

## IHL Gives Lucas Mysterious Title . . . and Salary

HATTIESBURG - At its 17-May-2012 monthly meeting, the Mississippi IHL Board threw a proverbial curve ball to the citizens of Mississippi by removing Aubrey Lucas' "President Emeritus" title and replacing it with one referred to as "Executive Transitional Officer," effective 1-May-2012. Along with this intriguing change (see insert below from 17-May-2012 IHL Board Book), the IHL raised Lucas' salary to an *unspecified/ yet to be determined* level - soon to be specified/determined by IHL commissioner Hank Bounds - that will also become effective (retroactively) 1-May-2012.

Aubrey K. Lucas; *from* President Emeritus and Professor; *to* Executive Transitional Officer and Professor; an appropriate salary should be set by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board, such salary should be reported back to the Board as an information item at a subsequent meeting; effective May 1, 2012

Sources tell USMNEWS.net that this revelation will be a surprise to most, if not all, members of the USM community, as none of it has been heretofore discussed. Mississippians expected Lucas to retain his current title of president emeritus through 30-June-2012, and then, on 1-July-2012, to assume the interim president title that [he was named to hold](#) just a few days ago. Regular readers will, of course, recognize that all of these mysterious machinations are occurring as a result of the [sudden resignation](#) of USM president Martha Saunders back on 27-April-2012.

### Aubrey Lucas' Bizarre 2012 at USM

1-Jan-2012 through 30-Apr-2012 President Emeritus	1-May-2012 through 30-June-2012 Executive Transitional Officer	1-July-2012 through 31-Dec-2012 Interim President
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A timeline of sorts showing Lucas' bizarre 2012 at USM is inserted above. From point to point, from each *unique* (sources say *weird*) administrative title to the next, Lucas' salary rises. What those salary levels are remains a mystery to Mississippi taxpayers, at least for the moment. What intriguing twist or turn will this story take next? Stay tuned.