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I've been in and around the academy for many years. Used to be when an administrator was invited to step down, the announcement said that he or she was returning to their first love –teaching. We all knew it wasn't true, because many administrators around schools like Southern Miss, didn't like to teach or research.

Recently, Martha Saunders and Russ Willis both, pleading exhaustion, stepped down from administrative positions: [Saunders](#) to return to the class room at [USM-Gulf Coast](#) and [Willis](#) to the Office of Advancement (with a [\\$105,000 pay cut](#)).

Is “tired” the new excuse for administrators to step down? Seems like it must be, since Saunders didn't look at all tired in the recent picture of her collecting kudos from the Faculty Senate.



<http://www.usm.edu/news/sites/default/files/Saunders%20resolution%201.jpg>

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