



## ► **Life Sciences Center ascends, Chippendale takes on larger role in preparations**



Mike Chippendale, left, newly named full-time interim director of the Life Sciences Center, tours the building with CAFNR Vice Chancellor and Dean Tom Payne, U.S. Sen. Christopher Bond and U.S. Rep. Kenny Hulshof, right.

The MU Life Sciences Center has grown from a big hole in the ground to a towering skeletal structure during 2002. Preparations for the people who will occupy the 232,000 square foot facility, and for the work they will do there, are growing as well.

To keep all efforts moving forward, Michael Chippendale, CAFNR senior associate dean, became full-time interim director of the center as of Sept. 1.

"We've been fortunate to have Mike's thoughtful leadership during the development and early days of the life sciences center," said Brady Deaton, MU provost. "His new position allows us to keep moving forward on the life sciences front, and to continue to benefit from that leadership and experience."

University officials announced in April that the search for a permanent Life Sciences Center director would be put on hold due to budget restraints. Chippendale, who has been involved in leadership of MU life sciences efforts since the mid-1990s, had been serving as part-time interim director since 2000.

"Construction of the building is moving along right on schedule," Chippendale said. "So it is time to increase efforts on putting together the research teams and other personnel who will occupy the building, and make other plans that need to be finished before mid-2004."

Construction is expected to be completed by May 2004, and the approximately 350 faculty and staff members should be settled in before classes resume the following August. Faculty began submitting proposals for research teams to occupy the center in September 2002.

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