

## New Year, New Bloat

HATTIESBURG - According to Van Arnold's 14-Jan-2013 [presser](#), USM has hired Chase Kasper to serve as the director of the Office of Technology Development (OTD). USM's vice provost, Gordon Cannon, announced the hire, saying that Kasper will assume this new role at USM effective 1-Feb-2013.



*Chase Kasper*

Kasper comes to USM from Mississippi State University, where he serves associate director of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer. According to Arnold, "... Kasper will be responsible for the preparation, implementation, review, interpretation and revision of technology development policies and procedures . . . [and h]e will also coordinate the development of a strategic plan to guide university technology efforts and supervision, as well as training and professional development of technology development staff."



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