

## **Carter, Klinedinst Blast Nail, USM Administration**

HATTIESBURG – CoB economics professors George Carter and Mark Klinedinst have thrown down the gauntlet, accusing Lance Nail of targeting the CoB's *economists*, not just the CoB's economics programs. In an interview with **INSIDE HIGHER ED**'s Jack Stripling about the recent elimination of USM's economics programs, for Stripling's [14-August-09 article](#) entitled "Cruel Irony," Carter stated that due process has been denied to economics professors who were unrepresented on the budget committee and kept in the dark about its deliberations throughout the process. Not only that, in a letter provided by Carter to Stripling, Carter accuses the USM administration, including CoB dean Lance Nail, of targeting the economics program as "simply a subterfuge to replace existing faculty."



**George Carter**

Klinedinst's charges against Nail and the USM administration appear to be based more on his view that USM administrators ignored or misused various metrics that showed a high demand for economics faculty at USM. According to Klinedinst, ECO's student credit hours production is among the best in the CoB, if not the university. Klinedinst does, however, extend his criticism to areas mentioned by Carter. According to what Klinedinst told Stripling, "[t]here have been a number of issues where [economics faculty] thought appropriate policies were not being followed." Here, Klinedinst may be referring to the 2008-09 reorganization of the CoB, that moved ECO into a new department with decision sciences. That change, however, was approved by the Mississippi IHL Board without reservation.



**Mark Klinedinst**

Sources tell USMNEWS.net that there are a number of inaccuracies regarding the case being made by Carter and Klinedinst, some of which have been addressed in recent reports here at USMNEWS.net. Others are the subject of forthcoming reports and

editorials. Look for future reports to explore Carter's letter, included in Stripling's recent article, in greater detail. Besides several inaccuracies, Carter's letter drops a personnel bombshell that sources say is related to the employment of economics assistant professor Yosef Bonaparte. Reports that have 9 economists being terminated, and the 10 who were employed during 2008-09, have been confusing to many readers. Carter's letter clears that issue/confusion, though it also accuses the USM administration and legal counsel of effecting an untoward termination after 2008-09.