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Dear University community,

As <u>shared in March</u>, the UM Board of Curators has embarked on important work to evaluate the organizational structure of the University of Missouri System. The <u>effort continued at the board meeting last Friday</u>, June 19, when the Curators discussed potential structures intended to sustain and strengthen academic and research quality, leverage the individual missions of each institution and enhance administrative cost effectiveness, among other considerations. This conversation builds on the work of the <u>University Task Force in 2018</u>, which better defined roles, responsibilities and collaboration across the UM System's four universities.

At the June 19 meeting, <u>AGB Consulting presented a report</u> that outlined several structural options; economic and other factors relating to restructuring; trends among higher education systems across the country; and the advantages and disadvantages of various structural models. The report is intended to support deliberations on options for restructuring and does not offer specific recommendations. Prior to the board meetings last week, the Board facilitated numerous discussions regarding the system's structure with constituent groups and will continue to meet with faculty, staff, students, trustees and other groups with representation from all four universities in the coming weeks.

The Board plans to hold a special meeting on July 28, 2020, and intends to vote on the structural model at that time. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. To learn more about this important topic, we encourage you to visit the Organizational Structure webpage.

Sincerely,

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