

Interim Title Scores Big for Wiesenburg

HATTIESBURG - At its 19-Jan-2012 meeting, the Mississippi IHL Board [approved a large raise](#) for USM's new interim provost Denis Wiesenburg. As the insert below indicates, in adding the "interim provost" tag to Wiesenburg's vice president for research title, the college board added a nice raise of \$35,000 per year to Wiesenburg's paycheck.

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Denis Wiesenburg; *from* Vice President for Research; salary of \$215,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Vice President for Research and Interim Provost; salary of \$250,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; title change effective November 18, 2011; salary change effective January 1, 2012

The insert above shows that Wiesenburg's salary climbed from \$215,000 per year to \$250,000 per year, representing an increase of 16.3%, a staggering move up in these economically and fiscally difficult times for Mississippians. Wiesenburg's new interim title became effective on 18-Nov-2011, while the new \$250,000 salary took effect on 1-Jan-2012. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that this is quite possibly *yet another* example of the [administrative bloat](#) that is consuming USM's budget. Only time will tell just how much that Mississippi taxpayers can sustain when it comes to supporting what some call the "glamour jobs" that those in the Martha Saunders administration are creating for themselves.