## SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
**CALLED SPECIAL FACULTY MEETING**
**NOTES**
**October 28, 2009**

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<td>Call to Order</td>
<td>Faculty Senate President J. Langan called the meeting to order with a moment of silence/prayer at 3:35 p.m. in Lecture Hall B in the School of Nursing</td>
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| Introductory presentation by L. Biondi, President | • Thanked faculty for attending  
• Strive for cooperation and sharing of information  
• Background of changing environment; institutions are getting too big to manage  
• Dr. Weixlmann felt job was too complex; need two people  
• Moved more quickly due to leaked information; no intent to exclude Provost title or responsibilities  
• We are going to have a Graduate School, but it doesn’t have to follow the same format, cyclic process from decentralization to centralization back to decentralization |  |
| Presentation by M. Patankar, Interim Provost/Dean-Parks College | • Gave background of process in proposing change in administrative structure of the Graduate School  
• Working from academic plans put together by the individual Deans submitted last Spring to Provost  
• Discussions with the VP’s and the Executive Staff  
• Consultation is an on-going process including Faculty Senate, Deans, and individual faculty  
• Structure of the Graduate School currently is limiting preventing moving forward from where we are to where we want to go  
• Barriers exist that are beyond the current structures control  
• Assistantships salaries too low and can’t compete with other institutions  
• Need endowed faculty positions to improve reputation  
• Need to look at marketing and recruitment  
• We have an existing infrastructure in the undergrad programs that could benefit graduate programs  
• Reviewed other University structures and found 50/50 split between centralized and decentralized graduate programs  
• Reputation of Graduate School rests with faculty  
• Organizational structure: started drawing chart when met with EC  
• Had other meeting with others to develop proposal  
• Senior VP Health Sciences and Senior VP Frost  
• Team work was cross disciplinary  
• Some processes and structures will be updated and others will be left as is  
• Rank and Tenure will remain same  
• Contracts will be handled individually  
• Grievances will go through process: those involving Medical Campus will go through Frost and those involving Frost will go through Medical Campus  
• CAAD will remain as is  
• UAAC will remain as is |  |
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| • GAAC will have to be worked out  
• Transition team in place with reps from the various colleges to make sure of appropriate functions  
• Will also consult Faculty Senate  
• For now graduate assistantships will remain intact  
• While in transition trying to keep things stable  
• Marketing and enrollment handled by Enrollment Management  
• Admissions decisions still with faculty  
• Strategic Plan: What is the big picture? Where are we headed?  
• Revising the Strategic Plan: now circulating drafts  
• Make sure to share with more stakeholders  
• Key items: how do we get to getting to be the finest University while continuing to grow enrollment  
• Recognize global needs  
• Strong in social justice  
• Use multidisciplinary approach by using joint appointments  
• Align budget planning with strategic plan  
• What are the priorities? What resources do we need?  
• Look at a multi-year budget, 4 to 5 years out | |
| Presentation by P. Alderson, VP-Health Sciences/Dean, School of Medicine | • One of this University strengths is its faculty  
• Have been working with EC; current focus is teamwork  
• Concept of the Medical Home: bring it across the University  
• Graduate School Issue: just a different administrative structure  
• Nothing going away  
• Goal of getting governance closer to the governed  
• Have “town meetings” | |
| Discussion from Faculty | • Faculty Manual violated; the process outlined was not followed  
• L. Biondi confused as to what “consultation” includes  
• Faculty feelings and comments forceful: want to stop process until further consultation can be taken with faculty  
• J. Langan wants faculty to decide on the process for obtaining this consultation  
• L. Biondi agreed to put further action on hold regarding both the Graduate School and the Provost issues until further consultation with faculty  
• J. Langan proposed a special Faculty Senate meeting to determine process to be used | |
| Next Meeting | Special Faculty Senate called meeting November 10, 2009, BSC, Room 171 | |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. | |

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Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Hoechst, Secretary, Faculty Senate