

GOVERNANCE OF THE INSTITUTION

The University of Missouri is a constitutionally established unit of the State of Missouri: "The general assembly shall adequately maintain a state university and such other educational institutions as it may deem necessary." (The Missouri Constitution of 1945, article IX, SS 9a, 9b) The Constitution also established a Board of Curators. "The government of the state universities shall be vested in a Board of Curators consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." In 1994 House Bill Number 1139, Section 172.035 enacted the appointment of a student representative to the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri, appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve without vote. The Curators are given a wide range of power by statute, as summarized in the [Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri](#).

The University of Missouri-Rolla is one of four campuses which comprise the University of Missouri System. The Board of Curators employs the System Administration, which consists of the President of the University of Missouri, four vice-presidents, and various other administrative staff members. This group is responsible for implementing Board policy.

The State of Missouri also has a Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), established in 1974 to serve as a clearing-house for budget development and program coordination for all Missouri's public higher education. The Board of Curators is not subordinate to the CBHE but rather works with it to establish coordinated legislative requests for funding of higher education and to maintain a comprehensive program of higher education for the citizens of the state.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS

		Term Expires:
President:	Mary L. James (Harrisonville)	1-1-05
Vice President	Thomas E. Atkins (Columbia)	1-1-07
Members:	Angela M. Bennett, J.D. (Kansas City)	1-1-07
	Connie Burkhardt (St. Louis)	1-1-05
	Marion H. Cairns (Webster Groves)	1-1-09
	M. Sean McGinnis (Springfield)	1-1-05
	Anne C. Ream, O.D. (West Plains)	1-1-07
	Cheryl D. S. Walker (St. Louis)	1-1-09
	Don Walsworth (Marceline)	1-1-09
Student Rep:	Shawn J. Gebhardt, UM-Kansas City	5-3-05