

## Moser, Wiesenburg, and Cannon Collect Big Raises

HATTIESBURG - At its 17-May-2012 monthly meeting, the Mississippi IHL injected a total of \$107,620 *additional* dollars into the annual paychecks of USM administrators Denis Wiesenburg, Gordon Cannon, and Steven Moser. In being moved from [interim provost to provost](#), Wiesenburg's salary will rise from \$250,000 per year to **\$275,000** per year on 1-July-2012 (see insert below). That is an increase of **\$25,000**, pushing Wiesenburg's annual salary up another **10%**. Wiesenburg's [salary rose](#) by **\$35,000** back in Jan-2012, when he was named interim provost. Thus, his pay has gone up by **\$60,000**, or by **27.9%** (from \$215,000 to \$275,000), over the first six months of 2012.

Denis Wiesenburg; *from* Vice President for Research, Interim Provost, and Professor of Marine Science, salary of \$250,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Provost and Professor of Marine Science; salary of \$275,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *effective* July 1, 2012

[Cannon](#) was "promoted" from [associate vice president for research](#) to vice provost by the IHL, taking his annual salary up from \$145,000 per year to **\$200,000** annually (see insert below). This increase of a whopping **\$55,000 per year** [pushes](#) Cannon's salary up another **37.9%**, a *staggering* jump according to USMNEWS.net sources. Thus, by 1-July-2012, Cannon's salary will have risen by a *surreal* **\$104,691** (from \$95,319 to \$200,000), or by a *surreal* **109.8%**, over the prior 12 months. With these changes, the provost and vice provost are now earning a combined **\$475,000**, also a *whopping* sum according to sources.

Gordon C. Cannon; *from* Associate Vice President for Research and Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; salary of \$145,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Vice Provost for Research and Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; salary of \$200,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *effective* July 1, 2012

In recently being named CoAL dean, moving up [from his](#) prior position as the CoAL's interim dean, Moser's salary was increased by the IHL (see insert below). That increase amounts to **\$27,620**, [as his](#) annual paycheck moves from \$142,380 to **\$170,000**. As far as raises go, Moser did pretty well according to sources, given that his salary jumped up by a *jaw-dropping* **19.4%**. Moser's [salary began at](#) \$106,585 back in the summer of 2011, when he was named interim CoAL dean. Thus, by 1-July-2012, Moser's salary will have

risen by an *amazing* **\$63,415** (from \$106,585 to \$170,000), or by an *amazing* **59.6%**, over the prior 12 months. The *three* individuals covered in this report will be earning, collectively, an *amazing* **\$645,000** per year beginning 1-July-2012.

Steven Moser: *from* Interim Dean, College of Arts and Letters and Professor, School of Music, salary of \$142,380 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Dean, College of Arts and Letters and Professor, School of Music; *salary of* \$170,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *effective* July 1, 2012

It remains to be seen what reaction the USM community will have to the raises above, particularly those for Cannon, and, perhaps to a lesser extent, those for Wiesenburg. Sources state that the fortunes of USM administrators seem to grow even larger the further the Mississippi fiscal situation sinks and the more faculty morale drops. Just where the morale breaking point is with [this phenomenon](#) remains to be seen. Observations, at least according to sources, suggest that the bottom, or breaking point, has yet to be reached. As it stands, faculty senators and other campus “spokespersons” are still upset with the sudden resignation and impending departure of USM president Martha Saunders.