

## A Question for President Saunders

According to a recent [Hattiesburg American article](#) “Southern Miss has permission from the College Board to lease a Beechcraft King Air 200 aircraft for five years from the USM Foundation for a total cost of \$1.89 million. Officials stress that no paperwork has been signed yet and many details are still under consideration. ‘It’s not a done deal,’ spokeswoman Jana Bryant said.”

Our question for President Saunders and Ms. Bryant is, if it’s not a done deal, why has Beechcraft King Air N777AQ ([the plane the University has been authorized to lease from USM’s Foundation](#)) been sitting at [Hattiesburg Municipal Airport](#) since November 6, 2008?