

Radford University's Gilbert Named CoB Dean

HATTIESBURG - As [reported by](#) *The Hattiesburg American* on 6-Mar-2013, USM has hired Radford University business school dean Faye Gilbert to succeed Lance Nail as dean of USM's College of Business. The news report also notes that, in becoming the CoB's first female dean, Gilbert, a native of Ocean Springs, is returning home to her alma mater. She earned both undergraduate and master's degrees (in 1982 and 1983, respectively) from USM before completing doctoral studies in 1988 at the University of North Texas. Upon accepting the position, Gilbert told *THA* that "[t]he College of Business will be inside a remarkable structure with a promise of no limits to connect Southern Miss faculty with students and outreach opportunities," and that "[t]he location is perfect to send a clear signal of the leadership role the people at Southern Miss have provided for a long period of time."



Faye Gilbert

It is interesting that within minutes of news regarding Gilbert's acceptance of USM's offer that comments and criticisms began arriving on the USMNEWS.net news desk. First among these were criticisms of Gilbert's pedigree, having graduated from a lower-tiered university in UNT, and of the fact that much of Gilbert's educational background involves USM. This latter criticism is, as long-time readers of USMNEWS.net are likely aware, a common theme in grading administration hires at the institution. Other readers sent word that Gilbert's [ratemyprofessors.com](#) rating while on faculty at Georgia College and State University, including services as business dean there, is a less-than-desirable 2.5 overall. Gilbert's ratings also include several negative reviews. These are inserted below.

"I wanted to major in MARketing, but not now. She is the worst teacher I've ever had. LOVES to humiliate you in class. For the person who asked, this dean seems dead set on deatroying the marketing program by getting rid of the good ones like Lloyd and Belk and letting that fontenott woman run wild."

"BRUTAL tests, calls out students to humiliate them. Forget respect, you are a worm and she'll chrush you. Hated her surperior attitude, Hated HER.and shes the dean! Was gonna major it mktg,but not after her. Are there better mkt.profs?"

"Avoid her at all costs. Take another professor. If you cant', change schools"

"Teacher is insanely hard with insanely sized projects. This is an easy class but she failed me on the first 2 tests and projects so I dropped her. She is very unaproachable and will use you as a "poor example of a student" in front of the entire class. I actually considered slashing her tires after I dropped. (...but I didn't)"

As a final note, one reader commented: "Run a google scholar search. Hasn't published since 2006." As sources point out, none of this information suggests that Gilbert is able to appropriately evaluate the teaching and research of the CoB faculty in her charge.