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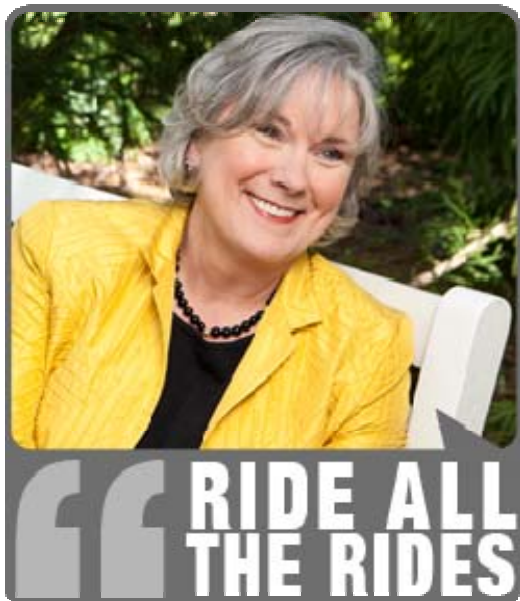
Have you looked at [The President's Blog](#) lately? It still shows Martha proclaiming "I am a university president." Well, as we know, she's not -- at the moment. People who know Martha pretty well say she started campaigning for her next president's job within hours after being forced to tender her resignation. The word around the water cooler is that given the mess she left at Southern Miss (and at UW—Whitewater) she was having a problem moving on. However, when the provost's job came open at the University of West Florida, she was all over it, pulling every string she could think of. While a provost's job is too much work for her, she is hoping that the current president at UWF will be stepping down shortly and everyone will be so happy to have their "favorite" daughter home, she will walk right into the job.

The smart money at Southern Miss is that Saunders will make such a mess as provost at UWF that she will once again resign, once again too tired to carry on.

Name withheld

Dear name withheld,

Thanks for the heads up. Here is a copy of the section of The President's blog you raised in your letter. However, if you click on the link "university president" in the blog, Dr. Saunders has disappeared to be replaced with Interim President Aubrey Lucas.



PRESIDENT'S BLOG

“I’m a [university president](#), passionate about telling the Southern Miss story. A determined spirit made us what we are today – The Premier Research University of the Gulf South.”

Many of our readers are saying that Saunders is too lazy to be provost for long. As provost she should have to review the faculty handbook and have an appreciation of the rules that govern the UWF’s relationship with its faculty. She needs to gather facts before making decisions. If her behavior at USM is any indication, she simply isn’t going to do that. It’s too much work. My opinion, and that of others who have communicated with [usmnews.net](#), is given a choice between looking lazy and incompetent, Saunders will end up looking just plain stupid.