



February 7, 2011

Dr. David Russell, Commissioner
Missouri Department of Higher Education
205 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 1469
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Commissioner Russell:

On Tuesday, February 1, 2011, in compliance with Section 173.1003.5, RSMo, we submitted the University of Missouri's notice of tuition and required fee changes effective with the 2011 summer session. In your response dated February 3, 2011, you indicated the maximum increase permitted for our institution under the Higher Education Student Funding Act (HEFSA) is \$126.64. Because our increase will exceed that amount, you indicated it triggers the penalty and waiver provisions of the HESFA.

Please consider this letter and attachment as our request for waiver of penalty. The attachment addresses in great detail each of the criteria that will be used to evaluate a waiver request according to guidance provided by you. However, it is readily apparent the "relationship between state appropriations and the consumer price index," the primary factor contained in Section 173.1003, RSMo, amply justifies the increase in tuition and required fees adopted by the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

We urge you to act on our request as soon as possible. Increases in tuition and fees begin with the summer session that for several of our campuses begins in May. In addition, summer and fall pre-registration takes place in March with first billing distributed in late April early May. Finally, in order to be competitive in attracting new students, financial aid packaging must be complete and distributed in March. I look forward to discussing our request with you at your earliest convenience and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Owens
Interim President

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Attachment

c: Natalie "Nikki" Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration, UM
Phil Hoskins, Acting General Counsel
Cuba Plain, Assistant Vice President, Budget Planning and Development, UM

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