

University of Missouri Board of Curators

Resolution

Adopted Friday, Oct. 5, 2007

WHEREAS, The University of Missouri has provided teaching, research and service to Missouri, the nation, and the world since 1839 when it became the first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Purchase territory, and

WHEREAS, The University is guided by Thomas Jefferson's philosophy that the freedom and prosperity of a democratic society is dependent upon an informed and well-educated citizenry, and

WHEREAS, The University seeks to promote the common good through the conduct of enlightened teaching, world-class research, devoted service to humanity, and respect for intellectual diversity, and

WHEREAS, The University is fortunate to have a faculty composed of distinguished teachers and researchers whose achievements in the pursuit of knowledge and inquiry are admired and respected throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, Academic freedom in teaching and research is fundamental to the advancement of truth, and

WHEREAS, These broad principles are set forth in Section 310.010 of the Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri hereby commends statements of support for these principles by President Gordon H. Lamb, the Chancellors, and the Intercampus Faculty Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Curators reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles of academic freedom and intellectual inquiry that are the foundation of the American Land-Grant and Research University.

Adopted 6-1, with two abstaining.

YES (6): Curator Cairns; Curator Erdman; Curator Fraser; Curator Haggard; Curator Walker; Curator Walsworth

NO (1): Curator Russell

ABSTAINING (2): Curator Carnahan; Curator Wasinger