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Proposed University of Missouri budget shows $2 million cut in system payroll

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The University of Missouri System administration will reveal Thursday how it intends to cut costs to cover a $3.8 million decrease in state support when the Board of Curators considers the budget for the coming fiscal year.

Overall, the budget anticipates $3.07 billion in revenue, down from $3.14 billion in the budget approved by the curators in June 2015, and $2.98 billion in spending, up $29.1 million. The increased spending includes a $43.7 million increase for hospital operations.

On the Columbia campus, where administrators are anticipating enrollment to decline by at least 2,600 students, the budget includes a $34 million decline in tuition revenue, offset in part by a $5.6 million reduction in spending on scholarships from restricted fund sources.
The Columbia campus has cut more than 150 positions, including layoffs of 38 employees, and spending on employee salaries is budgeted to decline from $379.4 million to $366.2 million in the year that begins July 1.

The budget before the curators is the reflection of a bad year for the university. Columbia campus demonstrations over racial issues in November played out on a national stage and helped push out President Tim Wolfe. The strife also highlighted other issues that led to the resignation of Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin. Legislators reacted harshly to the participation of the Tigers football team in the protests and put heavy pressure on the university to fire assistant professor Melissa Click for interfering with news coverage of the protests.

At one point during the legislative session, the university was frozen out of a proposed increase in spending for colleges and universities and cuts were made to the system administration and the Columbia campus. The final state budget included a boost for the university and a cut to the system administration of $3.8 million.

Interim President Mike Middleton has said he did not intend to cover the shortfall by taking money from the four campuses, but the documents provided to the curators do not give details about how that will be accomplished. UM spokesman John Fougere said system Chief Financial Officer Brian Burnett would provide that information to the board when it meets Thursday and Friday.

The budget anticipates spending $2 million less in the coming fiscal year on salaries and benefits for the system.

Burnett was not available for an interview Wednesday morning, Fougere said.

The board also will consider its budget request to the state for the year beginning July 1, 2017. The request, as proposed by the administration, makes restoring the $3.8 million a top priority.

“While the system worked diligently to find cuts without increasing the costs or pushing additional workload to the campuses, maintaining current service levels without a degradation of quality or timeliness will not be sustainable,” the documents said. “The reduced funding also limits the flexibility of the system to implement actions to increase efficiencies and effectiveness for the benefit of the campuses and the ability to respond to new opportunities.”

MU Vice Chancellor for Finance Rhonda Gibler on Monday said she expects the cuts at the UM System to slow some services the campus expects, such as approval of contracts in the general counsel's office or approval of purchases.
“For them to take a $3.8 million cut and for it not to affect us at all, is hard for me to imagine,” Gibler said.

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For new vice chancellor, MU is a familiar place
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COLUMBIA — Patty Haberberger says she smiles every time she thinks about it — coming back to MU.

For the past 24 years, the MU alumna worked in the human resources division for Saint Louis University. Last week, she accepted the position of vice chancellor for human resources for MU.

Haberberger, 54, was born in St. Louis. At MU, she was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and a Golden Girl with Marching Mizzou. She graduated from MU in 1983 with a bachelor’s in business administration.

“This is a really wonderful opportunity for me to return to the place where I got my education,” Haberberger said. “I’m just really excited.”

Of course, Haberberger knows that being an employee instead of a student will be a different experience.

“When you work in higher ed, you’re seeing students graduating and going out into the world, and you think, ‘Oh my gosh, they have the rest of their lives ahead of them,’” Haberberger said.

But that’s the most gratifying thing about working in higher education, she said.
Some of Haberberger’s goals for the beginning of her term include learning about the university, while other goals are more internally focused.

“We have to find out what kind of an HR team we are and what we want to become and our vision for the future going forward,” she said.

Eventually Haberberger expects to make some changes, “but those will depend on what the issues are,” she said.

Right now, Haberberger is focused on getting to know the university again.

On Haberberger’s two visits to MU in March and April, she met students, faculty, staff and administrators, all of who, she said, had a positive impact on her and her decision to accept the position.

“As someone in an HR leadership role and as a leadership team member for the rest of the university, I was really impressed with everybody I met,” Haberberger said.

New study suggests mass shooters are not necessarily insane


COLUMBIA, Mo. - Researchers with the University of Missouri School of Medicine are offering a new definition for behaviors relating to violent acts called “extreme overvalued belief.”

People often assume mental illness could be reason people commit violent acts like mass shootings but the researchers said that extreme belief is what can lead them to criminal actions.
“When these types of tragedies occur, we question the reason behind them,” Tahir Rahman, M.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry at the MU School of Medicine and lead author of the study, said in a press release. “Sometimes people think that violent actions must be the byproduct of psychotic mental illness, but this is not always the case.”

The person can use the Internet or other ways to reaffirm this belief and that may cause them to act violently, instead of it just being for reason of insanity.

"They find support there, they find justification for their anger and some of their belief systems," said Paul Fennewald, a former Missouri Homeland Security coordinator. "That helps get them spun up even to even a higher level until they clear that thresh hold and then rather than just thinking about it, they're ready to go out and do something about it."

The researchers used a Norwegian terror attack from 2011 as a basis for their findings. Breivik killed 77 people in a car bombing in Oslo and a mass shooting at a youth camp on the island of Utøya.

He had claimed to be a "savior of Christianity" and that the reason for his attacks was to save Europe from multiculturalism.

Breivik had two psychological evaluations. The first team diagnosed him with paranoid schizophrenia. The second team concluded he was not psychotic and instead diagnosed him with narcissistic personality disorder.

“Breivik believed that killing innocent people was justifiable, which seems irrational and psychotic," said Rahman in the release. "However, some people without psychotic mental illness feel so strongly about their beliefs that they take extreme actions."

Rahman said there is still more research to do relating to extreme overvalued beliefs. But he said there should be a way for mental health professionals to warn people about the risks and help before the violent behavior happens.

"Can we go into places of worship, community centers, schools, universities, to bring this information to the forefront so people can understand what an extreme over valued belief is and more importantly how it gets there?" said Rahman.

Fennewald said there needs to be a community effort as well to keep an eye on friends and family in order to hold them accountable or notice behavioral problems before they escalate to violence.
Missouri medical school opens Springfield campus

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SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The University of Missouri School of Medicine has opened a physician training campus in Springfield.

The Springfield News-Leader reports that the medical school, CoxHealth and Mercy Springfield hospitals celebrated the opening of the clinical campus Monday.

Officials say the new campus will allow medical students to complete their last two years of training while spending time learning at the two hospitals.

Andrew Evans, chief academic officer for the medical school’s Springfield clinical campus and associate professor of clinical medicine, said nine medical students will begin their last two years of training at the start of the 2016-17 year. The school said the expansion is expected to add more than 300 physicians to the economy.
A legislative ally of state Sen. Kurt Schaefer’s bid for attorney general on Tuesday used an open letter to question rival Republican Josh Hawley’s qualifications, asking for a list of cases he has handled in Missouri courts.

State Rep. Jay Barnes, R-Jefferson City, posted the letter on his campaign website and sent a copy to Hawley’s office at the University of Missouri. Barnes, an attorney, wrote that he needed assurance, as chairman of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability that the attorney general’s office would be in good hands.

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Professor Joshua D. Hawley

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Dear Professor Hawley:

As the chairman of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability, I have investigated wasteful or incompetent governance many times in the past six years. As a Missourian, I want to be certain that those in charge of state agencies have the experience necessary to actually perform their job. That is why I’m writing you today.

Unlike faculty lounges where professors can pontificate without consequence, the Attorney General makes decisions that impact lives. Directing a criminal prosecution or protecting Missouri consumers from
charlatans is not a theoretical exercise, and the office of Attorney General is not the place for on-the-job training for a person who has never tried a case or argued an appeal. It's a place where Missourians need someone who has been tested by the fire of having an actual client depend on their ability as a lawyer in a real-world courtroom.

You claim to have argued the Hobby Lobby case in front of the Supreme Court. The public record reflects otherwise: you sat in the gallery, not at counsel’s table. Missourians understand that candidates often exaggerate, so they’ll probably forgive it. After all, Al Gore was the butt of many jokes for claiming to have invented the Internet, but I doubt he lost any votes for it.

However, I have heard rumors about your experience far worse than puffery about Supreme Court cases. It is alleged that you have never served as counsel of record in an actual Missouri courtroom where you had the responsibility of representing a person, business, or any other entity. I figure this cannot possibly be true. As a candidate for Attorney General, you must have some real-world case you can point to show Missourians that you have experience in the types of cases that the Attorney General is charged with handling on their behalf.

This being the Show-Me State, there’s a very simple way to dispel these rumors that you are not qualified for the office: simply name some cases for which you are listed as counsel of record in Missouri. I eagerly await your response.

Yours in service,

Jay Barnes

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**Hawley, a law professor at MU, should provide a list of cases so voters can judge his courtroom ability,** Barnes said in an interview.

“The attorney general must be a person who has a working knowledge of how litigation proceeds, how litigation works, to sit down in a meeting and have a real-world experience upon which to base their opinions,” Barnes said.
Schaefer, a Columbia Republican, and Hawley are engaged in one of the most hard-fought Republican primaries for attorney general in memory. Schaefer, a two-term senator, is banking on his experience as an assistant attorney general, assistant U.S. attorney, legal counsel in state government and on his work in private practice to give him an edge with voters. Hawley’s main thrust is an appeal to social conservatives, and he announced an endorsement Monday by former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

Barnes, who has publicly endorsed Schaefer, has not contributed to his campaign. The letter is a political ploy and does not need a response, Hawley’s campaign spokesman Scott Paradise said.

“We’ll stack up Josh’s legal experience against Kurt Schaefer’s any day of the week,” Paradise wrote in a statement for the campaign.

The winner of the Aug. 2 primary will face one of two Democrats, former Cass County Prosecuting Attorney Teresa Hensley or St. Louis County Assessor Jake Zimmerman. Incumbent Attorney General Chris Koster, a Democrat, is running for governor.

Hawley has never worked in private practice in Missouri. A native of Lafayette County, he graduated from Yale Law School in 2006 and worked as a judicial clerk for two federal judges, including a term with Chief Justice John Roberts, until 2008. He returned to Missouri when he and his wife, Erin Hawley, were hired in 2011 to join the faculty of the MU School of Law.

Hawley has “represented clients 11 times in cases at the Supreme Court as either an amicus or merits party,” Paradise wrote in response to an inquiry in May from the Tribune. Hawley is highlighting that work in his first campaign ad, running in Springfield and St. Louis. The ad uses the words “Beat Obama Twice” and a headline about the court ruling in favor of Hobby Lobby in a case over religious objections to contraceptive coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Hawley participated in writing briefs in six cases for clients petitioning the court and participated in writing amicus curiae, or friend of the court, briefs in five additional cases. He never has argued in person before the Supreme Court or been the “counsel of record,” or lead attorney, in a case before the court.

Hawley should demonstrate he has “had a client in any kind of context anywhere in a Missouri courtroom or in a Missouri administrative proceeding,” Barnes said.

A working lawyer learns the elements of trial practice, rules of evidence and rules of civil procedure required by the courts to successfully present a case, Barnes said.
“The person who oversees the office ought to have some familiarity with how courts operate,” Barnes said.

Schaefer’s campaign did not ask Barnes to write the letter, campaign manager Scott Dieckhaus said in an interview.

Hawley “has gone around for a few years building name ID and building support based on the stretch of the truth that he was arguing the Hobby Lobby case, and his embellishments are starting to catch up with him,” Dieckhaus said.