

USM Students Continue to Feed the Beast

HATTIESBURG - At [a special meeting](#) on 7-May-2012, the Mississippi IHL Board unanimously approved requests from Mississippi's public universities to raise tuition for the upcoming 2012-13 academic year. As part of that approval, USM's in-state tuition is set to increase 8.7 percent, or by \$500 per year. As *The Hattiesburg American* reports, this increase will take in-state tuition at USM to \$6,300 per academic year.



Sources tell USMNEWS.net that if this increase is paid by 80% of USM's 16,000 students, then the USM coffers will see an annual increase of **\$6.4 million**. This amount is \$1 million short of what is needed to cover [the six glaring examples](#) of mismanagement, misspending and misappropriation that occurred during the Martha Saunders administration of USM (2007-12) that were recently highlighted by USMNEWS.net editorialist **Victoria Tyler**.

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