

## Nail Hits CoB's AACSB Accreditation on the Head

HATTIESBURG - Reports coming out of USM's business college suggest that the AACSB Peer Review Team was more than pleased with what they saw earlier this week in USM's CoB. As a result, they have reportedly given CoB dean Lance Nail and USM president Martha Saunders the preliminary word that USM's CoB will hold on to its AACSB accreditation for at least another five years. Thus, Nail, in his first attempt at an AACSB reaccreditation, has apparently succeeded where his predecessor, former CoB dean Harold Doty, failed (back in 2007).



Sources informed USMNEWS.net earlier this fall that the CoB's reaccreditation was looking positive, and as late as last week they predicted that the effort would be successful. It appears, once again, that they were correct about things at USM and USM's b-school. With this apparent success, sources are now predicting that hanging on to Nail may now be a tall order for Saunders and USM provost Robert Lyman. With so many business schools looking for AACSB success, Nail's newly-earned track record in this regard may make him a hotter commodity on the business dean circuit. Of course, only time will tell. What is known now is that the new 2011-2016 AACSB banner will hang in a brand new business building, yet another coup for Nail. The fact that he achieved these goals with a CoB that is demonstrably weaker, at least in terms of faculty, than the one Doty inherited back in 2003, has Nail in rarified air, at least for the moment.