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President announces provost

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University President Troy Paino announced Tuesday that Joan Poor will be the new provost and vice president of academic affairs at Truman State starting July 1.

Poor comes to the position in the second round of applications and more than a year and a half into the search process.

Paino decided to offer the job to Poor last week after hearing feedback on the final four candidates from students and faculty compiled by a search committee.

The job description is providing leadership and strategic direction for the University, and to work toward improving academic outcomes, according to the job advertisement.

"I came back to my office at the end of a day of many meetings and

I had a message from [Paino] on the phone, and I gave him a call back and he made me an offer," said Poor, who currently is the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. "I was thrilled."

She learned she got the job last Wednesday, but Poor heard about the job opening this summer from a mentor and colleague, the former president of St. Mary's College in Maryland where she

worked previously.

"It seemed like a good job for me — one of those jobs where it seemed so good you just had to put in your application," Poor said.

The mission of public liberal arts schools is to provide opportunities to more people for a high-quality education by making it affordable which is what draws Poor to the arts and sciences, she said.

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Student rep. list goes to Nixon

Governor to choose from three student candidates for position on Board

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Student Senate passed a revised list of three candidates for the next student representative to the Board of Governors on Sunday to send to Gov. Jay Nixon, who will appoint one student on the list.

During a two-year term, a representative collaborates with Senate and the student body to communicate students' stances about issues to the Board.

The second slate is composed of Sophomores Anna Elzein and Michael Bushur and freshman Alex Eichstadt.

Elzein replaced sophomore Ben Salmon from the original slate, which Senate failed to pass after a committee led by current student representative senior Luke Freeland and presented it Nov. 13. Please see LIST, Page 7

Board seats near expiration

Nixon scheduled to re-appoint Board of Governor positions

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Two seats on Truman's highest policy-making body, the Board of Governors, are up for reappointment by Gov. Jay Nixon on Jan. 1, but it appears there will be a delay after the New Year before there are new faces on the Board.

Current Board Chair John Sisco and member Cheryl Cozette, Republicans appointed by former Gov. Matt Blunt, are nearing the end of their official six-year terms Jan. 1, 2012. Two more seats, one vacant spot and one occupied by Democrat Mark Wasinger, are overdue for reappointment and the governor's office has not yet selected their replacements.

The Board has 10 members—seven voting members, two non-voting members that must be non-residents of the state and one non-voting student member.

Because Truman is a publicly funded university, Board members represent the voters of Missouri and are appointed by the governor and approved by the Missouri Senate, Nixon's press

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The Kirksville City Council will vote on the proposed \$26.5 million budget Dec. 19

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City Council had the first read of the 2012 Kirksville budget Monday, which amounted to about \$26.5 million, approximately \$2 million less than last year.

City Manager Mari Macomber said projects were figured into the 2011 budget, and because those were completed, the \$2 million wasn't needed for 2012.

She said that because many of last year's projects were finished dealing with storm-water drains and doing updates and renovations of the water plant, that money was removed

from what was allotted this year.

The Kirksville Police Department lost \$1 million in the budget, according to the budget summary that was released with the Dec. 5 Council agenda compared with the 2011 budget summary.

Macomber said that while the numbers look alarming, the majority of the decrease comes from the Human Information Technologies Inc. DNA lab funds that were placed into the police department budget for 2011. The lab plans fell through on the part of the company, therefore the City didn't need the budgeted money.

Macomber said the other cut to police department included her decision not to purchase a new car for Chief of Police Jim Hughes.

"He still has a car, of course," she said. "Replacing his car was just something we didn't think we could afford this year."

The budget summaries also show a \$2 million decrease in the utilities budget because many of the large projects prior to the decrease, such as the water plant improvements and storm-water drain implementation, came from that fund, Macomber said.

She said the process of creating a budget begins during August when the Council meets to create the budget-planning calendar. From there, the department managers are asked to gather their year-end estimates and start planning the projects they want to accomplish the

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McCaskill sponsors grant writing sessions

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Informational sessions about grant writing sponsored by U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill, D, partnered with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development aim to give Missouri business owners resources to overcome economic hard times and create jobs.

These writing sessions have been in rural communities across Missouri during the last week and a half, including a session in Kirksville on Nov. 29.

The goal of the sessions are

"to make sure that Missouri businesses are equipped with the tools needed to succeed and to keep creating jobs," McCaskill's press secretary John LaBombard said.

He said it is McCaskill's effort to ensure Missouri citizens in rural communities have the same access to resources as citizens in bigger cities.

Steven Gerrish, USDA rural development representative, said USDA loans and grants, community facility programs, housing loans programs and home repair loans and grants were discussed at the meeting.

He said two or three other programs were covered that involve revolving loan funds that can be available to rural communities and small businesses.

He said the programs can benefit nonprofit organizations, public bodies, municipalities, water districts and hospitals.

Hidden Treasures owner Sherry Stacey attended the session after hearing about it from her daughter. She said she wanted to attend the session because she has several major renovation projects, including a new roof and heater.

Stacey said she wishes there

was a follow-up session to teach novice grant writers the proper steps that need to be taken and help them with the process. There wasn't a lot of hands-on information, but the session gave her a starting point to begin looking for money, she said.

McCaskill is working to ensure that Missourians have equal access to taxpayer funded programs and that money is granted fairly and based on merit, LaBombard said. She has not been attending these sessions because of her commitments in Washington D.C., he said. However, her

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