



Associated Students of the UNIVERSITY of MISSOURI

Board of Directors, Regular Session
December 1, 2017 | 1:45pm – 3:00pm

Called by Steven Chaffin, Board Chair & Executive Director
Recorded by Jordan Lucas, Board Vice Chair

- 1:55: Welcome – meeting begins with a quorum present
 - Chapter Reports
 - UMSL – end of semester dinner meeting is being planned; the chapter is participating in the campus Spring expo; planning for next semester’s events is underway
 - S&T – the chapter will be conducting an end-of-semester fundraising event; the chapter is participating in the campus Spring O’Rama; end of semester dinner meeting is being planned
 - UMKC – the chapter recently sponsored a breakfast for Veteran’s Day; multiple lunch events with politicians
 - MU – the ASUM fee passed; the chapter recently held an event for women in politics
 - System Update
 - Internship training will be this weekend
 - Session begins January 3
 - The mental health task force meets January 26
 - Working groups are underway
 - Special Session Update
 - Advocacy day was discussed at the special meeting and some decisions were made
 - A Facebook event has been created for Advocacy Day
 - The proposed amendment to the ASUM constitution and bylaws was discussed at the special meeting and changes were proposed
 - A search committee with equal representation from each campus will now be charged with the selection of an executive director
 - The executive director will serve one two-year term only
 - All three of the executive director, legislative director and assistant legislative director must not come from the same campus
 - The board votes unanimously to approve the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws



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- The search for an executive director should begin soon
 - The possibility of the position becoming a fellowship is being explored
 - This could solve the compensation issues that the board discussed earlier this year
- Jerri announces that she will no longer be serving in her role
 - The board thanks Jerri for her contribution to ASUM
- The board discusses taking a position on tuition caps being repealed
 - Steven reminds the board that the issue has been discussed before
 - The UM system was not previously seeking to have the tuition caps removed
 - The UM system is now expected to seek a repeal of the tuition caps
 - Paul Black suggests the board should take a position
 - A system that allows students to pay a fixed tuition rate throughout four years could be good for students
 - Connor Toth suggests that tuition should systematically decrease each year in order to encourage students to finish their degree programs
 - Jordan Lucas opposes removing the tuition caps because a waiver system allows the universities to achieve tuition increases already
 - Christopher Dade reminds the board that there is no cap on fees
 - Playing devil's advocate, suggests that removing the caps could promote transparency
 - Paul suggests that if the tuition caps are removed, this could encourage lawmakers to further cut spending on higher education
 - Natalie Butler reminds the board that state funding has been decreasing and is likely to continue to decrease
 - Nathan Willett suggests that the board consider how other states are handling their budget issues
 - Chelsea Spence suggests that the board consult President Mun Choi
 - Steven has requested materials related to this issue from President Mun Choi



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- Board members should consider formal proposals and submit them to the chair so that a decision can be made at the first meeting of the Spring semester
 - Jordan notifies the board of a letter writing campaign in which UMSL will be engaging related to the increasing of tuition
 - Other campuses are encouraged to join
 - Paul expresses interest
- 2:55pm: Meeting is adjourned