

## **Donna Davis to Retire After 2009-10**

HATTIESBURG – In yet another surprise from the CoB's decision sciences quarter, current DS professor (and BEDS chair) Donna Davis is set to retire after the 2009-10 academic year, which was her first as chair of the BEDS (business economics and decision sciences). According to reports, Davis has submitted her intention papers and will be exiting the CoB on 30-June-2010.



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Though Davis' exit will not impact the BEDS' leadership in any way – the BEDS is set to expire as a department on 1-July-2010 as a result of budget cuts that eliminated the economics major in USM's b-school – sources speculate that her absence will seriously hamper the Lance Nail administration's ability to remain as an effective one in the weeks and months that follow Davis' exit. There is already a growing belief that Nail has been targeted by the Martha Saunders administration, and that he will sooner-rather-than-later be out of the JAG dean's suite one way or another. Some reports have Nail already hitting the dean's employment market quite heavily.