

*DEAR USMNEWS.NET*

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A number of recent articles and editorials posted on your website suggest that there are other financial problems [at USM] that will come to light. For what it's worth, the consensus around the water cooler is that you are right. What do you think the next disclosure will be?

Name withheld

Dear Name withheld,

I have taken a non-scientific poll of our contributors. Everyone seems to agree that there is at least one more shoe to drop. Everyone seems to agree that the shoe or shoes will involve money. Everyone seems to believe that it will link back to Martha Saunders. Our observations of Saunders are that she does not study details. The results were poor and costly decisions. Image and public relations are not substantive approaches that make for effective leaders. Now, without her extensive USM public relations machine to distract faculty, alumni and others, and having no one interested in covering for her, her decisions must stand on their own based on merit and effectiveness. She's in trouble.