

## *DEAR USMNEWS.NET*

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Why wasn't Chuck Scianna put on the [committee](#) to select the new College of Business dean? He didn't seem terribly happy with the direction of things at USM. As you recently [quoted](#) Mr. Scianna, "[w]hen I made the investment [in the CoB], the investment was made based on negotiations with individuals [Saunders and Nail] who made certain commitments to me, and, in my opinion, **they're in breach** because they're no longer here [at USM, and] they're not going to honor the commitments." That seems to be pretty strong language.

Couple that language with my recollection that Mr. Scianna made a commitment to pay \$5 million dollars in support of the College of Business over a period of years. He did not hand it all over at once. That suggests there is still some place between \$3 million and \$4 million dollars that has not reached the University. If he is unhappy with the outcome of the search, is there any reason he couldn't say, you breached the contract and I'm not handing over any more money?

It seems pretty obvious that he cared enough to show up at the listening sessions in Hattiesburg and even offer contact information for students.

There seems to be two answers to my question: (1) the people running USM are too stupid to come in out of the rain or (2) they don't want Mr. Scianna to see just how weak the faculty and staff he was sold really are. Either answer is a bad one.