

## **Spectrum**

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### **Board approves fiscal year 2008 operating budget**

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved a general operating budget of \$959 million for fiscal year 2008, which begins July 1, at its June 1 meeting in Columbia.

State appropriations for the University of Missouri's general operations will increase by \$17.4 million, including a \$16.8 million, or 4.2 percent, increase for operations; \$485,000 for the UM-Rolla and MSU joint engineering program; and \$100,000 for an ethics program at UM-St. Louis.

UM Vice President for Finance and Administration Nikki Krawitz told curators that the state appropriation figures used in developing the FY08 budget plan include the governor's recommendation, as well as additional amounts added by the House-Senate Conference Committee for the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon, MOREnet and Telehealth, and less the traditional 3 percent statutory withholding.

The budget is based on a 3.8 percent increase in tuition, as well as increases in professional, supplemental, activity, facility and health fees approved by the board at its April meeting.

A 1 percent efficiencies pool will be used to help fund campus strategic priorities, compensation increases and additional compensation investments as priorities allow. This pool totals \$9 million in the operations fund.

Expenditure assumptions include a 2 percent increase in the salary merit pool to fund raises, with an additional 1 percent pool increase to address market issues.

Also included in the budget is a 2 percent cost-of-living-allowance increase for retirees.

The revenue and expenditure assumptions result in a \$2.3 billion total budget. Of that budget, the operations fund represents 42 percent. In addition to operations, the total budget includes budgets for the hospitals, auxiliary enterprises, service operations and restricted activities.

The University's expenditure budget is \$110.8 million more than last year's budget. Nearly half of the increase, or \$51 million, is in salaries and wages. Of the budgeted increase, 36 percent is in the operations fund, 42 percent is in other unrestricted funds, and 22 percent is in restricted funds.

As part of the board action, UM Interim President Gordon H. Lamb was authorized to modify the FY08 budget and allocation to bring it into harmony with the state appropriation as eventually approved by the governor.

## **UM faculty and students honored for outstanding work**



Interim President Gordon Lamb with honorees Jay Switzer, Oliver Schuchard, Fred Willman, Terry Jones and Michael Harris. Not pictured: Thomas Quinn, Jesse Allison and Timothy Place.

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This award is given annually to the author of the most outstanding book by a faculty member from any one of the four campuses and published by the University of Missouri Press.

Dr. Oliver Schuchard, professor emeritus of photography at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is being honored for *The Landscape in Black and White*, which features more than 65 black-and-white photographs spanning his 38 years of photography.

Schuchard chose the photographs out of nearly 5,000 negatives of work ranging from Missouri and Alaska to France and Newfoundland, among other locations. The book also includes his explanations of technique and experiences that shaped his development as an artist and teacher.

Schuchard was a member of the MU art faculty for 30 years and served as chair of the Art Department for seven years. He is a recipient of a Kemper Award for Teaching Excellence.

### **Presidential Award for Research and Creativity: Dr. Jay A. Switzer**

This award recognizes a faculty member with a sustained record of national and international quality research or creativity.

Dr. Jay A. Switzer, the Donald L. Castleman Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of Missouri-Rolla, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of

Cincinnati and a master's degree and a doctorate, both in inorganic chemistry, from Wayne State University.

Switzer is an international leader in materials synthesis by electrodeposition, an area at the interface between chemistry, electrochemistry, materials science and solid-state physics. Since joining UMR in 1990, he has produced numerous patents and journal articles, including four Science papers and a Nature paper.

He is the recipient of three simultaneous grants from the National Science Foundation, as well as funding from the Department of Defense and other agencies.

### **Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching: Dr. Fred Willman**

This award recognizes a faculty member for long-term contributions to teaching.

Dr. Fred Willman is curators' teaching professor of music and education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He received a bachelor's degree in music education from Morningside College, a master's degree in music education from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a doctorate in teacher education from the University of North Dakota.

Since joining UMSL in 1974, Willman has taught undergraduate and graduate courses and served as an advisor. He also works with members of the K-12 community to share his discoveries about teaching, learning and using technology in the classroom.

He is the recipient of the Amoco Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, 1979; the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association "Outstanding Music Educator" Award, 1983; and the Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence, 1996.

### **Thomas Jefferson Award: Dr. Michael M. Harris**

This award is presented biennially to a faculty member who best exemplifies the ideals of Jefferson.

Dr. Michael M. Harris, professor of management at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, received a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology and a doctorate in industrial/organizational psychology, all from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

He is an internationally-recognized expert on human resources management. Harris not only applies his research on recruitment, hiring and performance appraisals to his teaching, he also serves on editorial boards, campus committees and assists community organizations. He has served as a fellow at UMSL's Public Policy Research Center as well as at the campus' Center for International Studies and its International Business Institute.

Harris is the recipient of the 2004 Douglas E. Durand Award for Research Excellence from the College of Business Administration at UMSL. He is the author of four books and numerous publications.

### **Faculty Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Dr. Thomas P. Quinn**

This award honors a faculty member for a record of entrepreneurial innovation.

Dr. Thomas P. Quinn is a professor of biochemistry and radiology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Miami and a doctorate in cell and molecular biology from St. Louis University.

Quinn has a record of entrepreneurial innovation in the area of cancer detection and treatment. His efforts have resulted in several inventions and patents, and he has collaborated with companies to further research, leverage federal research dollars and move technologies to clinical trials.

Currently he is collaborating with Alpha Med Inc., a radiopharmaceutical company, to introduce a new melanoma therapy to clinical use. He also was instrumental in forming a new startup company to develop and commercialize a non-invasive breast cancer detection test.

### **Student Entrepreneur of the Year Awards: Jesse Allison & Timothy Place**

These awards honor students who have shown entrepreneurial potential.

Mr. Jesse Allison and Mr. Timothy Place are co-owners of Electrotap L.L.C., which develops innovative computer software and hardware for the creation of interactive computer art.

Since its founding in 2004, the company has sold its musical performance interface products to more than 200 artists and 80 companies and institutions in more than 30 countries.

Place, the company's vice president of software engineering, earned a bachelor's degree in music from SUNY Potsdam and a master's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is a doctoral candidate in music arts and composition at UMKC.

Allison is Electrotap's vice president of hardware design. He received a bachelor's degree in music from Washington State University and a master's degree of musical arts in composition from UMKC. He also is a doctoral candidate in music arts and composition at UMKC.

### **Ratchford Memorial Fellowship Award: Dr. E. Terrence Jones**

This award recognizes a faculty member who personifies the creativity, vision and leadership exhibited by the late Dr. C. Brice Ratchford, who served as president of the University of Missouri and dean of cooperative extension.

Dr. E. Terrence (Terry) Jones, professor of political science and public policy administration, came to the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1969. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from St. Louis University and a doctorate in political science from Georgetown University.

Jones, who served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UMSL for 14 years, has devoted his efforts to improving local governance, serving the state's citizens and preparing regional leaders. He was instrumental in founding the Missouri Youth Initiative, an Extension program to improve youths through training and research, and the Leadership St. Louis Program, the premier community leadership effort in the region.

Jones has been honored with the 2006 Citizens for Missouri's Children Outstanding Service Award and the 1975 Amoco Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence.

## **University of Missouri briefs**

### **UM presidential search continues**

The University of Missouri Board of Curators continue their search for the next president of the University of Missouri.

The board serves as the presidential search committee, and a presidential search advisory committee of 19 members has been established to interview candidates. Executive search consultant Jerry Baker of Atlanta is assisting UM with the search.

After reviewing comments from the members of the presidential search advisory committee, the board reached consensus to enter into negotiations with one candidate regarding possible employment and terms and conditions, all contingent upon final approval by the board at a subsequent meeting. On May 30, that candidate advised the board that he could no longer be a candidate as he was going to accept another employment opportunity in the private sector.

At the June 1 meeting in Columbia, board chair Don Walsworth announced that the curators will continue their search and entertain new candidates for the position.

Dr. Gordon H. Lamb is currently serving as interim president. Lamb replaced Dr. Elson S. Floyd, who assumed the presidency of Washington State University in May.

### **Board approves firms for design services at UM-Columbia**

The board approved the selection of firms for various projects, all at UM-Columbia.

Carter-Burgess, Inc., St. Louis, was selected for design services for the utility extensions and for cooling towers. The board approved Rogers-Schmidt Engineering Co., P.C., St. Louis, for design services for campus steam tunnels. The firm of Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc., St. Louis, was chosen for design services for a chilled water plant and piping.

Treanor Architects, P.A., Kansas City, was selected for design services for the Hudson, Gillett and Rollins halls renovation.

### **New mascot for UMSL**

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved changing the UM-St. Louis mascot from the Rivermen/Riverwomen to the Tritons.

UMSL Chancellor Thomas George formed a mascot committee in response to student leaders in 2006. The committee included students, faculty, staff and alumni in the selection of names for consideration.

Tritons was selected as the new mascot. Triton is the seventh moon of the planet Neptune and also has the distinction of being the son of Poseidon/Neptune from Greco-Roman mythology.