

Breaking News

Sawyer's Pay Exceeds Budget Line by 15%

HATTIESBURG – Word is spreading around the CoB that former economics professor Charles Sawyer was paid “more than \$107,000” during the 2006-07 academic year, a figure that does not include any payment for summer teaching. Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that, according to the story, Sawyer’s USM salary is supposed to be about \$92,500, yet he earned “more than \$107,000” during this past academic year, his last before retiring from USM’s College of Business.

Although our news offices are not in possession of any documentation, nor are any of our sources, these figures reportedly come from official USM records. The salary Sawyer is reported to have earned turns out to be about 15% below what he was actually paid throughout 2006-07, and sources tell us that more than 80% of the discrepancy comes from monies that Sawyer was paid to teach overload courses in the fall of 2006 and spring of 2007.

Readers of USMNEWS.NET will recall that economics professor Franklin Mixon was denied overload pay by EFIB Chair George Carter during the fall of 2006, when Mixon taught an MBA course vacated by the CoB’s former Scholar-in-Residence Ray Canterbury. Also, the revelation that Sawyer was paid well over \$10,000 for overload teaching supports our October 2006 report in the “CoBScam?” series entitled “A Look at Questionable Teaching Schedules in the College of Business.” That report is available in our archives section, or by clicking [here](#). The “CoBScam?” report indicates that Sawyer was credited with teaching a section of ECO 336 as an overload, even though the non-overload portion of his fall 2006 schedule consisted of only two sections of ECO 201. According to sourced statements, Sawyer was paid \$6,000 for teaching this fall 2006 section of ECO 336, and another \$6,000 for teaching an overload course during the spring of 2007.

Reporters at USMNEWS.NET hope to obtain paperwork relating to this story from sources. At that point, expect further reports to be published on this and related items.