

Klinedinst Has Highest Faculty Senate Absenteeism Rate

HATTIESBURG – The USM Faculty Senate has just released its 2008-09 Faculty Senate [attendance records](#) and CoB professor of economics Mark Klinedinst shows up with the highest “absenteeism rate” on record. Defined as the number of meetings recorded as absent without proxy divided by the total number of applicable meetings, Klinedinst’s absenteeism rate stood at a whopping 37.5% during the 2008-09 school year. Behind Klinedinst, and in a 4-way tie for second, is assistant professor of accounting Mary Anderson, who was recorded as absent without proxy for one of four meetings. Thus, Anderson’s absenteeism rate stood at 25% for the 2008-09 period.

Table 1
The 5 Highest Faculty Senate Absenteeism Rates, 2008-09

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>AR</u>	<u>College</u>
Klinedinst, Mark	37.5%	CoB
Anderson, Mary	25.0%	CoB
Campbell, Christopher	25.0%	CoAL
McCormick, Charles	25.0%	CoST
McGuire, James	25.0%	CoH

Sources tell USMNEWS.net that it must be embarrassing for CoB dean Lance Nail to see that two of his representatives, Klinedinst and Anderson, were so derelict in their Faculty Senate responsibilities during 2008-09. On the brighter side, however, CoBers Brigitte Burgess (fashion merchandising) and Dale Lunsford (decision sciences) each produced absenteeism rates of 0.0%, showing a high level of commitment to their responsibilities to the Faculty Senate and to USM.

Report after report here at USMNEWS.net reveals that Klinedinst is derelict in so many of his obligations to USM. Long-time readers will recall that he has not published a article in an indexed academic journal since 1998, or more than 10 years ago! So rarely sighted around Joseph A. Greene Hall, some faculty in the CoB’s MGT and MKT area have long referred to Klinedinst as “the ghost.” How long will it take for Nail to recognize the obvious here?