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FIN's Hood Set to Leave USM

Reports coming out of USM's b-school indicate that [assistant professor of finance](#) Matthew Hood will be departing USM at the end of the 2010-11 academic year. Reports indicate that Hood, pictured below, will be joining the faculty at Texas State University in San Marcos. In doing so, Hood becomes the twelfth finance professor to leave USM's CoB since 2003, the year that former CoB dean Harold Doty assumed the top b-school slot at USM.



Hood, who joined the CoB at the beginning of the 2006-07 academic year, leaves behind [a salary](#) of \$101,003, creating additional room for CoB dean Lance Nail in dealing with future budget cuts. Finally, given that Hood was scheduled to submit his tenure application during the 2011-12 academic year, this news will also likely generate renewed discussions about Hood's tenure prospects at USM.

Nail's Hand All over USM Administration's Growth

Report after report here at USMNEWS.net has shown how administration [in the CoB](#), and [at USM](#), has continued [to grow](#) throughout the state's fiscal difficulties that began more than two years [ago](#). Now, through the [latest installment](#) in Van Arnold's "Catching Up" series, we learn that CoB dean Lance Nail has his hand in the administrative growth that has occurred at *both* of these levels within the institution. In an interview with Arnold, [USM chief sustainability officer](#) Jonathan Williams, formerly a visiting professor of management in the CoB, explains that it was Nail who helped him land in his new CSO position within the Saunders administration.

When asked by Arnold how he got the CSO position, Williams explained, "[m]y dean in the College of Business (Dr. Lance Nail) approached (USM President) Dr. Saunders because he knew that sustainability has always been one of her priorities. Dr. Nail was aware that prior to moving back to Hattiesburg I . . . develop[ed] non-profits in the sustainability industry in California." How long Nail, who is in only the third year of his first position as a college dean (or any position as high up the administrative ladder), will continue to have such an influence on Saunders is, according to sources, unknown at this point.