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April 14, 2021

Mr. David Steelman
Board of Curators Office
316 University Hall
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Dear David:

At your request, on November 18, 2018, I submitted a letter to Dr. Mun Choi, President of the University of Missouri System, indicating my intention that you and Curator Jon Sundvold remain on the Board of Curators through the 2019 calendar year despite the fact that your terms had expired. I sent the letter in the interest of providing certainty and continuity of leadership at an early stage in my term as Governor. I have enclosed a copy of that letter to this correspondence.

On January 9, 2020, you met with me in my office and expressed a desire and willingness to either remain on the Board of Curators on your expired term, receive re-appointment to the Board of Curators on a new term, or depart from your expired term on the Board of Curators at a time of my choosing. Your offer to be flexible in continued service and to make way for other appointees in the future was much appreciated.

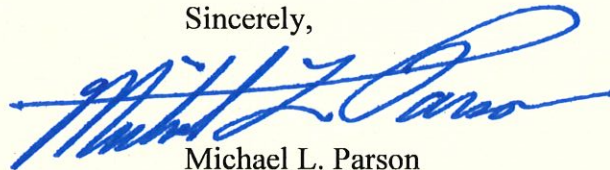
Upon reflection on our January 9, 2020, conversation, I accept your offer to resign from your expired term and thank you for more than 27 months service beyond your appointed term. Please submit a resignation letter with an effective date of no later than April 30, 2021, from your expired term on the Board of Curators pursuant to your January 9, 2020, offer.

Addressing expired terms on the Board of Curators in an orderly fashion is critical at this juncture in order to provide predictability and clarity to the University of Missouri System in order to allow the System to build on its recent successes and prepare for a bright future in furtherance of its mission. Addressing expired terms at this juncture also allows the Missouri Senate to consider Curator nominees for advice and consent based on their individual capability to serve rather than fueling the instability that results from a significant bloc of curators who remain too long on an expired term.

We both share a desire to see the University of Missouri System continue to excel and reach even greater heights in the future. We both know the University of Missouri System is bigger and so much more important than any one person. We have seen Governors and Curators come and go but the all-important mission of the University of Missouri System continues on with a strong legacy pushing it forward and a clear mission in focus.

I thank you for your willingness to partner in providing a smooth transition for your seat on the Board of Curators.

Sincerely,

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Michael L. Parson
Governor

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November 8, 2018

Dr. Mun Choi, President
University of Missouri System
321 University Hall
Columbia, MO 65211

Dear President Choi,

I enjoyed reading the University of Missouri System's announcement in September regarding the "Excellence Through Innovation: A New University of Missouri System." I am pleased to see it is not "business as usual" anymore for the system. Through you and your team's hard work, commitment, and vision, the image of the system and our state is once again moving in a positive direction.

The continued transformation of the system requires stability and continuity. For that reason, I want to inform you that I will not be replacing curators David Steelman and Jon Sundvold during the 2019 calendar year – they will continue to serve on the board despite their terms having expired. The intent of this letter is to provide you and the system certainty moving forward.

Thank you for your leadership and service to the citizens of Missouri, and more importantly the faculty, staff, and students that come to the University of Missouri for their higher education needs. As always, my office will continue to be available to you as the system continues to pursue and execute its mission. I look forward to working with you and the Board of Curators to provide more enhanced opportunities for Missouri.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L. Parson
Governor