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Dear usmnews.net:

I appreciate [your report about the reactions of USM faculty](#) to Martha's [Saunders] resignation yesterday [as USM president]. Your report actually missed commenting on [USM political science professor] Kate Greene's comments. She told *The Hattiesburg American* "I am very sorry about this" [in responding](#) to the situation. I, for one, can't believe Dr. Greene took very well Saunders' attempt to fire almost 50 faculty to deal with the budget cuts a few years back. Greene also took on, [publicly at that](#), Saunders' decision to criminalize the "Impeach Saunders" comments that were chalked and [water soluble] shoe polished around campus. Even [worse than any](#) of this, at least for Dr. Greene, is that Saunders and others [targeted](#) her in the so-called "dangerous faculty" crusade that occurred not too long [about one year] ago.



All this shock and surprise is a little too much for me. I think history will put Saunders in the proper place when it comes to evaluating her against other past (and future) USM presidents. The scandals you list in your report are unforgettable, yet they are almost already forgotten by [faculty senate president Timothy] Rehner and the others. When it comes to this situation, I think we need to get our [our audio recordings of USM faculty senate meetings](#) back, don't you?

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USM political science professor Kate Greene contacted USMNEWS.net on 4-May-2012 in response to the letter above from a USMNEWS.net reader which was published a few days earlier, on 28-April-2012. Greene informed USMNEWS.net that, in speaking to the media about USM president Martha Saunders' resignation (see letter and links above), she was speaking in her capacity as president of the USM chapter of the AAUP. We appreciate Dr. Greene's response, and the author of the above letter very likely will as well.