



Dear MU Students:

As you are likely aware, many universities are facing declining state funding. The University of Missouri System is addressing the financial challenges proactively to uphold our core mission of research, teaching and outreach. Providing high-quality affordable education will always remain a high priority for our University.

In the coming months, faculty, staff and administrative leaders will evaluate programs and put the focus on those that meet high standards of excellence.

Our guiding principles will be to:

- Challenge the status quo and long-held traditions that are impediments to change
- Make strategic decisions based on performance measures of excellence
- Protect programs of excellence for faculty research and creative works, student outcomes, community engagement and financial aid
- Be transparent, collaborative and accountable in making important decisions that affect the institution with input from faculty, students and staff

Student input is critically important to this process and we welcome your candid feedback and suggestions on how the University can improve and what makes your experience at MU so meaningful. Please submit your input to [yourinput@umsystem.edu](mailto:yourinput@umsystem.edu). We will provide ongoing details as the budget process evolves on the [UM System budget planning webpage](#).

We believe that this collaborative process will create a stronger and more vital institution. We look forward to addressing our challenges together. It is truly an honor to serve all of you.

**Mun Choi**, UM System President  
**Hank Foley**, MU Interim Chancellor

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