

# CoB Reviving MBA Program on Hattiesburg Campus

## ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY HIGHER ED INFLATION IS SO HIGH

According to Van Arnold's 13-Dec-2012 [presser](#), the CoB's MBA program on the Hattiesburg campus is being restored. As Arnold states, the program was shifted from the Hattiesburg campus to the Long Beach campus in 2011 in order to deal with budget cuts that were facing the university in 2010. The Hattiesburg campus restoration will be effective fall semester of 2013. According to Arnold's press release, "[t]he College of Business' Executive Committee (comprised of department chairs and deans) voted to reopen the MBA program in Hattiesburg, noting that there are two distinct MBA markets in Hattiesburg and Long Beach."



Regular readers of USMNEWS.net must now be wondering how the brilliant budget-cutting plan of moving the program to the Long Beach campus in 2011 is, only two years later in 2013, no longer such a good deal. Of course, and as sources point out, the original decision to move the program to Long Beach was simply a feint at budget cutting (i.e., USM's decision-makers knew, back in 2011, that "*there are two distinct MBA markets in Hattiesburg and Long Beach*"), and now the program is being moved back to Hattiesburg as originally planned. One USMNEWS.net reader adds that if sources are not accurate in their description of this event, then other readers and all members of the USM community are left only to conclude that the USM administration is simply incompetent (i.e., why didn't USM's decision-makers know, back in 2011, that "*there are two distinct MBA markets in Hattiesburg and Long Beach*"?). This conclusion would, of course, indict former USM president Martha Saunders.

Either way, USM is now restoring the MBA program on its Hattiesburg campus. How much has the Hattiesburg program's closure, and now the Hattiesburg program's restoration, cost USM students and Mississippi taxpayers? Surely making and reversing such decisions, over and over again across the colleges that make up the institution, is one of the major causes of the high rates of inflation in higher education in Mississippi and around the nation. These types of episodes are routine in higher education, at USM and around the state/country. As sources point out, students and taxpayers will, at some point, have to take a stand and demand more from those who have been entrusted to administer public colleges and universities.