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## MU Black Studies event examines 2015 fallout

By RUDI KELLER

**Marshall Allen, one of the youngest of the original 11 members of the Concerned Student 1950 group, on Monday evening asked for the recently enacted speech codes at the University of Missouri to be viewed from the perspectives of those protesters.**

In the fall of 2015, along with [blocking the Homecoming parade](#) to send a message to then-UM System President Tim Wolfe and camping out on Traditions Plaza to support Jonathan Butler's hunger strike, Concerned Student 1950 demonstrators protested at the financial aid office and in the office of interim Vice Chancellor Chuck Henson.

Now the [speech codes](#) prohibit entering offices with vital university records, protests in or outside official meetings and camping on campus.

"The reason why we can claim these and promote these as reactionary is because each of these have direct correlation to the events and activities that occurred in the fall of 2015," he said.

Yet on Friday, at a meeting of the Board of Curators, three white demonstrators quietly unfurled signs asking the university to divest from fossil fuel companies. Curators Chairman Maurice Graham and President Mun Choi spoke to the demonstrators and, [in a brief comment to the Tribune](#), Graham affirmed the system's commitment to free speech.

Allen, who was a sophomore in 2015 and is now a senior, questioned that in light of the new policies that would otherwise have forbidden it.

"You are officially acting against and in violation of university policy," Allen said. "Who exactly do these policies apply to?"

Allen spoke at an event sponsored by the MU Department of Black Studies called "Two Years After ..." intended to measure how much has changed – and how much hasn't – [since Wolfe resigned Nov. 9, 2015](#). The audience that packed Wrench Auditorium saw Spike Lee's movie about the protests, ["2 Fists Up,"](#) and heard Allen question whether university and state policies enacted since have been properly viewed from a black perspective.

Along with students and faculty, the event drew President Mun Choi, Curator David Steelman and other university leaders. Afterward, Choi said the discussion made him proud because it shows the university is willing to look at issues that are important to students, faculty and staff.

“There were comments during the presentation and afterward, if the new policies on protests are going to apply to all students or all faculty regardless of their background or experience,” Choi said. “They will, and I truly want to emphasize that.”

Along with questioning the new university policies, Allen raised issues with the new state law on discrimination claims that generated a travel warning for Missouri from the NAACP. Before the change, he said, it was difficult to prove discrimination under the standard that it was a “contributing factor” to a prohibited job or housing action. The new standard is that it is the “motivating factor.”

“When you couldn’t prove it before, now it is impossible,” Allen said.

When the [Tiger football team](#) joined the protests in the first week of November by threatening to boycott a game, the media spotlight, already on the campus because of the demonstrations, became intense. After Wolfe resigned and Columbia campus Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin was forced out, a backlash began that included condemnation from then-presidential candidate Donald Trump.

“I think it’s disgusting,” [Trump said](#). “I think the two people who resigned are weak, ineffective people. I think when they resigned they set something in motion that is going to be a disaster for a long period of time.”

The university has lost [13 percent of its enrollment](#) and while it has protected promised support for diversity and inclusion amid budget cuts, it has not met the goal for black faculty in the Concerned Student 1950 demands.

Stephanie Shonekan, chair of the Black Studies Department, said the event Monday was to show how much progress has been made on the issues identified by the protesters. She noted the presence of Choi. One of the major ways Wolfe angered the Concerned Student 1950 group was by ignoring them when they blocked his car during the parade.

“Our role also on this campus is to serve as the intellectual side of black life at the University of Missouri,” she said. “Tonight we want to talk about how far we have come. And we wanted to push back against the other president who said we would be a disaster. We have not been a disaster. He’s wrong.”

Among the audience were several current and prospective students who have arrived in Columbia since the protests.

Clodwige Meginord, 28, arrived in Columbia in August and is planning to enter MU in pursuit of a post-graduate degree. She was born in Haiti and came to U.S. 25 years ago.

“I think for anyone who would like to be part of an institution that has history and have people who are willing to stand for the truth, you should be here,” she said. “Because you can be the next voice, the next phase of the truth, whatever the truth is for you.”

Johanna Milord, a doctoral student in counseling psychology, said the events of 2015 drew her to MU after attending a psychology conference with student and faculty presenters from the university.

In 2015, she said, the protests against blacks dying at the hands of police received no discussion on the campus she attended.

“I remember feeling frustrated and silenced and not knowing really where to go,” she said.

The conference showed her that at MU, faculty and students work together on issues.

“I think that this is a place where the conversation is happening and that is more than I have been exposed to in the past,” she said.

# MISSOURIAN

## 'Two Years Later' event urges education in aftermath of campus protests

By KATHERINE WHITE

**While the events at MU of fall 2015 may be in the past, reflection and education efforts should continue. Those two themes, among others, emerged Monday night during the "Two Years Later..." event, hosted by the MU Black Studies Department.**

The event was held to encourage members of the MU community to reflect on what has changed at the university and in the state since the race-related protests of fall 2015. In addition to drawing [a crowd of about 200 people](#) to Jesse Wrench Auditorium, the event was [live streamed](#).

"I thought it went really well," Black Studies Department Chair Stephanie Shonekan said. "I was happy with the turnout. It shows people on our campus really value what our students did, and maybe some are curious about what they did, and where we go from here."

The event, which was co-sponsored by the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center and the Division of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, opened with a showing of Spike Lee's documentary on the protests, "2 Fists Up."

"We thought it was important to look at the context of what we will be discussing," Shonekan said.

Marshall Allen, an MU senior studying political science and black studies, gave the keynote speech. Allen encouraged the audience to think critically about MU policies and state law. He emphasized the importance of word choice in policies and their equal application.

"We are academics," Allen said. "As academics, it is our duty to raise questions."

Several campus leaders attended the event, including: UM System President Mun Choi; MU Provost Garnett Stokes; UM System Chief Diversity Officer Kevin McDonald; Curator David Steelman and UM System Board of Curators Student Representative Courtney Lauer. Chancellor Alexander Cartwright, who is out of town, called in regularly to keep up with the event, Shonekan said.

Shonekan stressed that events like these are important because they provide opportunities for students to educate campus leaders.

"We want them to know what Marshall is thinking," Shonekan said. "We want them to know what there still is to be done."

The event ended with a discussion, with Brittani Fults, education and prevention coordinator for the MU Office for Civil Rights and Title IX, moderating and political science professor David Galembski and Allen answering questions.

The discussion addressed a range of topics, from how professors can make their classes inclusive to how students can address racial topics if they come up at Thanksgiving dinner.

When asked what advice Allen would give to activists, he said to follow the phrase, "Breathe, fight, repeat." This means fighting for what activists believe in, but also taking the time to breathe by reeducating and reflecting.

Allen said that while some might be frustrated with reliving the past, events like these should be held because it provides opportunities to educate those who might not seek out education on their own.

"It's not my job to explain my oppression," Allen said. "At the same time, if I don't, who will? You can't study black people without black people."

Shonekan said she hopes this event will become an annual one.

"You're not going to learn it unless you come to these kinds of events," Shonekan said. "We will do it again and again and again, and it's on you all to keep coming out."



## "Two Years Later" commemorates race-related protests of 2015

By KRISTEN HARRIS

Watch the story: <http://www.komu.com/news/two-years-later-commemorates-race-related-protests-of-2015>

**COLUMBIA - Community members gathered Monday to reflect on race-related events from the fall of 2015, when MU campus protests lead by Concerned Student 1950 made national news.**

The event, called "Two Years Later," consisted of a screening of Spike Lee's "2 Fist Up", a reception and a keynote speech. It was meant to facilitate a conversation about the current state of race relations on campus and across the state and nation.

Stephanie Shonekan, MU Black Studies Department chair, said "Ensuring that this campus is a welcoming one for everybody is not work that is done in a few days or even a few years and finished."

After numerous racial incidents on campus, the official protests began when CS1950 put on a demonstration at MU's 2015 Homecoming Parade. This began a series of events that led to the resignation of Tim Wolfe, the UM System President.

"We pause and celebrate what happened two years ago and commemorate it, and try to reflect on those events that got us national attention and try to figure out what we've done since then and what we still need to do to move forward," Shonekan said.

She said everyone pitched in to make history.

"We did some incredibly difficult things here in 2015 and we have risen to the occasion whether we were students, faculty, staff, administrators, and that there's much work still to be done," Shonekan said.

Event moderator Brittany Fults, Title IX Education and Prevention coordinator, said everyone can help make the campus a better place.

She said she wants people to learn to be a better bystander when they see something problematic.

"I really want people to understand the impact of why it's important to speak out and speak up when you see something happening," Fults said.

The Department of Black Studies, Gaines-Oldham Black Culture Center and Division of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity co-sponsored the event.

Student Ethan Phillips said that is problematic in itself.

"Mizzou has to accept what happened. They can't just be like 'it happened, let's move on.' It shouldn't be the Black studies department that's doing this, this should be a whole university-wide thing," he said.

Fults said, although they've made progress, people need to become more active in the movement.

"Activism isn't just being there and protesting and marching. It's also creating policies and being at the table to make change," Fults said. "It's your existence and being visible in spaces where you're not always visible all the time."

# MISSOURIAN

## MU students share tales from abroad during International Education Week

Story generated by MU News Bureau release: [Students reflect on study abroad experiences during International Education Week](#)

By RACHEL WEGNER

Joseph Beible took a bite of a pasta dish served by his host during one of his first nights in Alicante, Spain. He quickly fell ill and did his best to politely excuse himself in Spanish. In that moment, he said, he was suddenly aware of how far from home he was.

He talked with his host mom the next morning about what happened and how overwhelmed he felt.

“We sat and had coffee, and it worked itself out,” he said.

**That early experience didn't seem to darken his sunny disposition about his time in Spain during his spring 2017 semester. Now a senior at MU, Beible shared photos and stories from his semester at an event hosted by the MU Study Abroad program Monday.**

About 40 people gathered at Memorial Student Union for the event, which was held as part of International Education Week. Prospective students mingled around tables with other students who recently studied abroad through MU. The top destinations include Italy, Ireland, Spain, the United Kingdom and France, according to an MU news release.

Participation in the program has grown by almost 22 percent from five years ago — up to 1,642 graduate and undergraduate students in 2015-2016 from 1,348 in 2011-2012. Barbara Lindeman, director of study abroad and assistant director of the MU International Center, said the numbers for 2016-2017 look promising, but it's too early to have a definite number.

MU spokeswoman Liz McCune said the program and the number of countries offered has waxed and waned over the years. Right now, students can choose from more than 250 programs in 50 countries, according to a news release.

Lindeman said studying abroad offers students 21st century job skills and can be a transformative experience.

“They’re seeing it more as an essential to be competitive in the job market,” Lindeman said. “It definitely makes them stand out.”

Along with offering support before, during and after their stay, Lindeman said she and her team have measures in place to assure their students’ safety.

Attacks took place in London in 2017 and Brussels in 2016, which are both MU study abroad locations. Lindeman said designated contacts on the ground in each city are in charge of students. The program also has emergency response plans in place.

During the event Monday, Lindeman also presented the winners of their photo contest. According to a news release, the winners in each category were:

- Cross-cultural moments: “Avkavdawv” by Cassidy Minarik in Akha Village, Thailand. Minarik is from Woodbury, Minnesota, and is majoring in journalism;
- Educational moments: “The Argan Women” by Courtney Manning in the High Atlas Mountains, Morocco. Manning is from Powder Springs, Georgia, and is majoring in journalism;
- Landscapes: “London Night Lights” by Rayna Sims in London, United Kingdom. Sims is from Columbia and is majoring in journalism;
- Portraits: “Poet-for-hire” by Sarah Sabatke in London, United Kingdom. Sabatke is from Monticello, Wisconsin, and is majoring in journalism;
- Tigers Abroad: “Mizzou Pride at the Brandenburg Gate,” submitted by Alex Wagoner in Berlin, Germany. Wagoner is from Overland Park, Kansas, and is majoring in business administration and international studies;
- Best in show: “Mesmerizing Market Man” by Emily Forsythe in Bangalore, India. Forsythe is from St. Louis and is majoring in elementary education.



## MU graduate students could see federal taxes increase 350 percent

By ALLY WALLENTA

Watch the story: <http://www.komu.com/news/mu-graduate-students-could-see-federal-taxes-increase-350-percent>

**COLUMBIA – University of Missouri graduate teaching and research assistants gathered on Monday to share their opinions on a tax plan backed by Republicans in the U.S. House.**

The plan would repeal a tax provision that allows colleges and universities to provide tax-free tuition waivers to graduate students who are serving as teaching or research assistants.

MU Graduate Assistants could see their federal taxes increase up to 350 percent if the tax plan passes. The assistants receiving tuition waivers would have to count their benefits as income.

A group called Coalition of Graduate Workers lined up outside of Representative Vicky Hartzler's district office on Monday with more than 50 letters from MU graduate students and faculty.

“The letters identify the specific provisions within the bill and talk a little bit about what they would do to graduate students and ask Representative Hartzler to consider voting against the bill or at least proposing an amendment on the floor that would take those provisions out of the bill, which is an option,” said Outreach Officer for Coalition of Graduate Workers Joseph Moore.

More than 2,000 graduate students at the University of Missouri would be affected by the plan.

“For me personally, it would increase my taxes annually by \$2,000, which is about four months of rent for me,” Moore said. “It would have all sorts of devastating consequences for higher education in Missouri and across the country.”

Hartzler’s press secretary, Steven Walsh, was at the district office to hear the concerns of the graduate students.

“We were here to listen, we heard what they had to say and we will share those concerns with the congresswoman. She’s going to know what’s going on in the minds of the constituents and she will know it really quickly,” Walsh said.

Walsh shared the graduate students said if the tax plan was passed they would have to pay a tax on the waiver tuition.

“If they pay tax on that that would be something that they would have a very difficult time coming to grips with,” Walsh said.

Moore said the plan would impact numerous people throughout the country.

“This provision would prevent thousands of low-income and middle class students from pursuing higher education and it would have pretty devastating impacts on the U.S. economy. It would hurt research in STEM fields and it would make the U.S. less competitive compared to other countries globally,” he said.

Coalition of Graduate Workers is a labor union that represents 2,700 graduate students at the University of Missouri.

Moore said the group’s goal is “to either get these provisions out of the GOP tax bill or to have this bill die entirely.” He also said if the tax plan is approved, he thinks MU would “almost certainly” see a drop in graduate assistants and teachers.

Hartzler is currently in Washington D.C. reviewing the tax plan. The House may potentially see a vote by the end of the week.

In an email following the interview, Walsh said, "I have spoken with Congresswoman Hartzler regarding the tax reform proposal concerns of the grad students who met with us today. She has raised this concern of her constituents with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, who introduced the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act."

President of the American Council on Education Ted Mitchell wrote in a [letter](#) that the legislation “would discourage participation in postsecondary education, make college more expensive for those who do enroll, and undermine the financial stability of public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities.”

Mitchell also said “the bill’s provisions would increase the cost to students attending college by more than \$65 billion between 2018 and 2027.”

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## Former Mizzou chancellor Haskell

## Monroe Jr. dies

From staff reports

**Haskell Moorman Monroe Jr., former chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia, died Monday in College Station, Texas, according to the University of Texas at El Paso.**

Monroe was 86. Before coming to Mizzou in 1987, he served as president of UTEP, the Texas university said in a press release.

His tenure as Mizzou chancellor ended in December 1991, a month after state voters rejected a proposed \$385 million-a-year tax increase for education. He said that vote triggered the "unenviable task of reducing the breadth and scope of this university so we can live within our means."

He stayed on to teach history for a few years.

“Haskell Monroe was both an administrator and a deeply committed historian and educator who loved teaching,” UTEP President Diana Natalicio said in the release. “He taught large freshman history classes throughout his tenure as UTEP’s president, and was always fascinated by the history of this region and the mining school (now UTEP) that helped shape it. His major achievements as UTEP’s president, including our beautiful library building, continue to support UTEP’s more recent development.”

## Retired University of Missouri chancellor Monroe dies

By THE TRIBUNE'S STAFF

**Haskell Monroe Jr., chancellor of the University of Missouri from 1987 to 1993, died Monday in College Station, Texas.**

Monroe, 86, was president of the University of Texas-El Paso from 1980 until his selection as MU chancellor.

As Monroe began his tenure, MU students and other activists were engaged in the shantytown protests that led late in 1987 to the UM System divesting from companies doing business with the apartheid regime in South Africa.

In 1992, Monroe retired as chancellor after UM System President George Russell announced plans to cut 600 jobs across the four campuses and in system administration after the failure of a statewide tax proposal for education. Monroe said he did not want to preside over endless cuts at MU.

Monroe became a tenured professor of history until he returned to Texas.

A news release from University of Texas-El Paso praised Monroe for his dedication to education.

“Haskell Monroe was both an administrator and a deeply committed historian and educator who loved teaching,” President Diana Natalicio said in the news release. “He taught large freshman history classes throughout his tenure as UTEP’s president, and was always fascinated by the history of this region and the mining school (now UTEP) that helped shape it.”

No information was available Monday regarding funeral arrangements.

# MISSOURIAN

## MU team aspires to contribute to electric car revolution. Now, they're aiming for competition.

By KATHERINE WHITE

Every Sunday morning at 7:30, Jason Pae awakes, ready to research the best technology to build an electric race car.

**Pae and the other members of the [Mizzou Electric Car Team](#) meet every Sunday from 9 a.m. to around 3 p.m. to research and design electric vehicles. Recently, they've focused their attention on an electric race car they hope to use to compete against other university team's cars.**

**As electric vehicle technology continues to evolve throughout the automotive industry, the MU College of Engineering and the team's members aim to contribute to that evolution.**

Around 560,000 electric vehicles were in stock in the U.S. in 2016, according to the [International Energy Agency](#). According to predictions from [Bloomberg New Energy Finance](#), 33 percent of the world's total vehicles in service by 2040 will be electric.

“As we annually increase our consumption, coupled with a finite amount of fossil fuels, it is easily understood that investment in alternative methods for both energy generation and consumption are becoming necessary,” said Ryan Kostos, an MU senior and the team's former president.

The team has been at MU since 2008, but due to lack of organization and other complications, the team soon became lifeless, Kostos said.

By the end of his sophomore year, Kostos was elected president of the team by the few remaining members. He said he saw great potential in them and immediately started recruiting.

“He was definitely the driving factor for the team to be where we are today,” said Pae, who is the team's current president.

After the team's revival in fall 2015, the team bought a 1996 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck for \$500 to convert into a fully electric vehicle. The truck was a rolling chassis, which means the car was no longer running when they purchased it off a private seller on Craigslist.

The S10 is parked in the lot behind Naka Hall at MU. The team uses it to promote the importance of electric vehicles.

Kostos served as the team's president for two years, but he felt that new leadership was needed to continue the team's momentum.

“Upon completion of our first build, I felt it was necessary to step down from my position in order to bring a new round of officers up that would lead us into our next evolution as a team,” Kostos said. “It brings me great happiness seeing that we now have over 25 members and a new group of young, intelligent and motivated officers who share a similar vision that I had two years ago.”

Pae, who dreams of working for Tesla Motors as a testing engineer, said that his vision is to prove to people that electric vehicles are the next big thing. He's inspired by Elon Musk, the founder and CEO of Tesla.

“I want to be part of the movement that really pushes for electric vehicles,” Pae said. “Like what Elon Musk is doing now, I want to be the driving factor for electric vehicles and the industry.”

### **Working toward the competition**

Promoting awareness of the benefits and performance of electric vehicles isn't the team's only ambition. They are now trying to engineer the quickest, most-efficient and well-designed electric race car with the best handling to compete in the Formula SAE Competition — a series of international competitions where universities compete to design and build an electric performance race car — in 2019.

“We won't be competing the first year due to how intense the rules and competition are,” Pae said. “Having the extra year will give us more time to work on our design so we can pass inspection to do the dynamic events at the competition.”

The FSAE rulebook states that “all vehicles entered into the competition must be conceived, designed, fabricated and maintained by the student team members without any involvement from professional engineers, automotive engineers, racers, machinists or related professionals.”

The Chevy S10 and the race car will be quite similar, besides size and weight differences. The race car is smaller, more powerful and engineered for speed, handling and other competition events, while the S10 is heavier and engineered for efficiency and distance.

The truck and the race car motors will be pretty similar for the most part,” Pae said. “Except that our race car motor will be a high-performance motor.”

The motor isn’t the only part of the race car that is in the designing stage. The team has also initiated plans for the frame of the car.

We’ll call it chassis Mk2 officially,” said Dima Spellman, head mechanical engineer for the team. “This is by no means a final design. I would not be surprised if the final chassis version ends up being Mk8 or higher if we end up being ahead of schedule on design.”

Mk2 and Mk8 are short for mark 2 and mark 8, Pae said.

“Like how Iron Man names his suits,” he said.

Spellman said that the team plans to use steel, and they will fabricate the pieces together themselves, per the competition’s rules. The vehicle must have four wheels that aren’t covered and have an open cockpit — a body used in [Formula 1 racing](#).

“We are spending a lot of time making sure that the frame is all within spec and is optimized for what we’re going for,” Kostos said. “Once we have this outlined, this can act as a foundation and then everything can then branch around off of this.”

With the time and dedication of the more than 25 members, the team is in the right place to be successful, Kostos said.

“We are at a good point right now,” he said. “We have a lot of good momentum.”

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## Sinclair School of Nursing Dean Judith Miller to retire in December

By ALLISON CHO

**Judith Miller will retire as dean of the MU Sinclair School of Nursing on December 31.**

“I’m going to miss the people; I’m grieving about that already,” Miller said. “I’m going to miss relationships with donors, alumni, students and faculty. One of my most enjoyable experiences is making rounds to the clinical settings to see students and have them present their patients to me.”

Though she won't be a part of the MU faculty this coming semester, Miller has high aspirations for the school, students and staff. In 2016, she aided in developing and condensing a thirty-page strategic plan into two pages detailing a few goals for the university, she said.

"I hope for the university to be flexible and to understand and meet our learners' needs," Miller said. "I hope we continue to be future focused in our curriculum and in our programming. I don't want the faculty and staff to engage in the status quo because then one becomes stagnant. I want them to be on top of their game."

Miller began her duties as dean in August 2008 after working as interim dean of Marquette University's College of Nursing.

"I was enticed to come here because the School of Nursing is part of an academic health center, and it is excellent in education and research," she said.

As an alumna of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and University of Illinois at Chicago, Miller emphasized the appeal of a traditional college town as well. University towns have diversity, performing arts and lectures that "are special to academic environments," she said.

Outside of work, Miller enjoys visual and performing arts. In fact, a majority of her family is artistically inclined, as exemplified by her eldest daughter's current teaching position at an art school.

Miller began her career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire as a music major. Although she still loves classical music, she did not enjoy her individual piano classes and ultimately decided to pursue another career path.

"My piano teacher was really strict, and as a late adolescent I didn't think perfection in playing was all that important," Miller said. "My father helped me think about careers that would be more humanistic and caring, which I seemed to be aligned with."

After practicing as a nurse, Miller shifted her focus to "influencing the discipline by helping shape future nurses," which eventually led to a career in higher education and research in nursing. According to Miller, she has written 30 research proposals since her time at MU, sometimes completing three or four proposals a year.

In addition to her research, Miller has improved communication with donors, prospective students and faculty members. When asked about her proudest achievements, she further discussed the importance of communication and promotion as a dean.

"I have enhanced fundraising and increased the number of donors and friends to the school, as well as put together an advisory board and a development board," she said. "I've been able to enhance communication so that we can showcase accomplishments of the faculty, students and

alumni. That's important to mention as that is one facet of the dean's role, to be able to promote the school."

Vicki Conn, associate dean for research at the Sinclair School of Nursing, has worked with Miller since 2008 and spoke of Miller's dedication to the university, as well as her sense of humor and compassion for students.

"[She is] high, high energy," Conn said. "She is always working on behalf of the School of Nursing. 16 hours a day, seven days a week. She is always thinking about how to push the School of Nursing forward to reach those goals."

Dean David Kurpius of the School of Journalism agreed, describing Miller as a "tireless worker." He extended this sentiment to describe her retirement.

"She enjoys her work, so I don't see her getting up in the morning and not having anything to do," he said. "She's going to make sure she's busy and moving something forward."

Other than working together on the Council of Deans, Kurpius and Miller share some similarities, such as having attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and being Green Bay Packer fans, according to Kurpius. He has worked with Miller since his arrival to MU in 2015 and noted that she helped him adjust to the university.

"She was one of the people that really helped me get settled on campus when I got here," he said. "I appreciated her helpfulness at that time and the interactions we've had."

When asked about her impending retirement, Miller said that she'll miss the connections and relationships she's built at the university the most.

Regarding her future, Miller is planning to move back to Wisconsin. As she is an avid reader and member of a book club, it's no surprise that Miller is also preparing to write a book.

"I'm trying to separate from here and continue to have a life fully lived," she said. "I'm probably going to write a book on hope as a construct important for the quality of life and do some other initiatives as I relocate back to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, my home."