

## USM Provost Outlines Procedures for Appealing Budget Cuts

In an e-mail to USM personnel, USM provost Robert Lyman has spelled out the mechanism for appealing the proposed \$8 million in budget cuts at USM. The text of that e-mail - which states that appeals begin with the deans, move to the provost, and then go to the president/executive cabinet - is inserted below.

As you know, the President and Executive Cabinet are currently considering the list of recommended budget reductions submitted by the APG. Appeals, clarifications, or additional information regarding these suggested options can be submitted to them until August 24, 2009. Such communications can be submitted by any individual or groups of faculty, staff, students, alums, or friends of the University. The appropriate procedure is to submit such material in writing to the appropriate dean or unit director who will, in turn, give it to me to present to the President and Executive Cabinet. Deans and directors are to send forward all materials submitted to them and are not to delete, edit, or add content. E-mails of appeal or support should be collected and included in the written packet rather than be sent to me, the president or other Cabinet members directly. Following the Presidential and Cabinet review, any contract modification information will be conveyed to affected individuals prior to September 1, 2009. I would be happy to answer questions or provide clarification regarding these procedures.

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As a number of reports here at USMNEWS.net have indicated, the budget cuts issue has become an emotionally charged one, particularly in USM's b-school, where the three economics majors were eliminated. This decision has led USM to terminate, after 2009-10, its 9 tenure/tenure-track economists. As a result of that emotion, will CoB economists bypass step 1 in the process and march into Lyman's office?



Of course, only time will tell if that occurs. If that does happen, USMNEWS.net will provide whatever details become available.