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### Governor Blunt appoints three new curators

Gov. Matt Blunt announced the nominations of [Warren K. Erdman](#) of Kansas City, [Bo Fraser](#) of Columbia, and [Judith G. Haggard](#) of Kennett to the University of Missouri Board of Curators. The three new curators have been confirmed by the Missouri Senate.

The new members were sworn in at a Jan. 11 board meeting in Columbia, replacing departing curators Angela M. Bennett, Kansas City; Thomas E. Atkins, Columbia; and Anne C. Ream, West Plains.



[Warren K. Erdman](#)

Erdman is senior vice president of corporate affairs for Kansas City Southern. He received a bachelor's degree from Westminster College. Erdman previously served as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Christopher S. Bond. He was appointed as co-chair of the Missouri State Government Review Commission by Blunt and as vice chair of the Missouri Apportionment Commission by Gov. Bob Holden.

Erdman is a member of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Trustees. He is the chair of the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City. Erdman also serves on the Kansas City Area Development Council, the Downtown Council of Kansas City, the Downtown Kansas City Community Improvement District, and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Arts Council, among others.



[Bo Fraser](#)

Fraser is chairman of the board of Boone County National Bank and previously served as the bank's chairman and CEO for more than 20 years. He received a bachelor's degree in business from Benedictine College, and is a graduate of the Southwestern School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

Fraser serves on the board of directors for Benedictine College. He is a founding member of the Community Development Cooperative, formed to address housing issues in the central area of Columbia, and of Regional Economic Development, Inc. (REDI), a public-private partnership that promotes economic development in Boone County.

He also has served on the boards of Columbia College, the United Way, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Missouri Innovation Center, and Advent/Job Point.



[Judith G. Haggard](#)

Haggard is a family nurse practitioner at the SEMO Health Network in Kennett. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. A certified substance abuse counselor, she has served as the director of community services and as a clinical therapist at the Family Counseling Center in Kennett.

Haggard is an examiner for the Missouri Substance Abuse Board and a past board member of the State Alcohol Council. She founded the Dunklin County Hospital volunteer program, and has served as a board member for both the Delta Children's Home and the Visiting Nurses' Association.

## **President Floyd reports on state of the University**

“The state of our University is strong and deeply robust. We have an inspiring story to tell the citizens of Missouri,” University of Missouri President Elson S. Floyd told curators at their Jan. 26 meeting in St. Louis.

“I have been privileged to serve as president, and I look forward to continuing the University’s momentum over the coming months,” Floyd said. “Working together, we have accomplished much during these past four years.”

The University has moved through a period of unprecedented state appropriations cuts toward a recent state reinvestment in public higher education, Floyd noted. The \$20 million administrative streamlining plan helped the University become a more efficient organization, with funds to be reinvested to benefit students and academic programs. The initiative far exceeded the original goal of \$12.5 million.

Floyd also said that the University has improved the financial condition of UM Health Care, while still providing some \$47 million annually in uncompensated care.

Even during those difficult budget times, the University “managed to do more with less.” He cited record student enrollment and record minority enrollment along with the University’s work to “ensure that the doors of the University remain open and accessible.”

To improve access, the University created scholarships for the neediest students and implemented a tuition guideline to help students and their families plan.

Among the other achievements Floyd mentioned was adding economic development as the University’s fourth mission – in addition to teaching, research and service – to better recognize the University’s statewide impact and to engage communities throughout Missouri.

Floyd noted that there may be Missourians who will never visit one of the University’s campuses, but whose lives will be impacted in a positive way through the University’s extension programs. “That’s the paramount importance of our University,” he said.

“As a research and land-grant institution we can extend ourselves throughout this wonderful state, making sure that we are bringing the highest-quality programs imaginable to the communities we serve throughout Missouri,” Floyd said. “That’s the investment that Missourians have made in the University, and that’s the stewardship that we have been deeply committed to doing.”

## **Curators select firm for presidential search**

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved hiring the executive search firm Baker-Parker, Inc., to conduct the search for the University’s next president.

The University's contract with Baker-Parker was signed on Jan. 19 by Don Walsworth, board chair. The firm will be paid \$125,000 plus expenses. Baker-Parker, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., will work with the board to identify and recruit candidates to succeed UM President Elson S. Floyd, who was selected in December to become the next president of Washington State University.

The Board of Curators, along with the student representative to the board, will serve as the search committee. A 17-member advisory committee of faculty, students, alumni and staff also will interview the finalists.

## **October 2006 research board awards announced**

The University of Missouri Research Board, a University-wide panel composed of 20 faculty members, has awarded nearly - \$1 million to support 50 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. Ann Miller, the Cynthia Tang Missouri Distinguished Professor of Computer Engineering at UM-Rolla, chairs the research board.

In October, researchers from UM filed 139 requests for grants, totaling nearly - \$5 million. Approximately 36 percent of the requests were approved and approximately 20 percent of the total dollar amount requested was awarded.

The board granted six engineering requests for a total of - \$168,945; nine in humanities and fine arts for a total of - \$91,085; 14 in life sciences for a total of - \$405,036; seven in physical sciences and mathematics for a total of - \$142,334; and 14 in social and behavioral sciences for a total of - \$191,556.

### **UM-Columbia**

- Mahmoud Almasri, Electrical Engineering, \$30,789
- Robert Baum, Religious Studies, \$21,630
- Anand Chandrasekhar, Biological Sciences, \$28,000
- Arun Chatterjee, Plant Microbiology, \$21,800
- Joan Coates, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, \$37,200
- Rebecca Dingo, English, \$12,000
- David Farber, Accountancy, \$6,500
- Elizabeth Giuliano, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, \$22,736
- Cheryl Heesch, Dalton Research Center, \$29,800
- Michael Hill, Dalton Research Center, \$26,000
- Kristin Kopp, German and Russian Studies, \$3,000
- April Langley, English, \$2,000
- Hao Li, Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering, \$24,700
- Ken MacLeod, Geological Sciences, \$26,100

- Sandra Mortal, Finance, \$6,500
- Charlotte Phillips, Biochemistry, \$27,900
- Walter Puckett, Finance, \$10,000
- Bimal Ray, Veterinary Pathobiology, \$37,200
- Stephanie Reid-Arndt, Health Psychology, \$16,491
- Lixing Reneker, Ophthalmology, \$24,400
- Maikel Rheinstadter, Physics and Astronomy, \$20,100
- Elizabeth Rogers, Biochemistry, \$24,000
- Marjorie Sable, Social Work, \$25,000
- Sashi Satpathy, Physics and Astronomy, \$20,100
- Kristin Schwain, Art History and Archeology, \$9,225
- A. Mark Smith, History, \$6,230
- John Thyfault, Nutritional Sciences, \$27,400
- Gregory Triplett, Electrical Engineering, \$30,911
- Christopher Tuggle, Management, \$6,500
- Julia Zarankin, German and Russian Studies, \$12,000
- May Zhang, Accountancy, \$6,500
- Xiaoqin Zou, Dalton Research Center, \$32,600

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

- Reza Derakhshani, Engineering, \$26,797
- John Herron, History, \$10,000
- Christopher Lovelace, Psychology, \$23,995
- Thomas Menees, Cell Biology and Biophysics, \$35,400
- Diane Mutti Burke, History, \$10,000
- Lynda Payne, History, \$10,000
- Joshua Rabinowitz, Psychology, \$13,000

#### **UM-Rolla**

- Minsu Choi, Electrical Engineering, \$26,800
- Keith Corzine, Electrical Engineering, \$28,948
- Patrick Huber, History, \$5,000
- Kelly Liu, Geological Science and Engineering, \$21,700
- Chariklia Sotiriou-Leventis, Chemistry, \$21,100
- Jeffrey Winiarz, Chemistry, \$20,100

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

- Barbara Bucur, Psychology, \$20,570
- Adrian Clinger, Mathematics and Computer Science, \$13,134
- Frank Grady, English, \$20,000
- Colin MacDiarmid, Biology, \$30,600
- Michael Ohnersorgen, Anthropology, \$26,500

## **University of Missouri briefs**

### **Board approves student activity fees, residence hall rates for next academic year**

At its Jan. 26 meeting in St. Louis, the University of Missouri Board of Curators approved student activity, facility and health service fees and room and board charges for fiscal year 2008. The rates are effective beginning in summer 2007.

Increases in student activity, facility and health service fees for undergraduate students vary by campus, with per semester fee adjustments ranging from \$6.60 or 1.8 percent at UM-Rolla to \$22.33 or 7.1 percent at UM-Columbia.

Room and board charges vary across the four campuses and within each campus based on the resident facility and meal plan selected. Based on the predominant room and board plan on each campus, rates will increase by 4.4 percent at UM-Columbia, 3.4 percent at UM-Kansas City, 7.6 percent at UM-Rolla, and 3.0 percent at UM-St. Louis.

Curators will approve tuition rates for the 2007-2008 academic year at an upcoming board meeting.

### **Board approves proposal for media studies degree at UM-St. Louis**

The board approved a proposal for a bachelor of science degree in media studies at UM-St. Louis.

The proposal replaces the existing mass communication emphasis area within the bachelor of arts in communication degree program with a bachelor of science degree in media studies.

The new degree would encompass a range of study in areas such as mass media production and design, mass communication history and media regulation.

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