

## Guess how USM faculty will assure their school's funding?

### Who's going to test the baccalaureate graduates? *Except future employers?*

Associate Press, April 17, 2013, reported that "[College funding set for full \[IHL\] board vote.](#)"

Trustee Aubrey Patterson said he liked the system [the new formula meant to more fairly distribute state aid among the schools] because it was "performance driven" *paying universities for moving students through classes and achieving other goals...* Doug Rouse said, "Those are the kids [with low ACT scores or low incomes] we should be rewarding. If we can get those kids through, it will make a lot of difference to the state."... The distribution of state "money would be allocated based on how many course-hours students complete." (Emphasis added.)

Do you think faculty will figure out what they are expected to do to assure state funding for their university, and by extension funding for their courses? Nobody will have to tell them that Ds and Fs risk essential state funding, their courses, and their jobs.

Hey, it's easy. Pass students and graduate them. And don't get persnickety if they don't measure up to your usual standards. Or much of any standards.

Whacky motivation is what you get from administrators and political appointees to the IHL who do not teach and research at a university.

Consequences? Prepare for a race to the bottom among Mississippi state supported "educational" institutions. As if they needed motivation to sink lower in the pecking order of quality universities in America.