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Every time I hear [President Rodney] [Bennett talk about "retention,"](#) I cringe. Do you really think the administration is going to let trivial things like lack of academic qualification or academic motivation get in the way of collecting dollars under the new funding criterion? That, by the way is a rhetorical question. The answer is obviously no.

When the "retention policy" is announced, it is going to be full of high sounding mumbo jumbo. When you scrap away all the c\*\*p, what it's really going to mean is the faculty better keep paying students in the classroom. Translation: accept more grade inflation or find another school at which to work.

Many of us are not sure whether [Dr.] Bennett even understands what it means to be an academic. One of the biggest jokes on campus has been his dissertation. He should have been lucky to get a passing grade in an upper division undergraduate class, let alone a doctorate.

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