

# Former Clemson professor to hold town hall meeting

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CLEMSON — A retired Clemson University professor plans a town hall meeting today to explain his criticisms of the university's administration and provide a forum for public comment.

John Bednar, a former French professor at the university, said he reserved Tillman Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Bednar has claimed some university administrators have received double-digit pay increases at a time when rank and file employees received 3 percent or less. He also has accused the administration of abuses of the Clemson airplanes and nepotism. Clemson administrators have disputed his claims as either misleading or incorrect.

"The purpose of the meeting ... is for me to be able to show myself, say why I've been doing what I've been doing," Bednar said.

He said he did not know how many people would attend.

Bednar said he spent the weekend sending about 1,500 to 1,600 emails to Clemson faculty members informing them of the meeting. He had attempted to get Clemson's public affairs department to send the emails through the Clemson system, but his request was turned down.

Bednar's request was not an official university event, thus did not qualify for use of the internal email system, according to a response from Cathy Sams, chief public affairs officer, and university attorney Clay Steadman.