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BOARD OF CURATORS

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**Board of Curators Special Meeting
Teleconference
May 12, 2008**

Curator Walker, Chairwoman of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, convened a special meeting of the Board of Curators at 8:05 A.M., on Monday, May 12, 2008, originating in Conference Room 321 University Hall and at remote locations via conference telephone, pursuant to public notice given of said meeting.

Present

Curator Marion H. Cairns
Curator John M. Carnahan III
Curator Warren K. Erdman
Curator Bo Fraser
Curator Judith G. Haggard
Curator Doug Russell
Curator Cheryl D. S. Walker
Curator Don Walsworth
Mr. Gary D. Forsee, President
Mr. Stephen J. Owens, General Counsel
Ms. Kathleen M. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Curators
Mr. Steven C. Knorr, Vice President for Government Relations
Mr. David R. Russell, Chief of Staff
Ms. Jennifer Hollingshead, Assistant Director, University Communications
Media Representatives

Curator Wasinger was absent from the meeting. A waiver of notice of the special meeting signed by Curator Wasinger is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Notice of this meeting was issued at 3:10 P.M. on Friday, May 9, 2008. The meeting was held on less than 24 hours notice (exclusive of the weekend) for good cause, namely because members of the Board of Curators were not available at a later time that still would ensure timely consideration of Senate Bill 873 by the Board in view of the legislative calendar.

OPEN SESSION

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Board of Curators Special Meeting (Chairwoman Walker)
2. Roll Call of Board of Curators (Secretary Miller)
3. Consideration of Senate Bill 873
4. Recommended Action - Adjourn Special Meeting
5. Adjourn

Status Report on Senate Bill 873 – provided by Vice President Knorr

It was moved by Curator Haggard and seconded by Curators Walsworth that the Board of Curators opposes Senate Bill 873.

Curator Haggard withdrew her motion.
Curator Walsworth withdrew his second.

It was moved by Curator Haggard and seconded by Curator Walsworth, that the following resolution be approved by the Board of Curators:

the Board of Curators opposes Senate Bill 873 for the following reasons:

1. A voting student on the Board of Curators would create a biased constituent seat on an otherwise lay board. There are many constituencies, not limited to faculty, staff and retirees that do not have a dedicated voting member on the Board of Curators.
2. If the State of Missouri loses a congressional seat, it won't happen until the 2010 census. With the congressional boundaries and redistricting yet to have taken place, it is highly unlikely those issues will be resolved before 2011. In that time, consideration should be given to all available options for how a loss of a congressional seat will impact the makeup of the Board of Curators.
3. If Senate Bill 873 is passed, it should not be directed solely to the University of Missouri. Rather, it should be applicable to the governing boards of all higher education institutions in this state.
4. The University of Missouri is a very complex organization with a steep learning curve. With a voting student curator term expiring every two years, the student will barely have been oriented to the policies and issues

over which she/he will be governing, let alone being asked to vote on, by the time the term expires.

5. There is ambiguity between existing law (RSMo 172.030.1) and the proposed legislation. Senate Bill 873 does not make clear whether the voting student curator would have to declare a political party affiliation as is the case with the other curators. Statute requires that no more than five members be of the same political party. Keeping the proper political balance on the board may be more difficult with a two-year voting student curator term. An amendment is needed to clarify 1) the student curator will need to declare a political affiliation, and 2) how a student curator with a two-year term will affect the political party alignment of the remaining curators with six-year terms.
6. Curators are in a leadership position. Leadership skills are developed over time in various facets of life where invaluable experience is gained that is useful in this leadership role as a curator.

Roll call vote:

Curator Cairns voted yes.
Curator Carnahan voted no.
Curator Erdman voted yes.
Curator Fraser voted yes.
Curator Haggard voted yes.
Curator Russell voted yes.
Curator Walker voted yes.
Curator Walsworth voted yes.
Curator Wasinger was absent.

The motion carried by a vote of seven in favor and one opposed.

It was moved by Curator Fraser and seconded by Curator Cairns that the Board of Curators special meeting, May 12, 2008, be adjourned.

Roll call vote:

Curator Cairns voted yes.
Curator Carnahan voted yes.
Curator Erdman voted yes.
Curator Fraser voted yes.
Curator Haggard voted yes.
Curator Russell voted yes.
Curator Walker voted yes.
Curator Walsworth voted yes.

Curator Wasinger was absent.

The motion carried by a vote of eight and zero.

There being no further business to be considered by the Board of Curators, the special meeting adjourned at approximately 8:37 A.M., on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Miller
Secretary of the Board of Curators

Approved by the Board of Curators on June 6, 2008.