



March 6, 2024

8:30-10 am

In-person: Bloch Heritage Hall, Room 006

Zoom: <https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/92530646726>

8:30am	Call to Order	Julie Myer, Chair
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8:35am	External Relations Update	Troy Lillebo & Matt Haase Associate Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of External Relations
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- We are the only school in the System that has someone full-time that does legislative work specifically for their campus, MU has someone that works on behalf of the system at state and federal levels.
- We have had 40 meaningful engagements with elected officials- meetings on campus or at Jefferson City in the last year.
- We regularly engage with organizations like the City Chamber. The new Health Sciences building was assisted by not only UMKC, but also the City, County, and Chamber of Commerce that backed up the need for this information.
- Please let us know if you bring elected officials to campus! We may have contacts or background knowledge that can assist.
- 2023 MO Legislative Session, 2292 filed, 56 passed. We have more than 2,000 filed in MO in 2024- we anticipate a lower number of bills passing this year due to various issues within Jefferson.
- We had a very strong year last year. Increased core funding in the largest percentage, possibly ever. Significant funding for MO Excels and Health Sciences building.
- We have a three party system in Jefferson- Freedom Caucus, Democrats, and traditional Republicans. The Freedom Caucus has caused some chaos, one stated, "The time for statesmanship is over."
- Senate Leadership has taken away chair positions of members of their own party, parking passes, and has threatened to take away furniture.
- More than 2 dozen bills banning DEI in higher education have been introduced in state legislation in the past three years. Nine states have passed legislation to limit DEI programs. 29 bills have been tabled, failed to pass, or vetoed. This has been included in every version of the budget bill last year. The medical school focused bills did not pass, but there was elevated concern for our 6 year program and our Medical program. DEI has not featured as prominently this session yet.

- Term limits changed things in MO. You have 8 years to get everything promised on the campaign trail. You have 164 people for 34 seats- it is hyper competitive. We have the 5th largest legislature in the country.
- We have a supermajority with the Republicans in Jeff City, this has caused the splintering within the Republican party. News is going straight to social media as opposed to news headlines. The election cycle and elected positions are very expensive and have turned into a full-time job for a part-time role.
- Americans' confident in higher education continues to fall, this includes legislative bodies. Not a single county in MO has a majority of population with 4 year college degree. In some counties, high school drop outs outweigh 4 year graduates.
- Looking at 2024 election, for the first time since 1860s- Reps hold every single office. It is possible that all statewide officials could be new to the job. We also have a Senate race in MO. The Presidential Race is this year. Everyone wants and needs to make noise this year.
- We are often working to redirect anger- highlighting Pell eligible service, rural health, etc. **If you are working on things, please let us know what we can share with public officials.** Call or email Matt with updates.
- Top Issues
 - 2024 Election
 - DEI- a few bills have already been introduced but things are still a far way from passing
 - Budget
 - Unknowns

8:55 am	February Meeting Minutes Treasurer's Report	Anna Zimmerman, Secretary Jess Pearson, Treasurer
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- Minutes are approved
- \$18,112.96 in our account, because we secured the \$1,000 from Marilyn. A majority of funds are spent at the end of the year. The mysterious \$50 missing was a charge from the Foundation. You pay a 5% administrative charge to the Foundation from any gift received.
- Website has been released, Exec Committee is going through a training later today. If you see things that need to be updated, please reach out to staffcouncil@umkc.edu.

9:00 am	Executive Elections	Kim Kushner, VC of Membership
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- Bylaws were updated this year to separate Exec Council elections with Voting member elections. Voting Member elections are in the Fall and Exec Council

elections are in the Spring. Dates are determined by the bylaws and are quite specific.

- Dates
 - March 2024 Election Opens
 - April 1: Nomination Deadline
 - April 5: Nomination Election Statements Due
 - April 8-12: Executive Council Elections
 - May 2024: Announce Executive Council at the General Body Meeting
- [Nominations and Self-Nominations](#) are encouraged.
- We are nominating for every Executive role due to Staff Council turnover and so terms are staggered for this year to restart the staggered terms moving forward.
- Chair, VC, and Treasurer are 2 year position, Secretary, VC Membership and VC of Communications are 1 year positions for this term- but individuals could rerun again and they will be 2 year positions moving forward
- Be considerate of the term expectations- Chair is a 4 year commitment (2 years as Chair, 2 years as Past Chair), Vice Chair is a 6 year commitment (2 years as Vice Chair, 2 years as Chair, 2 years as Past Chair).
- Julie is the primary point of contact because she will not be running for a position, staffcouncil@umkc.edu.
- Members of the Executive Committee meets once a month, different roles have different responsibilities that may require additional time commitments.

9:10 am

Committee Updates

Committee Chairs

- **Membership**
 - Bylaws update in time for next month's meeting for voting member's review
- **Outreach**
 - Junior Achievement- 4-5 volunteers on March 1st
 - Park Clean Up on April 20th- more information in the newsletter
- **Engagement**
 - Pro Devo attended our last meeting to discuss the Staff Appreciation Lunch during the Conference, they will handle RSVP for lunch WITH the conference
 - Julie Smith will be handling the lunch order since Marilyn will not be in attendance, the decision was made for box lunches this year due to the simplicity
 - Cost will be significantly lower than anticipated, so that extra money will go towards the Staff Social Hour that will be held in the summer before the end of the Fiscal Year
 - Promotion plan will be developed with Pro Devo Committee

- Working with Eateries around campus to see if they would consider offering a discount during the Staff Appreciation Week. If you have a good contact for neighborhood eateries- let me know. External Relations has asked that we do not contact Tiki Taco due to other conversations.
- Subcommittee meeting yesterday for the Amazing Roo Race- if you would like to form a team, Marilyn has fliers available. The flyer and FB post has been sent for social media. Registration starts March 15th until April 26th.
- Dylan Green: Roo Tabletop Games Group, we have a couple groups doing Dungeons and Dragons and a group will be starting a Lord of the Rings tabletop game, feel free to contact me directly- if you're curious and want to come by but not participate, you are welcome.
- **Pro Devo**
 - Stay Tuned for Registration for our May 15th conference, Presenter Request or Closed- if you would still like to present, feel free to reach out directly to Sarah Richardson, Jeina Kummer, or Anna Zimmerman
 - Solidified ex-Chiefs player, Emmanuel Smith- he was a part of the Superbowl Team when they won in 2021
- **Communications**
 - New website launched and we are doing training today, feel free to email Amanda Gasper if you have concerns.
 - The Pro Devo conference, Staff Lunch, Amazing Roo Race, and Exec Committee will be discussed prominently
 - Newsletter out on Friday this week, March 8th

9:20 am	Campus Committee Updates	Committee Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget Committee- there is a lot of pressure, we have been struggling with enrollment and will for the foreseeable future, 8 PhD programs were approved and Bachelor of Architecture have been approved- they will be shared with Higher Learning Commission, updated Strategic Plan has been approved, School of Med gave a background- 6 year Med have 105 join each year, 93% grad rate, 97% match rate after graduation, two highest earning masters are Anesthesia (200k) and Physician Assistants (125k), working with SSE for 7 year Engineering/Med program- this would be one of 3, working to expand PA program to St. Joseph ● Faculty Senate- Met on March 5th, they had VC of Finance and Administration, they have a Safety and Facilities Committees, they are replacing classroom door locks for safety- this would allow faculty to lock from the inside of the classroom, about 50% have been complete, AED devices have been installed, this has a significant cost of \$75,000/year but contributes to safety, Active Shooter and 		

Emergency Response trainings will be encouraged and more accessible for faculty and staff- many of our students have grown up with this training, Active concern related to vehicular theft and damage- this is happening around the country- they are looking to improve gates and lighting, most are happening in late afternoon hours and are instigated by young people recording themselves, coming up next for renovation is the MNL 4th floor and Atterbury, the Steam and Heat plant is finishing its improvements, Facilities has \$20 million, \$8 is utility bills, \$9 is salary and wages, \$3 million is active budget, two proposals are being reviewed for Epperson House

- **ISAC-** to be updated by Julie in the Teams Channel
- **Chancellor's Diversity Council-** to be updated by Julie in the Teams Channel
- **Administrative Council –** to be updated by Julie in the Teams Channel

9:30 am **General Meeting Adjourns**

9:30 am **Exec Board Discussion**

9:55 am **Exec Board Adjourns**