

**Washington University in St. Louis**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
October 7 2019

**1. Call to Order – Andrew Martin, Chancellor**

Chancellor called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of May 7, 2019**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chancellor's Report, Andrew Martin**

The Chancellor updated the faculty on a Missouri bill on abortion (HB 126) passed by MO Legislature at the end of Spring. The University made a statement on this, in opposition signed by the Dean and Chancellor, given the ramifications to the Medical School. The University is working to keep our legal options open. Planned Parenthood has filed a lawsuit, so the law is not being enforced as of now.

On the Provost search, a committee has been formed and significant progress has been made. The goal is to have someone hired by the end of calendar year.

We have started a search for the A&S Dean, but that search has slowed down to wait for the Provost to be hired. Dean Bobick is leading this search, and Park Square as search consultant. We expect to fill this position by the end of the academic year.

Another important issue is crime and its impact on the campus. There have been four armed robberies; three on a Saturday, all the same people doing the robberies. A communication immediately went out. We are taking this issue very seriously. We looked at this but chose not to invest in the Uber program. The Chancellor charged a committee led by Executive Vice Chancellor Hank Webber to work on the issue. The goal is to work on public safety, and secondly to contribute to making St. Louis a safer region. We expect a report by mid-November.

In October there will be a report filed with aggregate data on sexual assault and misconduct. The last report was in 2015. For us, relative to 2015, our results were consistent trending better. But now in 2019 we look slightly worse. The Chancellor stated that is extraordinarily troubling and a significant and ongoing problem.

The Chancellor thanked the faculty for his Inauguration the previous week; he is deeply grateful for it. He expects one first order of business will be that the faculty will roll up their sleeves to work on the Strategic planning process, with the FSC initially. We will get organized over the next six months.

**4. Faculty Senate Council Chair's report, Leila Sadat, Chair of the Faculty Senate Council**

The Faculty Senate Chair thanked the faculty for the honor of serving in this role.

Chair Sadat feels that the campus is on a strong trajectory, with momentum.

On some initiatives that have been completed, the minutes of the FSC will now be available publicly. Our work will be more transparent.

On the strategic planning process, Chair Sadat applauds the strengthening of the Graduate Council and the Pledge to the St. Louis region.

The FSC agenda this year includes a committee to look at bicampus relations, with a report due in a few months. The Ombud's from both the Danforth and WUSM campuses reported to the FSC. On diversity issues, the FSC received a thorough report from Vice Chancellor Adrienne Davis. The FSC received a thorough report on gender pay equity in the Medical School and will follow up on the progress expected on this report.

## **5. Other Business**

A question was raised about the "Pledge" and how it differs from what the campus is currently doing. The Chancellor responded that the pledge covers the full cost of attendance, which differs from what we have been doing. The cost differential is not huge on a per person, but ideally this will help us with yield, adding more and more students.

A question was asked about our campus business model to improve admissions. The Chancellor responded by indicating that we are covering this from the Chancellor's discretionary for 1-2 years and we have been able to improve our Pell eligible enrollment from 6% to over 15%, paid from the endowment. We also have used some funds from discretionary funds from remission. The Chancellor feels all this is the right thing to do as other Universities focus on this. At Washington University the money flows to the academic units. The size of the class will change as a result, get marginally bigger, in the 5-10% range. Our main capacity constraint is housing, but the Chancellor feels that adding students is not a bad thing to do. Chancellor Martin is interested in adding students not in the \$75,000 or more group, competing for them, the best students in our region; we should be competitive for all of them. This is a great benefit to us, as there is a propensity for them to stay in the region and it is important to welcome them here.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy McBride, Secretary