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MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** Interim President, Gordon H. Lamb, Ph.D.

**RE:** Information Security Program

The University of Missouri's information technology (IT) infrastructure and the applications that support the creation, storage, modification, and sharing of data are core assets essential to efficient and effective operations. Therefore, the University will institute appropriate safeguards to enhance the security of its IT systems. In addition, the University does and will comply with various regulatory requirements that mandate certain types of data be kept secure and confidential.

Failure to maintain the security of IT assets could result in inadvertent harm to University students, their parents, faculty, staff and donors. The University could also suffer consequences ranging from loss of funding to institutional embarrassment.

The University is committed to enhancing the security of its IT assets in a manner that bears in mind industry best practices, legal requirements, and continues to support the principles of academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas. In order to accomplish this in a comprehensive and consistent fashion for all University entities, I am directing the Vice President for Information Technology to develop and implement a comprehensive information security program applicable to all University entities.

This program will address relevant IT assets under the oversight of UM, UMHC, and the four campuses. The Vice President for Information Technology will communicate the program plans and progress to the General Officers on a regular basis.