

Charles in Charge

Two reports have already been published, and others are forthcoming that show how former EFIB professor Charles Sawyer's final year(s) in the CoB was (were) made lucrative from a PERS retirement perspective. A recent report ([Breaking News on Sawyer](#)) pointed out that Sawyer, now a visiting professor at the University of Arkansas, was paid 15% more during the 2006-07 academic year than the USM Budget Book 2006-07 indicated that he was contracted to be paid. A follow-up report ([Sawyer's Retirement Package](#)) shows that the bulk of the 15% was accrued by Sawyer for teaching two overload sections, a deal which alone raised Sawyer's PERS salary base by \$3,000.



Charles Sawyer

Reports are now forthcoming that show that the plan to support Sawyer's retirement may have involved more than overload teaching, and seems to have been accomplished by, to use former USM President Shelby Thames' phrase, "stepping on cheeks" elsewhere in the EFIB (and perhaps the CoB). Look for these reports to begin arriving over the next days and weeks.