

4/10/08
Chancellor Brady A. Deaton
105 Jesse Hall

Dear Chancellor Deaton:

Subject: Petition, "**The Current Crisis and Future of the University of Missouri,**" Call for a Faculty Meeting under CRR300.010A.

We are petitioning for a general faculty meeting because we are deeply concerned about the recent history, current state, and future condition of the University of Missouri. In this meeting, we wish to express those concerns, discuss them with fellow faculty and with University administrators, and alert the public and its elected representatives as to the profoundly important implications of MU's situation.

Our concerns and discussion items include the following:

1. The general causes, the nature, and the consequences of the ongoing fiscal crisis at the University of Missouri.
2. The "Compete Missouri" plan: its relationship to MU's ongoing crisis; the problematic assumptions on which it is based; the questionable nature of its development and implementation; its likely consequences; and possible alternatives.
3. The structural and other relationships, between MU administration and faculty, which have shaped the character and implementation of "Compete Missouri," and which arguably impede a fully rational and efficient mobilization and utilization of MU's strengths and resources.

Although we realize that the semester's end is a busy and hence a less than ideal time for meeting, we urge colleagues to remember that many "reforms"—including those most controversial—are elaborated and imposed on MU during summers. Thus, rather than await passively what, by mid-August, may be pronounced a *fait accompli*, we petition for this meeting to ask the faculty to express its opinions proactively.

We support calling for a General Faculty Meeting at the University of Missouri-Columbia for the above stated reasons:

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