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To: Faculty Senate

Date: April 10, 2009

From: Douglas R. Carroll

Re: President's Report

Curators Breakfast: The Curators Breakfast was held April 2nd and 3rd in the Carver and Turner rooms of the Havener Center. Dr. Paul Worsey and his students provided a very interesting and entertaining presentation about the Explosives Program at the university. The breakfast provided a good opportunity for faculty, administrations, staff, students, Curators, politicians, and Trustees to socialize and exchange ideas. The breakfast was a success.

Global Studies Minor: The Curriculum Committee has reviewed the proposal for a minor in Global Studies, and will recommend that the minor be approved at the Faculty Senate Meeting April 16, 2009. The Global Studies minor has been "in the works" for over two years. There are faculty who support the proposal and faculty who oppose the proposal. I hope that we can have a final discussion about the minor and take a vote at the meeting.

Tenure and Promotion: The Tenure Committee will propose a revision to the campus procedures for tenure and promotion at the April 16, 2009 meeting. The committee has spent a tremendous amount of effort in developing the proposed revisions. Two open forums have been held to give faculty the opportunity to comment and make suggestions. The committee will ask the Faculty Senate to support the proposed revision.

Bylaws Revision: The Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee will propose a revision to the Faculty Bylaws at the April 16, 2009 meeting. The proposed revision has been reviewed by the Provost and Chancellor and is currently under review by UM Legal. An open forum was held to give faculty the opportunity to comment and make suggestions. Revision of the Bylaws must be approved by a vote at the General Faculty meeting, and then it must be approved by the Board of Curators. The committee will be asking for an endorsement by the Faculty Senate in preparation of asking for approval of the proposed revision at the General Faculty meeting in May, 2009.

Faculty Grievance Procedure: At the April Board of Curators meeting, the Curators approved that Missouri S&T will participate in the pilot study for a new faculty grievance process. The Faculty Senate had voted unanimously at the February meeting to ask the Curators to include Missouri S&T in the pilot program. The proposed grievance procedure is a streamlined process that should expedite the resolution of grievance issues.