program for the neediest students and a new program for those investing through Missouri's 529 College Savings Plan.

During this past summer, Floyd traveled the state to host candidate forums on UM campuses and to appear jointly with the presidents of Missouri's other public four-year institutions to bring attention to the benefits and needs of higher education.

Among his previous positions before coming to the University of Missouri, Floyd served as executive director of the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board and as executive vice president of Eastern Washington University. He will become the tenth president of Washington State University, a land-grant and research institution with four campuses and more than 23,000 students.

No timetable has yet been set for Floyd's departure. The Board of Curators will begin discussions of the presidential search process during a Jan. 11 meeting.

"We as a Board of Curators will begin a diligent and thorough process to search for a worthy successor to Elson S. Floyd. This will be a smooth transition of leadership. We want a leader who will move us with wisdom and confidence along our path to becoming a great university," said newly-elected board chair Don Walsworth. "The people of Missouri deserve no less."

In a resolution approved by the board at its Dec. 15 meeting, curators commended Floyd and noted that his "service to our University and the people of the State of Missouri is appreciated without reservation."

Walsworth, Walker elected as 2007 board officers



Don Walsworth and Cheryl D.S. Walker are introduced to the media at the December 15 meeting.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators elected new officers for the upcoming year at its Dec. 15 meeting in Columbia. Don Walsworth, of Marceline, was unanimously elected as chair, and Cheryl D. S. Walker, of St. Louis, was unanimously elected as vice chair.

Both will assume their new offices for one-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2007. Walsworth and Walker were appointed to the board in 2003 by Gov. Bob Holden, and their terms on the board expire in January 2009.

Walsworth, who currently serves as vice chair, succeeds Angela Bennett, of Kansas City. He has served as chair of the Executive Committee and as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee and the External Affairs Committee.

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

He has been elected to a variety of boards, including Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Chillicothe, Citizens Bancshares Company of Chillicothe and Marceline Savings and Loan.

Walsworth served two terms on the Marceline City Council and one term as mayor. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway and Transportation Commission in 1985 and served as its chairman from 1991-1992. In 1989 he received a Distinguished Service Award from the UM-Columbia Alumni Association, where he also was a founding member of the Herbert J. Davenport Society.

Walker has chaired the Physical Facilities and Management Services Committee and has served on the Executive, Compensation and Human Resources, and Governance Committees.

Walker received 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 president and general counsel of Obasi Enterprises, LLC. She previously served as a counsel in the St. Louis office of Bryan Cave LLP and remains of counsel for the firm. Prior to joining Bryan Cave she served as senior counsel for Deutsche Financial Services Corp., now known as GE Distribution Finance.

Walker is a member of the Tower Grove Park Board of Commissioners. She also serves on the boards of The Newberry Group, St. Louis Social Venture Partners, and The United Way of Greater St. Louis.

University of Missouri briefs

Three departing curators honored with resolutions

Three members of the University of Missouri Board of Curators whose terms expire Jan. 1, 2007, were honored with resolutions and granted titles of "curator emeritus" at the Dec. 15 meeting in Columbia. All three were appointed in 2001 by Gov. Bob Holden.

Thomas E. Atkins, of Columbia, served as president and vice president. He has served as chair of the Executive, Academic and Student Affairs, Compensation and Human Resources, Finance, and Physical Facilities Committees, and as a member of the Resources and Planning Committee.

Angela M. Bennett, J.D., of Kansas City, served as chair and vice president of the board. In addition to the Executive Committee, she has been a member of the Finance Committee and has chaired the Information and Technology and Academic and Student Affairs Committees.

Anne C. Ream, O.D., of West Plains, served as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee. She also has been a member of the Governance; Conflict of Interest; Physical Facilities; Resources and Planning; and Executive Committees.

Gov. Matt Blunt will appoint three new curators to succeed Atkins, Bennett and Ream.

Board approves consensual amorous relationship policy

The board approved a consensual amorous relationship policy, section 330.065 of the Collected Rules and Regulations, to support the integrity of interactions among University faculty, staff and students.

The policy prohibits consensual amorous relationships between members of the University of Missouri community when one participant has direct evaluative or supervisory authority over the other, creating an inherent conflict of interest. The policy also describes procedures for disclosure of consensual amorous relationships and procedures should violations occur.

New doctorate programs at UMC, UMR approved by board

The board approved a proposal for a doctor of philosophy of public affairs at UM-Columbia. The program would be housed in the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs.

The board also approved a proposal for a doctor of philosophy of systems engineering at UM-Rolla. The program would depend heavily on the master of science degree program in the same field.

Both proposed degrees now to go to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval.

Wellness program to be named for Curator Tom Atkins

The board approved naming the Wellness Program at the University of Missouri the "Thomas E. Atkins Wellness Program" in honor of Curator Tom Atkins.

During his tenure as a curator, Atkins championed the establishment of a wellness program at the University to serve faculty, staff and students. Atkins remains a strong supporter of the program and the belief that health and productivity are inextricably linked.

The program began at University of Missouri Health Care with a long-range goal of including all campuses.

Gardner appointed to USDA's Plant Variety Protection Board

Dr. John Gardner, UM vice president for research and economic development, has been appointed to the federal Plant Variety Protection Board by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns.

The board is mandated by the Plant Variety Protection Act to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the adoption of new rules and regulations, make advisory decisions on appeals from applicants, and advise on declaring a protected variety open to public use in emergencies.

Gardner was one of 14 appointments or reappointments to the board. The appointees are to serve two-year terms.

2007 board meeting calendar

- **January 25-26:** UM-St. Louis
- **April 5-6:** UM-Rolla
- **May 31-June 1:** Columbia
- **July 26-27:** To be determined
- **October 4-5:** UM-Columbia
- **November 29-30:** UM-Kansas City

Bennett delivers final report to board



In her final report as board chair at the Dec. 15 meeting in Columbia, Curator Angela Bennett described the past year as one of "ongoing learning about our wonderful institution, our campuses and the people on those campuses."

The board's development sessions were informative and meaningful, Bennett noted, and provided curators with more in-depth knowledge on topics ranging from economic development to student organizations and international programs.

During Bennett's tenure as chair, the board established three new committees — Compensation and Human Resources, External Affairs and Governance — as well as an ad hoc Conflict of Interest Committee.

In keeping with the University's mission of educating students, the board also heard student presentations at each meeting. Student presenters from each campus "reminded us of the value of an education from our university and what it brings to the lives of students and the citizens of our state, nation and world," Bennett said.

The board's role goes beyond that of policymaking to include responsibility for the crown jewel that is the University of Missouri, Bennett said. She encouraged curators to "shine that gem so that it will be here for generations to come."

The work of the University could not be accomplished without its outstanding chancellors, faculty and staff, Bennett said.

She also praised the University's initiatives under the leadership of President Elson S. Floyd, including the \$20 million administrative streamlining plan; candidate forums; and forums with the leaders of other public four-year institutions to emphasize the importance of higher education in Missouri.

"Dr. Floyd put a face on the University in so many communities," Bennett said, helping to deliver the University's message to citizens throughout the state.

"On behalf of the board, students, faculty, administrators and citizens of the State of Missouri, we thank Dr. Floyd for his leadership, vision, forthrightness, creativity and dedication to the University of Missouri," Bennett said.