We transform LIVES

University of Missouri–St. Louis
State of the University Address
Dr. Kristin Sobolik, Interim Chancellor and Provost
September 19, 2019
Congratulations!

- The Higher Learning Commission reaccredited UMSL for 10 years without any restrictions, praising the campus for exceeding its core accreditation criterions.

“UMSL is a vital anchor institution to the St. Louis region and the successful implementation of its strategic plan should maintain that status for years to come.” – HLC Accreditation Report
5-Year Strategic Plan

• Mission, Vision, Core Values
• Missouri Compacts for Excellence
  – Student Success
  – Research and Creative Works
  – Inclusive Excellence
  – Community Engagement and Economic Development
  – Planning, Operations and Stewardship
Student Success

• By any measure – educating and graduating students is UMSL’s most strategic priority.

  – UMSL issued nearly 3,000 degrees and certificates in FY19
    • Summer session: 525
    • Fall session: 1,022
    • Spring session: 1,439
  – Joining our 103,000 alumni; 73% live and work in the region
Student Success

- UMSL continues to score well in recent U.S. News rankings
  - UMSL remains a Tier 1 national research institution with a ranking of 140 among all public universities
  - New Measure: Social Mobility ranking how well universities graduate students who receive Pell Grants
  - UMSL in the Top 100 – one of only two institutions in Missouri
UMSL outperforms expected student graduation rate, according to New York Times study.

- UMSL’s six-year graduation rate is 5 percentage points higher than expected given the rates at universities with similar student demographics
- Only public institution in Missouri that over-performed its expected graduation rate
Student Success

• Incoming first-time freshmen class set academic record – 24.25 Average ACT/3.45 GPA
  – Freshman class reached 1,086
• Overall student headcount is down about 3% at 16,007 – which mirrors a national trend of declining enrollments for the past eight years
Student Success

• Strategic Enrollment Planning with RNL
• New Degree Programs
  – BSBA in Entrepreneurship, BS in Computing Technology,
    BS and MS in Cybersecurity, BA in International Relations,
    BS in Actuarial Science, BA in Organizational Leadership,
    BS in Sport Management
• UM System eLearning Initiative
• Consolidated Student Academic Support Services (SASS) unit
• Addition of cross country and track and field
UMSL student-athletes are winners in the classroom

- Record 3.34 GPA
- 117 UMSL student-athletes earned Academic All-Conference honors last academic year from the Great Lakes Valley Conference.
Student Success

- UMSL student-athletes are winners on the field
  - GLVC Softball Champions
  - Men’s Golf, national Top-10 finish
  - 4 NCAA Tournament team appearances
  - 5 All-Region Honors
  - 9 GLVC Players of the Week
  - 17 All GLVC picks
Research and Creative Works

• Research Expenditures
  – FY19 – $27M
  – FY18 – $24M
  – FY17 – $20M
  – FY16 – $18M
  – FY15 – $16M

• Increase focus on undergraduate research opportunities; Dr. Kate Votaw, PLHC
UMSL faculty participate in $20.5M research initiative spearheaded by UM System connecting to our shared NextGen Precision Health Initiative

- Microscope Imaging and Spectroscopy Tech Lab: Cynthia Dupureur with Michael Nichols, Keith Stine, Xuemin Wang, Lon Chubiz and Fredrik Inglis

- Glycoscience Consortium: Alexei Demchenko, Keith Stine, Eike Bauer, Chris Spilling, Chung Wong, Michael Nichols,

- Two additional collaborations with Missouri S&T led by Jianli Pan and George Zsidisin
Research and Creative Works

• Precision Health Initiative Faculty Leads
  – Cancer Working Group – George Gokel, Chemistry
  – Vascular Working Group – Keith Stine, Chemistry and Biochemistry
  – Neurological Working Group – Robert Paul, MIMH; Jodi Heaps-Woodruff, MIMH
Engagement, Economic Development

• UMSL is a model Anchor Institution for the region
  – Anchor Institution Network
  – Karl Guenther, Director of Anchor Institution Initiative

• Community Innovation and Action Center

• MU Extension

• UM Engagement Week, Oct. 21
Engagement, Economic Development

- STL Regional Data Alliance Expands UMSL’s Impact
  - 150+ Community Leaders
  - Transformative Projects with the City, County, and United Way
  - Leveraging Local Corporate Data Talent and Resources

- Working with UMSL and MU Extension on Powerful Data Access for Students & Researchers
Engagement, Economic Development

- **Innovation Interchange**
  - Federally funded project to establish an online portal to connect businesses and industry with faculty expertise and identify student internship opportunities

- **Cooperative effort among UM System and SIU System universities; housed at UMSL**
Engagement, Economic Development

• University Square Community Development Corporation
  – Finalizing details for a privately funded housing and retail development adjacent to the UMSL campus
  – Includes UMSL, Normandy, North County Inc. and St. Louis County
Engagement, Economic Development

• St. Louis Public Radio continues to excel as a national model for excellence and serve as one of UMSL’s premiere community-focused assets
• Attracted a record $5.5M in private gifts and grants
• Steady on-air audience with a record-setting 5.9M website views – a one-year increase of 17%
• Numerous awards from Radio Television Digital News Association and Missouri Broadcasters Association
Inclusive Excellence

• Inaugural class of the USC Equity Institute
  – Examine issues of diversity, equity and inclusion to identify opportunities to improve and advance equity at UMSL
  – Expanding to include additional cohorts
Inclusive Excellence

• UMSL Cultural Center
  – Strategic Plan action to establish an UMSL Cultural Center that will serve as the framework for campus programming
  – The Cultural Center Committee’s draft report will be posted online for feedback by next week
Inclusive Excellence

- UMSL Common Read – *If Beale Street Could Talk*
  - Foster conversations about diversity and inclusion within our community and campus
  - Provide a shared intellectual experience that connects students, faculty, staff and our community
  - Includes online reading guides, film and documentary screenings, Gallery 210 exhibition and community lecture series

2019 State of the University Report
UMSL realized a balanced budget for 3rd consecutive year and maintained reserves.

Focused on investments:
- Scholarships
- Merit raises
- Infrastructure

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Planning, Operations, Stewardship

• Space consolidation plan to enhance academic and research footprint onto the North Campus
  – School of Social Work will move to Social Sciences and Business Bldg.
  – Department of Music will move to the Arts and Administration Bldg.; HR will move to Woods Hall
  – Missouri Institute of Mental Health

• Decommission of facilities
Planning, Operations, Stewardship

• Year-end fundraising: $24,629,878
  – Scholarships, facilities, research, public service
  – Increased annual Alumni Giving Rate to 6.1% - higher than the 5% median alumni participation rate for public universities

UMSL Bridge Program Express Scripts Scholars
Planning, Operations, Stewardship

- Missouri Compact Scholarship Initiative
  - Unprecedented opportunity for donors to double their impact with up to $42M in matching funds from UMSL and UM System.
  - Need and Merit based scholarships to increase access to education, increase retention and reduce debt upon graduation.
Student Success

• UMSL Honors College
  – 591 students including 190 in the incoming class
  – 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio

• Flexible programs allow high-achieving students to personalize their education leading to an Honors Certificate
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