

Breaking News

Goodwin Sets New Record

HATTIESBURG – Sources tell USMNEWS.NET reporters that the new hire in finance, Kimberly Goodwin, was issued a starting salary that eclipses the starting salary of any new PhD-hire in the CoB's history, and, most likely, also eclipses the starting offer of any new, non-administrative hire in the college's history. According to the data, sources say Goodwin's offer exceeds the current salaries of finance assistant professors Farooq Malik and Matthew Hood by about 20 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Not only that, Goodwin's offer exceeds John Clark's current salary by about 3 percent, and Clark is an *associate professor* of finance in the CoB's EFIB.

Sources say that Goodwin's salary, vis-à-vis those of Malik, Hood, and Clark, reflects the CoB administration's belief that none of these current finance faculty is upwardly mobile at the present time, and may not be so in the future. This may be the case, as neither Hood nor Clark is concentrating on *finance* research of late, and because Malik's move to the FIN side of EFIB (from ECO) was clearly a Carter ploy to essentially take a faculty line from FIN. Hood lists himself as a sports economist, while Clark publishes almost exclusively in marketing journals. Neither of these strategies would look appealing to finance search committees at Tier III (or better) institutions. Malik lacks any real finance credentials, and may even face difficulty maintaining mobility in the economics job market should he continue to provide finance teaching services in the EFIB.

Sources indicate that if Goodwin is able to enter Greene Hall with her research feet running, the EFIB may well be her oyster before much time passes. The only salary she has yet to overtake is that of professor Tom Lindley. However, she may be only one merit raise process from doing just that.