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After all the excuses and tall tales, finally we know why Martha Saunders stepped down as president at Southern Miss. We have it from Martha's own mouth.

It was all Hank Bound's fault! Take a look at a report from the [Post and Courier](#). While Saunders never said Bound's name, she certainly defined him as the bad guy in her departure. "Saunders told faculty members that she left because she didn't get along well with a new leader hired to run the commission that oversees all of that state's higher education institutions."

I can't help but wonder what Hank did to Martha. Maybe he told her she was wasting too much money on her good friend [Mona \[Amodeo\]](#)'s public relations firm. Maybe [her airplane](#) had become too much of a public embarrassment. Maybe Hank was tired of the perpetual uproar on campus with [numerous faculty](#) being accused of being dangerous. Or, as one of your colleagues suggested, perhaps Hank got around to reading some of the reports about how Saunders and her minions spent a fortune just to [try to] shut you [editor of usmnews.net] up. Maybe there was just one lie too many.

Name withheld by request

Dear Name withheld,

There could have been any number of reasons for pushing Martha out the door. Since everything is handled in secret, we don't know if it was one or two items or an accumulation of problems. It is not in their best interests to be open and truthful.