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**To:** Interim Chancellor Hank Foley, c/o Pat Okker, Sr. Associate Provost

**From:** Marie Concannon, MU Student Financial Aid Committee Chair  
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**Subject:** Student Financial Aid Committee Report for reporting period  
September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016

**Date:** Submitted June 1, 2016

### Committee Charge

The committee is charged to make recommendations to the provost regarding the MU Student Financial Aid program, including the awarding and dispensing of gifts, loans, work aid and the operation of campus aid programs such as the scholarship and student work programs. The committee also assists in developing special programming and proposes guidelines for new scholarship programs.

### Committee Members

Chris Austin, Graduate Student, Learning, Teaching and Curriculum  
Jeanne Abbott, Associate Professor, Journalism  
Rohit Chadha, Assistant Professor, Computer Science  
Marie Concannon, Head, Govt Info & Data Archives, MU Libraries (Chair)  
Carrie Duncan, Assistant Professor, Religious Studies  
Mirae Kim, Assistant Professor, Truman School of Public Affairs  
Emily Ross, Student, Political Science (*service began February 9, 2016*)  
Ciara Russell, Student, Journalism

### Committee Meetings

The committee met three times during the reporting year.

- Meeting with Charlie Brunette, Assistant Director of Compliance, MU Athletics, on October 26, 2015 in the Stalcup Room, Mizzou Arena. The purpose of the meeting was to review National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules and policies regarding student athletes and their financial aid packages.
- Meeting in Ellis Library on December 11, 2015 to discuss goals for the coming year. Meeting minutes are available in a separate document.



- Meeting with Nick Prewett, Director, Student Financial Aid and Gena Boling, Associate Director, Student Financial Aid on March 11, 2016 for an introduction and orientation. Meeting minutes are available in a separate document.

### **Other Activities**

- The Chair signed off on sixteen voluntary relinquishments of athletically related financial aid from September 1, 2015 through June 1, 2016.
- The Chair attended the MU Financial Wellness Summit on February 2, 2016 at the Reynolds Alumni Center. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice-Provost of Undergraduate Studies, the purpose of the summit was to provide faculty and staff greater understanding of the financial challenges our students face, and to maximize resources in order to provide the best possible service.
- The Chair kept the committee informed of political developments concerning financial aid, such as the Missouri 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly [House Bill 1743](#) and Missouri Congresswoman Claire McCaskill's [College Affordability Listening Tour](#). Committee members shared relevant news stories as well.
- There have been no formal hearings from the start of the reporting period up through the date of this report. At the time of this writing (June 1), there are no hearings scheduled for the remainder of the reporting period.

### **Issues identified**

It is important to have student representation on this committee. During most of this year, we had only one undergraduate for four MSA slots. Future chairs are advised to try for a full slate early in the year in order to maximize student input in meetings.

### **Committee Recommendations**

The full committee has no formal recommendations at this time. The Chair found the Student Financial Wellness Summit effective, and hopes that it will be made a regularly-occurring event on the MU campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, MU Student Financial Aid Committee  
Head, Government Information & Data Archives