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Graduate School interim dean Leona Rubin has had an impressive career since joining MU in 1989. Her current role requires interaction with a number of campus schools and colleges. Photo by Rob Hill.

Leona Rubin works campuswide as head of the Graduate School

When Leona Rubin came to MU in 1989 as a professor of biomedical sciences, she did not imagine she'd ever be in charge of the [Graduate School \(http://gradschool.missouri.edu/\)](http://gradschool.missouri.edu/). This summer, Rubin started her position as interim dean of the school.

Her past experience of working with graduate students and serving as chair of Faculty Council from 2009 to 2011 has helped her in the position. "I think [having the] exposure to multiple divisions on campus and the faculty across the campus is really good for a graduate dean," she said.

Rubin is a professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and a cardiovascular research scientist. Her research involves how cardiac muscles work at the cellular level. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Temple University, a master's degree in zoology from Rutgers University and a doctoral degree in cell biology from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Before coming to MU, she taught at Washington University in St. Louis as a postdoctoral fellow. While working on her PhD, she taught medical students at the University of Colorado at Denver.

The best and the most challenging part of being dean, Rubin said, is that she works campuswide. She needs to be aware of what's going on in all parts of the campus since research by graduate students plays an important role at the university.

As interim dean, Rubin and other faculty members are looking at new interdisciplinary programs that might attract graduate students to MU and provide undergraduate students options for in-depth studies.

“There are certainly programs that faculty are interested in moving on and getting created,” she said. Some of these programs involve working “around specific research or scholarship areas.” Through such programs, MU faculty and students would be able to stimulate unique questions and approaches on different subjects they’re studying, Rubin said. “Over the next year, I’ll help them do that.”

Carolyn Henry, a professor of oncology at the College of Veterinary Medicine, said Rubin’s experience and dedication serves the dean position well.

“I believe Dr. Rubin is an excellent fit for her new position, given her academic credentials and track record of mentorship, her ability to approach new challenges with an open mind and fresh perspective, and her unwavering commitment to the educational experience of students at MU,” said Henry, Mizzou Advantage One Health/One Medicine facilitator.

“I have watched her career flourish over the years and have witnessed her commitment to research, education and to MU,” Henry said.

— *JeongAn Choi*

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Council explores Renew Mizzou planning process

The topic of shared governance has preoccupied Faculty Council in recent years. Many council members say they want more voice in administrative decisions that involve curriculum.

On Aug. 22, the first council meeting of the fall semester, council took up the issue again, this time as it pertains to Renew Mizzou, the three-building construction project that will require moving some 600 employees to temporary offices.

Council is investigating whether faculty had input on two administrative decisions: moving instructors and staff out of Jesse, Pickard and Swallow halls, and moving Pickard's Museum of Art and Archaeology and Swallow's Museum of Anthropology to Mizzou North, two miles from campus in the old Ellis Fischel Cancer Center building.

Moving the museums off campus to Mizzou North influences curriculum because the museums can't readily be used by instructors as teaching aides, said Faculty Council Chair Craig Roberts.

Michael Sykuta, associate professor in the Division of Applied Sciences, was a guest speaker at the meeting. He is one of six faculty on the 23-member panel of the Campus Planning Committee, which "advises the vice chancellor for administrative services on the facility needs of the campus," according to the MU Standing Committee's website. The committee meets three times during semesters and also hosts a town hall meeting, Sykuta said.

Sykuta said the project was never discussed with faculty on the committee. "The decision was made apart from that committee," he said.

Harry Tyrer, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, responded: "I'm a little bothered that you're saying that this move, which discomfited a number of people, is out of the purview of your committee."

Sykuta, however, began to qualify his words. He admitted that he had not attended all the committee meetings over the last year and that the committee was involved in long-term building planning, which might not be relevant to Renew Mizzou.

At a July 17 public forum sponsored by Faculty Council, Jackie Jones, vice chancellor of administrative services, said the Renew Mizzou project came together relatively quickly when administrators determined that it would be cost-effective to proceed with the building work simultaneously during a specific window of time. Sykuta acknowledged that the Campus Planning Committee wouldn't address building decisions made in the short-term. "The committee looks at what campus will look like five years from now," he said.

Council members wondered whether the Campus Planning Committee was the right committee for addressing their questions pertaining to faculty input in the Renew Mizzou project. Some council members suggested other committees that might have had an active role in Renew Mizzou planning, but no consensus was reached on which committees to investigate.

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### The Adventures of Mark Twain



Renovating Mark Twain Hall began in 2011. It houses 380 residents. Photo by Nicholas Benner.

Mark Twain reopens after major renovations

After undergoing \$21.7 million in renovations, Mark Twain residence hall held its grand opening Aug. 7 just in time for the fall 2013 semester.

Mark Twain was built in 1963 by the private Chicago-based University Dormitory Development Inc. and opened in 1964 to 408 students. Bought by Mizzou in 1986 for \$2.7 million, Mark Twain housed 395 students until it closed for renovations in 2011.

The residence hall opened for students on Aug. 11 with housing for 380 residents. The decrease in the number of residents allowed for an increase in the community space available, including two study rooms and a lounge on each of the seven floors.

One of the biggest interior modifications included moving the sinks and medicine cabinets, which had been located in the student rooms, to a suite-style restroom space that includes a double-basined sink and enclosed shower and toilet space.

Read the rest of the story at MIZZOU magazine's [Web Exclusives \(http://mizzoumag.missouri.edu/2013/08/the-adventures-of-mark-twain/\)](http://mizzoumag.missouri.edu/2013/08/the-adventures-of-mark-twain/).

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The [Chancellor's Diversity Initiative \(http://cdi.missouri.edu\)](http://cdi.missouri.edu) has developed an online diversity course for faculty and staff.

The course is a highly interactive introduction to diversity, particularly as it pertains to working at MU. A core aspect of the course design is peer-to-peer learning through discussion boards in order to draw upon the rich and diverse experiences of colleagues across campus. Other aspects of the class include videos, a reflection journal and self-guided activities.

The free course takes four weeks to complete. The next sessions are Sept. 5–Oct. 6 and Oct. 17–Nov. 17. Classes are limited to 15 participants.

Participants should expect to spend up to three hours a week completing course requirements.

Those who complete all assignments within the time frame will receive a certificate of completion from the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative.

Marlo Goldstein Hode, CDI's graduate coordinator of programming and professional development, said that by course's end, participants will understand

- the different ways diversity is understood and approached in the workplace;
- the relevance and meanings of diversity to individuals, groups, organizations, society and the world;
- fundamental diversity issues such as identity, difference, privilege and bias;
- the three key diversity competence skills.

Sign up at [cdi.missouri.edu/programs-services/diversity101 \(http://cdi.missouri.edu/programs-services/diversity101/\)](http://cdi.missouri.edu/programs-services/diversity101). For more information call Goldstein at 882-2714, or email her at [mbgnb9@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:mbgnb9@mail.missouri.edu).

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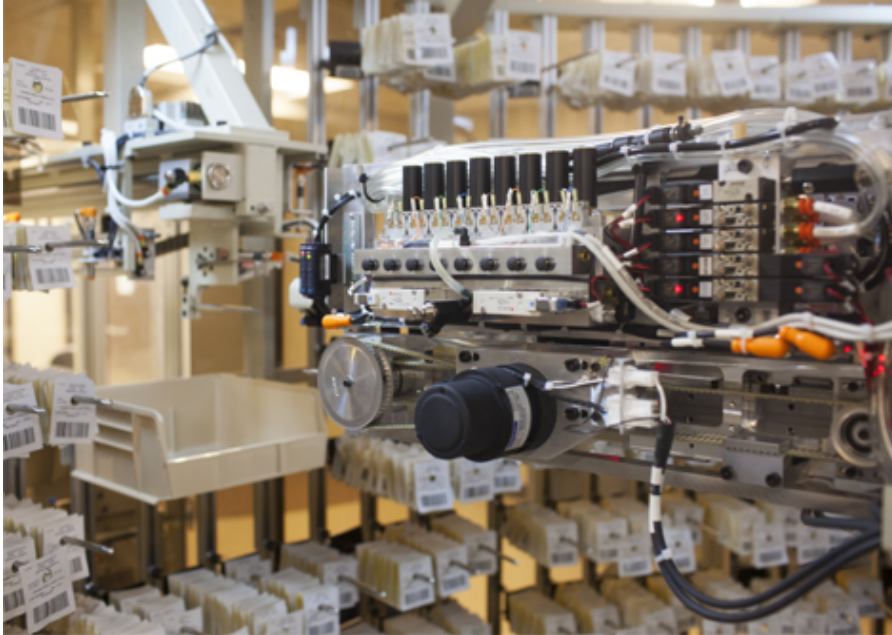
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MU Health Care's Ellis Fischel Cancer Center is full of "smart" technology, including an automated medication dispensing system, shown above. The center's patient rooms, also known as smart rooms, are fitted with devices that record vital signs of blood pressure and pulse and beds that automatically weigh patients. Photo by Rob Hill.

The organization has been on the "most wired" list three years in a row

[MU Health Care \(http://www.muhealth.org/\)](http://www.muhealth.org/) has been recognized as one of the nation's "most wired" health systems for its advanced health care information technology. The announcement came in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine. It is the third year in a row that the hospital has been on the "most wired" list.

The trade magazine's survey honors the top hospitals in the country making progress in adopting health information technology specific to the areas of infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety, and clinical integration.

The MU hospitals and clinics recognized are Children's Hospital, [Ellis Fischel Cancer Center \(http://www.muhealth.org/34-24/hospital/index.php.html\)](http://www.muhealth.org/34-24/hospital/index.php.html), Missouri Orthopaedic Institute, Missouri Psychiatric Center, Missouri Rehabilitation Center, University Clinics, University Hospital, University Physicians, Women's and Children's Hospital, and Health Care Partners.

"Receiving this award for the third straight year shows our focus on using high-tech innovation to provide the most state-of-the-art patient care," said Mitch Wasden, chief executive officer and chief operating officer of MU Health Care.

During the past few years, MU Health Care has implemented numerous improvements to its electronic medical records. In March 2013, it opened the relocated Ellis Fischel Cancer Center at University Hospital.

The center is equipped with 90 "smart" rooms in its care tower, each with technology designed to integrate directly with the health system's electronic medical record (EMR). An example is the vital signs machine that wirelessly uploads data to the EMR in real time.



The tower also incorporates technology developed at MU Health Care by Cerner and the Tiger Institute for Health Innovation.

One is the Always-on Flow Sheet in intensive care unit rooms. The flow sheet displays a patient's vital signs for the past 30 hours on a flat-screen monitor above the patient's bed, giving health care professionals the information they need the moment they walk into the room.

"Our aim is to create a high-tech, high-touch environment," said Bryan Bliven, interim chief information officer at MU Health Care and executive director of the Tiger Institute.

"By integrating technology into health care, we can free clinicians to spend more time at the bedside caring for their patients, and less time writing notes and flipping through patient charts," Bliven said.

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Wives impressed when husbands interact with the children, study finds

Couples who share household chores are happier than couples who don't, an MU study suggests.

But that doesn't mean the couples have to do the same chore, such as both folding the laundry, said Adam Galovan, a doctoral student in the [Department of Human Development and Family Studies \(http://hdfs.missouri.edu/\)](http://hdfs.missouri.edu) who led the study.

"Sharing can mean something different to every couple," Galovan said. "It could be taking turns changing diapers or one parent watching the children while the other prepares dinner. Doing things together and having mutual, agreed-upon divisions of labor benefitted both spouses."

Galovan and colleagues surveyed 160 heterosexual couples to see how the parents divided household responsibilities and how those chores affected their relationship. The couples were married for an average of five years and had at least one child five years old or younger. Most of the parents were between 25 and 30 years old, and about 40 percent of the women had full- or part-time jobs.

"The more wives perceived that husbands were engaged in routine family work tasks, the better the relationships were for both partners," Galovan said.

The bond between fathers and their children also contributed to couples' marital satisfaction, Galovan said.

The study was published this year in the online *Journal of Family Issues*.

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### Report Bias

Is someone in the MU community treating you unfairly? The situation might involve race, physical appearance or something else.

Faculty, staff and students can visit MU [Equity Office \(http://equity.missouri.edu\)](http://equity.missouri.edu)'s [biasreport.missouri.edu \(http://equity.missouri.edu/bias-reporting/\)](http://equity.missouri.edu/bias-reporting/) and file a report. Reports can be anonymously filed. However, if you are identified as the one who filed the report during the investigation, you will be contacted for an interview.

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### Employee assistance

The MU [Employee Assistance Program](https://counseling.missouri.edu/employee-assistance-program/index.php) (EAP) invites faculty and staff to attend the following free sessions:

- Alzheimer's 101: Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's: 12–12:50 pm. Sept. 10, S304 Memorial Union
- Budgeting and Debt: 12–12:50 p.m. Oct. 8, S304 Memorial Union

Register at the EAP Web site, or call 882-6701.

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### Online Calendar

MU has rolled out Mizzou Events, an online calendar full of upcoming events, from sporting events to lectures. This is the official online calendar for MU. To post information at Mizzou Events, faculty, staff and students need only to log in with their university identification. Check it out at [calendar.missouri.edu](http://calendar.missouri.edu) (<http://calendar.missouri.edu>).

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