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Cannon's Salary Pushed to \$145,000

HATTIESBURG – New USM associate vice president for research, Gordon Cannon, experienced a “Christmas in May” of sorts when, at is May-2011 meeting, the Mississippi IHL raised his salary from \$95,319 to \$145,000 to go along with his move from rank-and-file faculty to central administration. Cannon's move to administration, and his \$49,681 raise, comes at an interesting time, at least according to USMNEWS.net sources. That timing involves the completion of Cannon's recent service as USM's ombudsman, during which he was called up by USM president Martha Saunders to participate in a highly controversial investigation of another USM faculty member.



This new information seems to indicate that the payoff to Cannon, pictured above during a 16-Apr-2010 deposition for the United States District Court, for his assistance to USM's central administration is a 52.1% increase in his USM salary. In any event, Cannon's rise in power and pay represents yet another example of how the Saunders administration *continues* to expand, even during the country's most daunting economic circumstances since the 1930s.