Haith says NCAA report does not allege unethical conduct

Mizzou coach Frank Haith acknowledged Tuesday night that he received a notice of allegations from the NCAA but said the document did not include a charge of unethical conduct as was reported last month.

Haith received his notice at the same time Miami was made aware of allegations stemming from the NCAA's two-year investigation. The Associated Press reported that Miami was charged with "a lack of institutional control."

Haith did not reveal what was included in his allegations.

"Contrary to what was reported, there was no unethical conduct in my notice of allegations," he said after the Tigers beat Florida at Mizzou Arena. "And it is just an allegation, so we get a chance to defend ourself."

He added, "But the biggest thing I want to tell you is I'm glad this thing is almost over with."

The Miami case took an odd twist when the NCAA admitted to procuring evidence by using improper tactics and subsequently hired a law firm to conduct an external review. The review did not reveal illegal activity but enforcement staff members were found to have violated policies and ignored advice from legal counsel in working with the attorney of former Miami booster Nevin Shapiro.

An attorney involved in the review said about 20 percent of the information that was collected was eliminated from consideration in the allegations.

Mizzou athletics director Mike Alden had not seen the notice of allegations as of Tuesday night. Haith's attorney is expected to send the notice to Alden today.

"Shoot, after 20 months, you know I think all of us are just pleased," Alden said. "Good, let's go ahead and deal with it and move forward. I'm looking forward to working with Frank for a long
time. He’s done great things here with us, and we look forward to (him) continuing to do great things.”

Shapiro had alleged that Haith was aware of a $10,000 payment made to a recruit. Several Miami football and men’s basketball players have either served suspensions, paid restitution or both in the past two years after their involvement with Shapiro was discovered.

The institutional-control charge against Miami is typically one of the most severe the NCAA can bring after an investigation. The governing body for college sports declined comment.

Next up: The sanctions phase, where Miami’s penalties will be decided. The Hurricanes have already self-imposed several sanctions, including sitting out two bowl games and a conference football championship game. Shalala said Monday she believes those punishments should be enough.

This saga started in September 2010, when the university told the NCAA that Shapiro, a convicted Ponzi scheme architect, made allegations to the school against former players. Shapiro said he interacted mostly with football players and recruits, as well as a significantly smaller number of men’s basketball players.

Vahe Gregorian of the Post-Dispatch contributed to this report.
Missouri's Haith faces less serious failure to monitor from NCAA

By Dennis Dodd

Missouri basketball coach Frank Haith faces a failure to monitor charge in the Miami notice of allegations passed on by the NCAA Tuesday night, CBSSports.com has learned.

Haith told reporters Tuesday that he did not face an unethical conduct charge. However, a source said Haith faced the less-serious failure to monitor allegation. That charge still carries the possibility of sanctions against the Mizzou coach. Yahoo! Sports reported in 2011 that Haith had knowledge of a $10,000 payment to the family of then-Miami recruit Daquan Jones. Haith has denied wrongdoing.

CBSSports.com's Jeff Goodman reported last month that Haith was expected to be charged with unethical conduct and failure to promote an atmosphere of compliance. That was before an announcement two days later that the NCAA admitted improperly using an outside attorney to obtain information in the case.

After a review of the case, the NCAA Monday admitted to "missteps" in the investigation. It fired enforcement director Julie Roe Lach.

On its website the NCAA explains how coaches can be charged individually with failure to monitor: Coaches and staff members can be held personally responsible for failing to adequately monitor and exercise appropriate control over rules compliance in an athletics department or within a sport program. NCAA bylaws require head coaches to promote an atmosphere for compliance and to monitor the rules compliance of those who report to them.

This explains the difference in a school being charged with lack of institutional control and failure to monitor: A failure-to-monitor violation, although serious, is a separate and distinct violation that is considered less significant than a lack of institutional control. Violations resulting from a failure-to-monitor violation are usually limited in scope and do not involve the widespread inadequacies in rules-compliance systems and functions that are often found in lack-of-institutional-control cases.

Miami president Donna Shalala attacked the validity of the notice of allegations in a statement Tuesday. The Miami case could go in front of infractions committee as early as August. The school might not get its penalties until October or November.
After two years spent investigating allegations of rule violations made by former booster Nevin Shapiro, the NCAA submitted a notice of allegations to Miami (Fla.) accusing the university of a "lack of institutional control," according to a report by the Associated Press.

The NCAA typically reserves its strongest penalties and sanctions for those universities that fail to adequately monitor their athletic departments -- who exhibit a lack of control over, in the NCAA's words, the "formal institutional policies and procedures" meant to prevent schools from breaking NCAA rules.

Several former Miami coaches are named in the NCAA's notice of allegations, including former basketball coach Frank Haith, who currently holds the same position at Missouri, reported the Associated Press. After his team's win Tuesday night over No. 4 Florida, Haith told reporters, "Contrary to what was reported, there was no unethical conduct in my notice of allegations."

That the NCAA has issued the notice signals that its enforcement staff, which has come under fire, has completed the findings of its case against the university. Miami has 90 days to present its response to the allegations. The school imposed two years of postseason bans (2011-12) in an effort to potentially stem any major sanctions handed down by the NCAA.

Late Tuesday, Miami president Donna Shalala released her second strongly worded statement in as many days about the investigation, saying in part, "The University of Miami deeply regrets and takes full responsibility for those NCAA violations that are based on fact and are corroborated by multiple individuals and/or documentation. We have already self-imposed a bowl ban for an unprecedented two-year period, forfeited the opportunity to participate in an ACC championship game, and withheld student-athletes from competition.

"Over the two and a half years since the University of Miami first contacted the NCAA enforcement staff about allegations of rules violations, the NCAA interviewed dozens of witnesses, including current and former Miami employees and student-athletes, and received thousands of requested documents and emails from the University. Yet despite our efforts to aid the investigation, the NCAA acknowledged on February 18, 2013 that it violated its own policies and procedures in an attempt to validate the allegations made by a convicted felon. Many of the allegations included in the Notice of Allegations remain unsubstantiated."

The investigation into Miami has handed NCAA one of the most embarrassing episodes in its history. On Monday, an external review stated that the NCAA's enforcement arm "acted contrary to internal protocols, legal counsel and the membership's understanding about the limits of its investigative powers" in hiring Shapiro's lawyer to obtain information while investigating Miami's athletics program.
"With the completion of the external enforcement review, we recognize that certain investigative tactics used in portions of the University of Miami case failed our membership," NCAA President Mark Emmert said Monday.

Emmert also indicated Monday that the NCAA's case would continue without the "tainted information" gained when Shapiro's attorney gave members of the enforcement staff access to depositions in Shapiro's bankruptcy proceedings.

The NCAA's missteps have allowed Miami to go on the offensive—a new place for a school and a football program stuck in neutral while the NCAA underwent its two-year investigation.

In a statement Monday, Miami president Donna Shalala said the NCAA "has not lived up to their own core principles" and expressed disappointment in the NCAA's "unprofessional and unethical behavior."

Said Shalala: "The lengthy and already flawed investigation has demonstrated a disappointing pattern of unprofessional and unethical behavior. By the NCAA leadership's own admission, the University of Miami has suffered from inappropriate practices by NCAA staff. There have also been damaging leaks to the media of unproven charges. Regardless of where blame lies internally with the NCAA, even one individual, one act, one instance of malfeasance both taints the entire process and breaches the public's trust."

Miami did not immediately respond to USA TODAY Sports' request for comment.

The following is Shalala's full statement Tuesday:

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Now that the Notice of Allegations has been issued, let me provide some context to the investigation itself:

-- Many of the charges brought forth are based on the word of a man who made a fortune by lying. The NCAA enforcement staff acknowledged to the University that if Nevin Shapiro, a convicted con man, said something more than once, it considered the allegation "corroborated"—an argument which is both ludicrous and counter to legal practice.

-- Most of the sensationalized media accounts of Shapiro's claims are found nowhere in the Notice of Allegations. Despite their efforts over two and a half years, the NCAA enforcement staff could not find evidence of prostitution, expensive cars for players, expensive dinners paid for by boosters, player bounty payments, rampant alcohol and drug use, or the alleged hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and gifts given to student-athletes, as reported in the media. The fabricated story played well—the facts did not.

-- The NCAA enforcement staff failed, even after repeated requests, to interview many essential witnesses of great integrity who could have provided first-hand testimony, including, unbelievably, Paul Dee, who has since passed away, but who served as Miami Athletic Director during many of the years that
violations were alleged to have occurred. How could a supposedly thorough and fair investigation not even include the Director of Athletics?

-- Finally, we believe the NCAA was responsible for damaging leaks of unsubstantiated allegations over the course of the investigation.

Let me be clear again: for any rule violation—substantiated and proven with facts—that the University, its employees, or student-athletes committed, we have been and should be held accountable. We have worked hard to improve our compliance oversight, and we have already self-imposed harsh sanctions. We deeply regret any violations, but we have suffered enough.

The University and counsel will work diligently to prepare our official response to the Notice of Allegations and submit it to the Committee on Infractions within the required 90-day time period. We trust that the Committee on Infractions will provide the fairness and integrity missing during the investigative process."
Missouri men's basketball coach Frank Haith won't be charged with unethical conduct for his time as head coach at Miami, but apparently has been accused of failure to adhere to an atmosphere of compliance, a charge he will gladly fight over the next 90 days during the appeal process.

The news that Haith had been cleared of unethical behavior was met with euphoria when he was told by his attorney at 4 p.m. CT Tuesday, just hours before the Tigers hosted SEC frontrunner Florida in Columbia.

Reached by phone late Tuesday after the Tigers' 63-60 victory over the No. 5 Gators, Haith said his attorney received the notice of allegations from the NCAA and forwarded it along. He said he shared it with Missouri officials verbally and will forward it over to them Wednesday before he launches his appeal.

"We know the allegations and there is no unethical conduct despite what was reported earlier," Haith said. "I've had 20 months dealing with this stuff. I've had constant conversations with our staff here. Everyone has been very supportive."

Mizzou is not at risk for any penalties and was only a part of the case because of Haith's previous connection as Miami's head coach. Missouri had been referred to as Institution B in the case, and as athletic director Mike Alden told ESPN.com recently the Tigers would suffer collateral damage only if there were serious charges against Haith.

Alden told ESPN.com a few weeks ago that he supported Haith, which he reiterated to local reporters after Tuesday's game.

"Let's go ahead and deal with it and move forward," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with Frank for a long time."

Haith was never a major player in the investigation that centered primarily on Miami's football program, but there were accusations that could have stuck to him had the ethics charge been levied. That charge could have led the NCAA committee on infractions to impose some sort of show cause penalty. But the atmosphere of non-compliance charge is an offense that can be overturned since it would be hard to prove Haith knew exactly what was going on with a particular violation. The charge is usually made in a subjective manner and one that may be hard
to stick since the case has already been tainted by NCAA enforcement staffers being fired over unethical conduct during the investigation.

Miami received its notice of allegations the day after NCAA president Mark Emmert announced the findings of an independent review into the conduct by the enforcement staff that led to the dismissal of the lead director who oversaw the case. Emmert called the incident embarrassing.

Haith got the news that he was cleared of the most serious charge as he tried to prep for the game.

"I was so focused on coaching my team," Haith said. "But when you get the news, something that you've been personally dealing with, it just allows you to get some closure. This has been going on for a long time and the stress and pressure and tension on me and my staff and family the last three months has been incredible."

The Tigers desperately needed this game after being blown out at Florida by 31 points on Jan. 19 -- the first game Mizzou played without its top player, Laurence Bowers, who was then out with an MCL sprain -- and losing two road games by two points at Arkansas and at Texas A&M.

Bowers is back and scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against Florida, while Phil Pressey added 10 assists.

"I get this news going into the biggest game of the year," Haith said of the win that put the Tigers at 8-5 in the SEC, 19-7 overall heading into Saturday's game at Kentucky. "We had prepared well and we knew we had a chance. I just had to coach my team and put this behind me."

Haith said he was thrilled that his former recruits -- the core of the current No. 2 Hurricanes -- can also put this behind them and not have a shadow of distraction floating over them without knowing if it could affect the season. Miami has 90 days to file an appeal, so this notice will not have any affect on the Canes this season, if at all, going forward.

Once an appeal is filed, the committee on infractions will schedule a hearing on the case, likely in the late spring, and then the penalty phase could take as long as six months before the punishment is handed out.

"I'm so glad for the kids at Miami to put this behind them," Haith said. "They've worked their tails off, and Jim [Larranaga] has done a tremendous job with that team. I'm so proud of them."

Miami beat Virginia on Tuesday night to go to 13-0 in the ACC, three games ahead of second-place Duke.

As for Haith, he will still need to spend time on this case, but without the stress or fear of facing a more serious charge. He is confident he can overturn any violation, even one as abstract as an atmosphere of non-compliance, once given the chance to defend himself.
For his Tigers, there is still plenty of work to do to improve seeding (some road wins would help), but any doubt in terms of an at-large bid was erased with the win over Florida on Tuesday night.

And any question as to whether or not Haith was safe in Columbia was also probably answered with the notice of allegations being released and no ethics charge being levied.
Haith received notice of allegations
Coach says he hasn't been charged with unethical conduct.

By STEVE WALENTIK

Missouri Coach Frank Haith received a notice of allegations from the NCAA as it moves closer to a resolution in its nearly two-year-old case against the University of Miami.

Haith said he received the notice shortly before leading the Missouri basketball team to a 63-60 victory over No. 5 Florida on Tuesday night at Mizzou Arena.

“Contrary to what was reported, there was no unethical conduct in my notice of allegations,” Haith said afterward. “It is just an allegation, so we get a chance to defend ourselves.”

Haith did not disclose what charges he is facing in connection with allegations of impropriety leveled by disgraced former booster Nevin Shapiro, which were made public in a Yahoo! Sports story published in August 2011.

That report said Haith acknowledged and expressed gratitude for a $10,000 payment Shapiro made to help secure the commitment of recruit DeQuan Jones in the summer of 2008, a charge Haith has denied.

A CBSSports.com report said the NCAA could not prove that allegation but was still preparing to charge him with unethical conduct, which if convicted, could bring a multi-year show-cause penalty that would cast Haith’s future at Missouri into doubt.

But that report came out two days before the NCAA announced it had uncovered evidence of improper conduct on the part of its enforcement staff.

An external review conducted by attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein found that enforcement staffers paid a Shapiro attorney to ask questions related to the NCAA investigation while interviewing uncooperative witnesses as part of a bankruptcy proceeding, thereby working around the fact that the NCAA does not have subpoena power.
The NCAA released the results of the external review on Monday and said it was moving forward with its case after removing any tainted evidence, which Wainstein estimated to be about 20 percent of the material the NCAA had gathered.

Tuesday the governing body issued its notice of allegations not only to Haith but to other it has charged with wrongdoing, including the University of Miami.

Haith said his attorneys Wally Bley and Michael Buckner were scheduled to forward the notice of allegations to officials at Missouri.

“After 20 months, I think all of us are just pleased,” said Athletic Director Mike Alden, who learned that Haith received the notice after Tuesday’s game. “Good. Let’s go ahead and get this and go ahead and deal with it and move forward. I’m looking forward to working with Frank for a long time. He’s done great things here with us. We look forward to continuing to do great things, and I’ll just be glad that we’ve got it and we can deal with it and move forward. It will be good.”

Haith now has 90 days to respond to the NCAA and could have a hearing before the Committee on Infractions later this summer.

But after having the allegations hanging over him for more than a year, he seemed happy to be moving closer to a resolution.

“The biggest thing I want to tell you, I’m glad this thing is almost over with,” Haith said.
Missouri men's basketball coach Frank Haith receives notice from NCAA

By Brendan Meyer
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COLUMBIA — Missouri men's basketball coach Frank Haith has received a notice of allegations from the NCAA regarding the University of Miami investigation.

"I did get a notice of allegations," Haith said following Tuesday's win against Florida. "Contrary to what was reported, there was no unethical conduct in my notice of allegation. And it is just an allegation. So we get a chance to defend ourselves.

"The biggest thing I want to tell you is, I'm glad this thing is almost over with."

Haith's attorney, Wally Bley, received the notice of allegations Tuesday and will forward the allegations to Missouri Athletics Director Mike Alden on Wednesday morning.

"After 20 months, I think all of us are just pleased," Alden said after Haith's statement. "Let's go ahead and get this, deal with it, and move forward. I mean, I'm looking forward to working with Frank for a long time. He's done great things here with us, and we look forward to continuing to do great things. I'll just be glad that we got it, and we can deal with it and move forward."

Alden said Haith told him that he received the allegations right before Tuesday's postgame news conference.

Last month, before the NCAA announced that it had gathered information improperly, CBSSports.com reported two allegations against Haith citing unnamed sources. Those allegations were unethical conduct and a failure to promote an atmosphere of compliance.

Haith will now have 90 days to respond in writing to the NCAA.

Tuesday evening, Miami released a statement acknowledging that it had received the notice of allegations.
On Jan. 23, NCAA President Mark Emmert delayed the investigation after calling for an external review of the NCAA enforcement, citing “improper conduct” within the NCAA during the process of the investigation.

On Monday, Emmert stated that the NCAA’s external review was complete, saying the association would “move forward with the Miami investigation.”

Emmert said about 20 percent of the original data collected had been thrown out and is no longer of use.

The investigation has lasted almost two years.

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MU's Lykins to coach US wheelchair basketball team

By DAVE MATTER

Ron Lykins would like to credit hard work for launching his coaching career. But he can't.

"I always tell people it was dumb luck," said the fourth-year coach of Missouri's men's wheelchair basketball team. "I was dumb, and luck was there."

There was the University of Kentucky, where Lykins was a recreation administration major and needed to fill community service hours as part of his graduation requirements. He didn't have a car, so he had to find an organization around campus where he could volunteer.

That's how he stumbled into Stan Labanowich, a kinesiology professor who also happened to be the commissioner of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Lykins volunteered with the NWBA as Labanowich's intern and in two weeks logged 90 hours of service.

"Then," Lykins said, "it turned into a career."

Lykins stayed at Kentucky for graduate school and took over as head coach of Lexington's local club team, a group made up of UK students and other players from the city. From there, Labanowich helped Lykins land his first college coaching job at Wisconsin-Whitewater, which at the time was one of four American colleges that supported a wheelchair basketball team.

Now, nearly 30 years later, Lykins, 51, has reached the pinnacle of his profession: Last month, the NWBA named him the head coach of the men's national team through the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

While maintaining his day job at MU, Lykins will help select the national team from a pool of 40 candidates and coach them through next year's International Wheelchair Basketball Federation World Championships in Goyang City, South Korea, the 2015 Parapan Am Games in Toronto and, finally, the Rio Paralympics.
Not since the 1988 Games in Seoul has the U.S. team won the gold medal at the Paralympics, held every four years in the same host city as the Olympics. The American team took the bronze at the 2012 London Paralympics.

But first, next year's World Championships.

"Our job is to qualify," Lykins said last week. "My standard's going to be a little higher. I want to win. As long as we're playing, we might as well go win this thing."

This won't be Lykins' first time coaching on the international stage. As coach of the U.S. women's team, he won the gold medal at the Athens (2004) and Beijing (2008) Paralympics and captured silver in Barcelona (1992). In nine international competitions, his American women's teams won gold six times.

"He's demonstrated at the international level of wheelchair basketball that he's got one of the best winning percentages in coaching at that elite level," said Randy Schubert, the NWBA executive director.

For Lykins, his work with the U.S. team will sometimes overlap with his job at Missouri, but his priority will always be running the Tigers' program.

"I cannot ignore this," he said in his office, a cozy room that's tucked away in the team's wing inside the Student Recreation Complex.

Lykins, a Chicago native who came to MU in February 2009, likes to say his Missouri team lives in "no man's land" — a step above a club team but not part of the school's athletic department.

The eight-year-old wheelchair basketball program is one of eight men's teams that compete in the NWBA Intercollegiate Division. Wheelchair basketball is not formally recognized as an NCAA sport, though Lykins must adhere to NCAA guidelines for recruiting and players are required to meet eligibility standards. Lykins has limited funds to disperse scholarships to players, each of whom receives a wheelchair from the university to use for practice and games. Those chairs cost between $3,000 and $3,700, Lykins said.

Like other coaches at MU, Lykins recruits nationally for players. He recently met a military veteran who was wounded by an IED while serving in the Middle East and expressed interest in enrolling at MU and joining the team.

Sometimes, Lykins finds players in his backyard — or in Carter Arey's case, just outside his office. Two years ago, the Columbia native used a friend's student ID to enter the rec center to
play pickup basketball. Lykins happened to watch Arey play and noticed he used a right leg prosthesis.

"He told me I was playing the wrong sport," said Arey, who suffered from a condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency and had his lower leg amputated when he was 4. "He told me I should play wheelchair basketball. I hadn't really ever thought about it.

"He got me in a wheelchair that day. He was super excited. He doesn't find many eligible players already playing basketball. I signed on two days later."

Arey, who played able-bodied sports, including basketball, through high school, had never really used a wheelchair until Lykins plopped him in one that day. Arey, 23, is now in his third year with the team.

"The sport's a blast to play," he said. "I love everything about it. Putting Missouri on my chest makes it even sweeter."

Wheelchair basketball players are divided into four classes based on their disability and level of functioning. The least disabled players, like Arey, are 4s. The most disabled are 1s. At any point in a game, the sum of the five players on the floor can't exceed 14.

"That's the blessing I can take away from this," Arey said, "I can get out of the chair after practice, and a lot of my teammates can't."

Though MU's team isn't officially housed under the school's athletic department — the Tigers play home games in Brewer Fieldhouse — Lykins said he's grateful for support he receives from Athletic Director Mike Alden, whose compliance staff works closely with Lykins. MU also helps with the team's apparel and allows its training staff to work with the wheelchair basketball athletes.

"We're lucky that we have a great athletic department that has accepted us as a sport," said Arey, who's been treated by MU trainers for a broken thumb, tendinitis and a concussion. "And Coach doesn't run the program any different than any other sport in the NCAA."

Soon, he'll have two teams to run — and one on the sport's biggest stage.
MU softens decision to move nuke engineering team

COLUMBIA — A nuclear engineering research team at the University of Missouri receives a modest reprieve after it was targeted by administrators for elimination.

The Columbia Daily Tribune reports that Chancellor Brady Deaton has opened admissions to the Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute. The graduate-level program stopped accepting new students last year as it prepares to move under new oversight in the College of Engineering.

Deaton told the campus Faculty Council and nuclear engineering professors that the “dysfunctional” program was “less than what we should offer to aspiring students.”

Critics of the move suggested the university wants to recruit more high-paying foreign students to its engineering school. But administrators counter that the program’s problems go back more than a decade.
University could levy new taxes under Missouri Senate plan

JEFFERSON CITY — Local University of Missouri Extension councils could levy property taxes under legislation passed by the Missouri Senate.

The Senate voted 23-7 Monday to send the measure to the House.

The bill would allow existing extension councils to form single or multi-county districts. The council would then be able to put a property tax — no more than 30 cents for every $100 assessed valuation — on the ballot in its district.

The measure applies to every Missouri county and extension district except St. Louis County, where local senators were concerned about adding another taxing authority. Extension councils already exist in each county and are charged with bringing education and research to all parts of the state.
COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

MU faculty members voice approval for non-tenure-track voting

By Katie Yaeger
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COLUMBIA — It's been about 15 years since the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources gave non-tenure-track faculty departmental voting rights, said Tom Payne, vice chancellor and dean of the school.

The difference between non-tenure-track and tenure-track has diminished at the school during Payne's time at MU. He can no longer distinguish between tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty in the college, he told the audience at an MU Faculty Council forum Tuesday.

The group met to clarify proposed changes to the Collected Rules and Regulations that would affect the definition of faculty and the voting rights of non-tenure-track faculty campus-wide.

Nearly all faculty members who spoke at the roughly hour-long forum supported giving non-tenure-track faculty voting rights.

Non-tenure-track faculty members are hired under one-year and three-year contracts and do not have the potential to receive tenure. If passed, the proposal to widen the definition of faculty would give non-tenure-track faculty members the right to vote on all campus-wide issues except those exclusively concerning tenure-track faculty, according to a previous Missourian report.

"I cannot vote on those policies I help my committee shape," said Nicole Monnier, a non-tenure-track Faculty Council member and chairwoman of the academic affairs committee.

Of the 36 Faculty Council members, four are non-tenure-track faculty. Each category of non-tenure-track faculty has its own representative on the council, but clinical and professional faculty share a representative.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City is the only university in the University of Missouri System that has given non-tenure-track faculty voting rights, deputy provost Ken Dean said.
All MU schools and colleges have given non-tenure-track faculty voting rights for intradisciplinary matters except for the College of Arts and Science and the College of Engineering, Monnier said. The College of Arts and Science is working to revise its bylaws to allow for such voting, Monnier said.

Since 2000, Faculty Council has voted on 11 issues, and only a few of them have concerned exclusively tenured and tenure-track faculty, Monnier said. Non-tenure-track faculty have been unable to vote on changes to general education requirements, capstone requirements and diversity requirements, among other matters.

"I'm happy to serve the campus, but it gets tiresome to have responsibility and not have a vote on that," Monnier said.

Some faculty members have concerns, including a belief that non-tenure-track faculty are less committed to MU because their contracts require them to fulfill only two of three areas expected of tenured and tenure-track faculty: academia, research and service.

"By doing what (non-tenure-track faculty) do best, we bring good things to the university," School of Medicine research associate professor Jeannette Jackson-Thompson said in response to that concern. "We are recognized by what we contribute."

There are more than 700 non-tenure-track faculty members who make up about 36 percent of ranked faculty, meaning they hold the title of assistant, associate or full professor. That figure excludes adjunct and visiting professors.

Since 2002, the percentage of non-tenure-track faculty at MU has continued to grow. Most teaching editors at the Columbia Missourian are non-tenure-track faculty. Missourian public safety editor Katherine Reed is one representative of non-tenure-track faculty on the council.

Tenured and tenure-track faculty will vote on the matters in an email vote to take place March 4 to 8. A forum for faculty to discuss the proposals is available on Blackboard.

If it passes, the change would go to the University of Missouri System's Board of Curators for final approval.
Mayor wants to reconsider how city, MU partner on transit

By ANDREW DENNEY

In an attempt to encourage greater collaboration between the city of Columbia and the University of Missouri on providing bus service, the Columbia City Council voted on Monday night to shorten a proposed five-year contract for student shuttle service provided by Columbia Transit to one year.

The $1.2 million contract is for Tiger Line, a shuttle service the city has provided for MU students since 1985. It is funded by a $16.85-per-semester fee charged to all MU students. The service provides rides to large parking areas on the campus periphery and into the downtown area. A consultant hired last year by the university to assess its transit needs found that Tiger Line — particularly its late-night service, which runs until 1:30 a.m. — was not widely known to students.

Mayor Bob McDavid, who has advocated for the city to adopt a student-centric bus system with the help of increased student fees, said Tiger Line represents an "inadequate relationship" between the city and MU. He also said he sees the Tiger Line as "overtly competing" with the FastCAT Express, a relatively new Columbia Transit route that also is intended to focus on students but serves the downtown area, too.

"I think that this perpetuates a commuter culture for" MU, "which is not in the best interest of the city of Columbia," McDavid said. "And I think it continues a fragmented, inefficient and costly transit system with little ridership."

McDavid said he plans to set up a meeting with student leaders to discuss transit issues and said City Manager Mike Matthes was working on a proposal to alter the city's Public Transportation Advisory Commission to allow for student representation on the panel.

The amended contract was passed unanimously last night. MU's last agreement with the city for Tiger Line was a three-year, $1 million-per-year contract. Karlan Seville, a spokeswoman for MU Campus Facilities, would not comment directly on the shortened deal but said MU intends to continue to work with the city on transit issues.
Since 2011, McDavid has advocated for collaboration between the city and MU to provide transit services, a model used in other Midwestern university cities such as Ames, Iowa; Lawrence, Kan.; and Champaign-Urbana, Ill.; which feature rapid transit systems that students can board with the use of their student IDs.

For the most part, the transit configurations in those cities were established with strong demand from college students. Students in those cities pay student activity fees in the $60-to-$80 range for transit services and are represented on governance boards for those transit systems.

According to findings from the Solstice Transportation Group Inc., the Atlanta-based transit consultant hired by MU last year to assess its transit needs, about 48 percent of students surveyed by the group would pay between $1 and $25 for improved transit services, while 25 percent of students said they would not pay more. The consultant's findings were based on about 9,000 surveys completed by MU students, faculty and staff.

MU student leadership, however, has been dismissive of proposals from the city to have students pay increased activity fees for transit. Nick Droege, who was elected president of the Missouri Students Association last year, said in an email that, like the past two MSA presidents before him, his administration would not support an increased activity fee for transit.

"Transportation is something that is essential to the success of our students," Droege said in the email. "It shouldn't be an added cost to the multitude of other expenses that college students are faced with."
Notes bearing positive messages such as "You're fabulous" filled the mirrors on Monday in University of Missouri Student Center restrooms, signaling the opening of Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Jessica Semler of the University Counseling Center said the idea of the mirror notes — dubbed Operation Beautiful — was to promote body positivity by encouraging people to share uplifting messages. At the end of the day, notes posted on the mirrors were collected and made into a collage to be displayed in the Women's Center.

"When I say" body positivity, "I mean looking at our bodies in a positive, supportive and good way because I think so much of our culture is the opposite," she said.

Semler said women and men are pressured into looking a certain way. Many of the Operation Beautiful notes aren't about body appearance, she said, but about creating a climate of positivity.

MU has promoted eating disorder awareness in the past, but this is the second year departments across campus have collaborated with the counseling center for the week of events.

"I had this passion and drive to do this on our campus," Semler said. "This is one of the areas I have expertise in, and I work with a lot of students that have different eating disorders."

One of the campus groups helping to get the word out about the awareness week is the Love Your Body Committee.

"I think the more educated we are about eating disorders, the more likely students are to find help," said Susie Day, a Love Your Body Committee member. Today, Love Your Body will put on an event called Show the Love, where people can stop by the Women's Center and design a button with a body-positive message.
According to the National Eating Disorders Association, 20 million women and 10 million men have suffered from a "clinically significant" eating disorder. Semler said the main objective of Eating Disorders Awareness Week is to get people talking. "With Operation Beautiful, it sparks in you to think about how you treat your body, how people around you talk about their bodies and how we support each other," she said.

Other awareness week activities include a bulletin board display contest and a discussion on the "Inside Out" radio show from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday on KCOU.