

## **Breaking News**

### **Cyree Named Interim Dean at Ole Miss**

OXFORD – Former USM finance faculty, Ken Cyree, has been named Interim Dean of the business school at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). Cyree replaces former Ole Miss Dean Brian Reithel, who had served as the business school Dean since 2003. Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that Reithel became embattled when he defied Ole Miss business school professors' decision not to support Reithel's major online education initiative. This is an interesting turn of events, given that, according to sources, USM's CoB faculty simply "roll over" to demands for more online course offerings, even if educational quality suffers in the process. Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams has even recently described the CoB's need for more online courses as "critical." According to one source, the difference in the reactions of the two sets of faculty (Ole Miss and USM) constitutes part of the difference between a "real university [Ole Miss]" and USM.

In addition to the Interim Dean title, Cyree is also the Frank R. Day/Mississippi Bankers Association Chair of Banking at Ole Miss. Cyree joined the Ole Miss business faculty in 2004. Prior to that he served on the finance faculty at Texas Tech University, a position he moved to from USM's College of Business in 2002.