Dear Chairman Steelman and Members of the University of Missouri Board of Curators:

As you know, in January 2018, the Board Chair appointed a task force to review, among other things, the UM System’s patterns of governance, leadership and operations (“Task Force”). In carrying out its charge, the Task Force reviewed information from other public university systems, the history of the UM System, and sought and received input from chancellors, provosts, vice presidents, faculty representatives, staff, students and other concerned stakeholders through a variety of media, including a university community input session at the Board meeting on June 22, 2018. As a result of these efforts, a Task Force Report was developed which I am forwarding to the full Board for its review and consideration. Also included in an Appendix to the Task Force Report is an initiative matrix that represents ideas generated by the Task Force to improve the UM System, and unique characteristics and top programs from each university within the UM System that will help guide the Board’s decision-making and strategy.

Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Task Force: Curator Julia Brncic, Curator John Philips, President Mun Choi, Chancellor Mauli Agrawal, Interim Chancellor and Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer, Chancellor Alex Cartwright, Interim Chancellor Chris Maples, Vice President Ryan Rapp, General Counsel Steve Owens, and for the assistance of AGB Consultant Terry MacTaggart and Board Secretary Cindy Harmon.

We look forward to discussing the Report with you.

Sincerely,

Darryl M. Chatman, Chair
University Task Force