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<td>Call to Order</td>
<td>President John Griesbach called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.</td>
<td>M. Joseph</td>
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<td>Faculty Senate EC Elections</td>
<td>J. Griesbach asked senators to complete their ballots so they could be counted and the results announced toward the end of the meeting.</td>
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<td>Call of the Roll</td>
<td>Secretary Miriam Joseph called the roll.</td>
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<td>Approval of the Minutes</td>
<td>The minutes of the March 21, 2006, Faculty Senate meeting were approved with no amendments.</td>
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<td>Report of the President and Executive Committee</td>
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<td>1. Faculty Senate Elections in the Colleges, Schools, and Libraries – J. Griesbach reminded senators that the Senate Bylaws require constituent units to hold these elections prior to the May Commencement and report results to the Senate secretary by June 15th.</td>
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<td>2. Faculty Senate Committees Annual Reports – J. Griesbach announced these are forthcoming and will be posted on Senate Web site. The new EC will address committee membership and new committee charges.</td>
<td>M. Joseph, Senators</td>
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<td>3. Faculty Senate Fall Kickoff – The program, scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th, will follow last year's format.</td>
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<td>4. St. Louis Conference for Contingent Faculty – This conference, co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate, was held on April 8th. A summary of the conference activities is included in senators’ packets. J. Griesbach noted the contributions of SLU faculty Jack Stretch and Claudia Hilton. He noted that while the Senate has concerns about contingent faculty issues, the Senate does not represent contingent faculty.</td>
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<td>5. John A. Slosar Shared Governance Award – The Award Committee is composed of Jeanne Donnelly (chair), John Slosar and Bill True. J. Donnelly solicited nominations and noted that, if an award is made, it will be presented at the Fall Kickoff Dinner.</td>
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<td>6. Faculty Senate Compensation and Fringe Benefits Committee – Steve Fliesler reported that the Committee, chaired by Joyce Dana, has met monthly. It has developed and soon will distribute to all full-time faculty a short, electronically accessible but anonymous survey of faculty interests and priorities regarding salary and benefits. Senators are asked to encourage their colleagues to respond. The results will inform future discussion with the Provost and President.</td>
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<td>7. University Commencement – M. Joseph recounted the various issues raised as impediments to greater faculty participation and asked that senators contact her with additional comments. A recommendation made today was that access to Savvis Center elevators should be made available to persons with disabilities.</td>
<td>Senators</td>
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| Report of the President and Executive Committee Continued | 8. Best Practices Travel Policy – S. Fliesler led a lively discussion about this policy. While some positive comments were made, most of the feedback was very negative. Some of the issues include inconvenience, added complexity and paperwork, issues pertaining to trips made with grant monies, accrual of frequent flyer miles, reimbursements for meals, implementation of University credit cards, international travel difficulties, and reimbursement for cash expenses.

S. Fliesler asked senators to contact him with their personal assessments of the policy, based on their own experiences, and asked them to encourage their colleagues to do the same. He will raise the matter on May 8th at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the School of Medicine and urged senators to raise it with their own constituent faculty assemblies. J. Griesbach said this issue would be assigned to the Senate’s Faculty Resources Committee. |

| Learning Management Systems (LMS) Report | A faculty/ITS staff committee explored alternatives to the current LMS, WebCT Campus Edition v.4.1, which soon will no longer receive vendor product support. Committee members Chuck Kirkpatrick (A&S) and Andrew Wimmer (ITS) provided details of the Committee’s work and its rationale in recommending that SLU acquire the WebCT Campus Edition v6. They addressed the reasons for change, the process by which alternatives to the current system were identified, the product selection timeline, the implementation timeline, the primary needs identified by the Committee members personally and through a faculty survey, the alternative vendors and products considered. Senators were provided a handout summarizing these points. A Q&A period followed. J. Griesbach observed that there has been no opportunity for general faculty input into this decision. A. Wimmer replied that faculty will receive a link to the full Committee report and a demo version of the recommended system so they can try it out and provide feedback. |

| Faculty Manual | J. Griesbach stated that Faculty Manual Draft Revision 8 and the list of significant changes were posted on the Senate Web site on April 12th. The Board of Trustees will vote on the revision at its May 6th meeting. He briefly reviewed some of the changes, many of which were identified at prior Senate meetings:

1. Faculty Senate approval is not required for any policy changes; however, consultation with the Senate is required.
2. The appointments process was revised to clarify the authority of the Provost.
4. Draft Revision 8 includes a new section on University Citizenship, which expresses expectations for faculty in functional and ceremonial activities. It recognizes the fact that faculty status brings with it responsibilities in this area, while also considering participation in these duties as part of faculty service.
5. The Physician Services text has been revised and expanded.
6. The Privacy section originally contained a section dealing with documents of a personal nature, but this text was unacceptable to the General Counsel’s office so it was dropped. We will rely on general practice, law, and grievance procedures to protect faculty. |
7. Major revisions were made to the processes of nonrenewal and termination. The arbitration system was replaced with a peer review system, and the role of attorneys was de-emphasized. J. Griesbach noted that there has been only one termination case in the past three decades that has gone through the entire process.

8. Limitations on the Professional Relations Committee's authority will make it difficult for UMG faculty to challenge salary reductions.

9. The role of the Board of Trustees in the Manual revision process has been changed from approval to adoption.

J. Griesbach presented the motion from the EC that the Faculty Senate approve Draft Revision 8, which was transmitted to the Provost on April 13, 2006. The motion was seconded. Ian Redmount noted that positive feedback has been received from the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. J. Griesbach reported that the EC, I. Redmount, and J. Slosar have continued to work on this Manual, including the changes from the document approved by the Senate in April 2005. He also noted that Draft Revision 8 reflects the first truly significant input from the General Counsel’s office.

The motion passed unanimously. J. Griesbach will inform the Provost of the Senate’s vote.

J. Griesbach

Faculty Senate EC Elections

J. Donnelly announced that Miriam Joseph was elected President-Elect, Tony Houston was elected Secretary, Steve Fliesler was re-elected to the EC (his second full at-large term) and Jan Wilson also was elected to an at-large EC term.

The Senate Officers and the Executive Committee Members for 2006-2007:

- President: John M. Griesbach, JD, LL.M, Law School
- President-Elect: Miriam E. Joseph, PhD, MLS, University Libraries
- Executive Secretary: Tony Houston, PhD., Arts and Sciences
- At-Large Member: Steven Fliesler, PhD., School of Medicine
- At-Large Member: Matt Mancini, PhD., Arts and Sciences
- At-Large Member: Bill True, PhD., School of Public Health
- At-Large Member: Jan Wilson, ACSW, LCSW, College of Public Service/School of Social Work

Old Business

J. Griesbach expressed his thanks to outgoing senators for their service and noted that Dennis Tuchler (Law) is retiring. He thanked Rick Breslin for his wisdom and experience as an EC member for seven years, including two as Senate President. He also recognized J. Donnelly, who is stepping down after five years on the EC, including three as secretary, for her organizational skills and willingness to serve as needed.

New Business

Ian Redmount asked that the Senate grant an ovation to J. Griesbach to recognize him for his first successful year in the Senate presidency.

Mark Knuepfer announced that efforts are underway to start a local AAUP chapter at SLU. He provided some background on the AAUP, noting that there currently are 37 AAUP members on campus. The new chapter will need officers and bylaws. He asked senators to think about issues with which the AAUP might be able to help. J. Griesbach noted that the EC views the AAUP as a complimentary organization and said the Faculty Senate will support this endeavor.
Closing Comments

J. Griesbach said that the EC will continue to meet over the summer and invited senators to contact the EC as issues arise. Senators will be informed of the Fall 2006 meeting schedule and be reminded of the Fall Kickoff toward the end of the summer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam E. Joseph
Executive Secretary