

With Faculty Cuts Looming, USM Spending Big Pots of Money

Campus Construction Projects Continue Unabated

As David Tisdale's 13-July-2010 [USM presser](#) indicates, USM is spending more than \$50 million constructing (1) the Century Park student housing complex and (2) the new student parking garage. Two pictures of the Century Park project accompany Tisdale's release. These are inserted below.



One photo of the parking garage project accompanies Tisdale's report. This is inserted just below.



As so many reports at USMNEWS.net have indicated, USM is currently undergoing the process of shaving about \$15 million out of its operating budget. Some are estimating that this process could result in the loss of 100 USM faculty members. This upcoming cut comes on the heels of a process last year that resulted in about \$10 million in cuts. Four CoB economists were forced into retirement as a result of last year's process.

Some are predicting that, with these new amenities for students coming at the same time that USM faculty are suffering through one of the roughest patches (for faculty) in the institution's 100-year history, a serious disconnect involving USM students and faculty lies just over the horizon. Given that things seem fine to many students, faculty discontent about the current budgetary crisis may not be well understood by these same students. How this may play out, or where this (potential) road will lead, will likely be a topic for discussion around campus water coolers over the coming weeks and months.