

## **Spectrum**

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### **Economic development theme of Walker's tenure as board chair**



In her first report as chair of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, at the Feb. 1 meeting in St. Louis, Cheryl D. S. Walker focused on her theme for the upcoming year - economic development through research, life sciences and technology.

The University added economic development as its fourth mission, in addition to teaching, research and service, in 2003.

During Walker's tenure, each board meeting will contain a component that centers on the economic development theme, with the intent to "highlight the University's great economic development accomplishments and to make others aware of our vitality in that regard."

When thinking of any university system, few consider contributions to the economy beyond training students, Walker said. She cited a University report that describes how economic development is, in fact, achieved and measured in several ways, including the success of graduates and professionals, the majority of whom stay in the state; the operation of the University itself, a \$2.3 billion dollar business that is among the state's largest public corporations; the value added through Extension and continuing education, available in every Missouri county and accessed by more than one million Missourians each year; and the health care provided across the state.

The University also conducts five dollars of research for every one dollar directly invested by the state. "Each campus plays a vital role in producing that return," Walker said.

Economic development efforts not only help the state's economy, but the University supports its own well-being in the process, adding revenues to support teaching, research and service, she said.

Walker also thanked University of Missouri Interim President Gordon H. Lamb, on the occasion of his last board meeting as interim president, for his leadership, dedication, service and guidance.

## **Research Board announces latest University awards**

The University of Missouri Research Board, a University-wide panel composed of 20 faculty members, has awarded more than \$1 million to support 42 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 and then considers the recommendations of the peer reviewers. Ann Miller, the Cynthia Tang Missouri Distinguished Professor of Computer Engineering at Missouri S&T, chairs the research board.

In October, researchers from UM filed 125 requests for grants, totaling more than \$4 million. Approximately 34 percent of the requests were approved and approximately 25 percent of the total dollar amount requested was awarded.

The board granted seven engineering requests for a total of \$182,683; 11 in humanities and fine arts for a total of \$211,077; 10 in life sciences for a total of \$395,703; six in physical sciences and mathematics for a total of \$257,083; and eight in social and behavioral sciences for a total of \$138,987.

### **MU**

- **Moises Arce**, Political Science, \$18,500
- **Marybeth Brown**, Physical Therapy, \$28,600
- **Donald Burke**, Molecular Microbiology Immun., \$27,400
- **Shawn Christ**, Psychological Sciences, \$20,000
- **Juanamaria Cordones-Cook**, Romance Language & Literature, \$16,282
- **Jack Draper**, Romance Language & Literature, \$3,332
- **Dan Edidin**, Mathematics, \$13,215
- **Lori Eggert**, Biological Sciences, \$41,414
- **Rangira Gallimore**, Romance Languages, \$10,000
- **Michael Garcia**, Biological Sciences, \$32,900
- **Christopher Hardin**, Medical Pharmacy & Physiology, \$26,800
- **Pamela Hinton**, Nutritional Sciences, \$33,600
- **Timothy Holtsford**, Biological Sciences, \$36,700
- **Zhiqiang Hu**, Civil Environmental Engineering, \$25,011
- **Toni Kazic**, Computer Science, \$24,800
- **Scott Kovaleski**, Electrical & Computer Engineering, \$31,300

- **Lampo Leong**, Art, \$7,918
- **Yingkui Li**, Geography, \$20,733
- **Rajiv Mohan**, Ophthalmology, \$27,300
- **Wouter Montfrooij**, Physics & Astronomy, \$32,360
- **Stephen Quackenbush**, Political Science, \$13,000
- **Christine Spinka**, Statistics, \$13,000
- **Margit Tavits**, Political Science, \$16,500
- **Mahesh Thakkar**, Neurology, \$30,100
- **Kathy Timms**, Obstetrics/Gynecology, \$30,700
- **Vitor Trindade**, Economics, \$19,000
- **Troy Zars**, Biological Sciences, \$32,700

#### **UMKC**

- **Tina Hines**, Nursing, \$26,200
- **Gregory King**, Civil & Mechanical Engineering, \$26,800
- **Pei-Wei Lin**, Civil & Mechanical Engineering, \$20,604
- **Clancy Martin**, Philosophy, \$3,000

#### **Missouri S&T**

- **Baojun Bai**, Geological Science & Engineering, \$29,600
- **Xiaoping Du**, Mechanical Engineering, \$24,472
- **Hai Xiao**, Electrical & Computer Engineering, \$31,800

#### **UMSL**

- **Eike Bauer**, Chemistry & Biochemistry, \$25,062
- **Berit Brogaard**, Philosophy, \$10,000
- **Steven Bruce**, Psychology, \$24,000
- **Laurie Greco**, Psychology, \$40,000
- **Jingyue Liu**, Physics & Astronomy, \$18,000
- **Wendy Olivas**, Biology, \$30,100
- **Patricia Parker**, Biology, \$34,800
- **Eamonn Wall**, English, \$10,000

## **Danuser appointed interim vice president for human resources**



K. Blake Danuser, Ph.D., has been appointed interim vice president for human resources for the University of Missouri System, effective Jan. 1, 2008.

Since November 1999, Danuser has served as associate vice president for employee relations. His responsibilities in that role have included formulating human resources policies and procedures; directing human resources development, service, educational and grievance programs; and serving as the University's principal representative in labor union discussions.

Danuser first began working in human resources for the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1980, when he became coordinator of employee relations. He previously served as assistant director of admissions at MU for seven years. Danuser joined the UM System in 1982 as manager of human resources development.

He received his bachelor's degree in English and his master's and doctoral degrees in higher and adult education from MU.

Danuser is the interim successor for R. Kenneth Hutchinson, who retired at the end of 2007.

A search committee has been appointed to consider candidates for the permanent vice presidency.

## **University of Missouri Briefs**

### **Board approves residence hall rates for next academic year**

At its Feb. 1 meeting in St. Louis, the University of Missouri Board of Curators approved room and board charges for fiscal year 2009. The rates are effective beginning summer 2008.

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 2.7 percent at MU, 3.3 percent at UMKC, 5.6 percent at Missouri S&T, and 5.2 percent at UMSL. Increases above inflation, 4.1 percent, are due to changes in the number of meals served and facility improvements.

Curators will approve tuition rates and student activity, facility and health service fees for the 2008-2009 academic year at an upcoming board meeting.

### **Board approves firms for construction projects**

The board approved the selection of various firms for construction projects at its Feb. 1 meeting.

Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc., of St. Louis, was selected for design-build bridging services for the Benton Stadler Science Complex addition and renovation at UMSL. The same firm was approved for design services for the Surgery Tower at UM Health Care.

The board also approved the change of schematic design prepared by Cannon Design, St. Louis, for the Orthopaedics Institute at UM Health Care.

The board approved a designbuild project to build a new Student Union at UMKC. The schematic design for the Miller Nichols Library renovation and Interactive Learning Center addition at UMKC, prepared by Peckham, Guyton, Albers & Viets, Inc., St. Louis, also was approved by the board.

### **2008 board committee appointments**

#### **Executive Committee**

Bo Fraser, Chair

John M. Carnahan III

Doug Russell

Cheryl D. S. Walker, ex officio

#### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Judith G. Haggard, Chair

Marion H. Cairns

Doug Russell

David G. Wasinger

Tony Luetkemeyer, ex officio

**Compensation and Human Resources Committee**

Warren K. Erdman, Chair

John M. Carnahan III

Bo Fraser

Don Walsworth

Cheryl D. S. Walker, ex officio

**External Affairs Committee**

Marion H. Cairns, Chair

Warren K. Erdman

Doug Russell

Cheryl D. S. Walker, ex officio

Tony Luetkemeyer, ex officio

University President, ex officio

**Finance and Audit Committee**

Doug Russell, Chair

Marion H. Cairns

Bo Fraser

Don Walsworth

**Governance Committee**

Don Walsworth, Chair

Marion H. Cairns

John M. Carnahan III

Warren K. Erdman

Cheryl D. S. Walker, ex officio

University President, ex officio

### **Physical Facilities and Management Services Committee**

Don Walsworth, Chair

Judith G. Haggard

David G. Wasinger

### **Resources and Planning Committee**

David G. Wasinger, Chair

Warren K. Erdman

Judith G. Haggard

### **2008 board meeting schedule**

Live audio web streaming of open Board of Curators meetings can be accessed at <http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/curators/meetings/stream.shtml>. Archived audio files searchable by content also will be available online following each meeting.

- April 3-4, Missouri S&T
- June 5-6, Columbia, Mo.
- July 11, Teleconference
- Sept. 4-5, UMKC
- Oct. 23-24, MU
- Dec. 4-5, Columbia, Mo.