Bush: German Beer Worth a Little Diplomacy

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Here we go again – this semester kicked off right where the last one left off, with the firing of Dr. Tom Arbogast. I’ll cut right to the point. The manipulation of EMU by donors with an agenda is disgusting and the timid way that the EMU administration sells itself out to these people makes me angry. Thanks to the unclear decision making process on campus and the vague statements coming from the President, I don’t really know exactly what happened or precisely why he was fired. The details of the latest administrative decision are peripheral, however, to the larger and more serious issue of the abuse of power by university donors. Things have gone too far and it is time to make some changes.

It is time to stop heavy-handed administrative decisions, and then provide lame and vague reasons/excuses for these decisions. It is time to stop threatening professors who publicly question the administration. It is time to give up narrow-minded, literal interpretations of the Bible that violate the spirit of Christ’s legacy. It is time to stand up to manipulation by rich people with an agenda, and it is time to have a President with the courage to defy that manipulation. It is time to stop splitting hairs over what the definition of celibacy is and move on to more enriching activities. It is time to stop catering to the every whim of our donors. Donors are important to the university, but they are only one of many important parts. Why does the contribution of money guarantee that their opinions and vision for EMU’s future are given more credence than others in the university community? I would rather see EMU shut down than become a paranoid, bigoted institution, more interested in witch-hunting and social control than creating an environment for learning and intellectual growth.

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