

Dear usmnews.net,

Like many people at “Southern Miss”, I have become a regular reader of usmnews.net. More recently, I have been reviewing the archives in an effort to gain some perspective. In that process I came across an editorial entitled, [Here’s What we Know about Martha Saunders](#) and an earlier report that asked the question, [What do We Really Know about USM President Martha Saunders?](#)

Both articles suggest that we know very little about Dr. Saunders. Unfortunately, I believe Dr. Saunders is providing answers to the question: What Do We Really know about USM President Martha Saunders? We know she likes expensive clothes, travel, a private plane, and luxury accommodations, both at home and the football stadium. We know she finds money to offer a bounty in a failed effort to identify people who scrawl “Impeach Saunders” in chalk and water soluble shoe polish. We know she has spent hundreds of thousand of dollars in legal fees, alone, in a failed effort to silence usmnews.net. We know she has handed terminal contracts to approximately fifty tenured and tenure track faculty while she continues to hire administrative helpmates and public relations staff. We know that the [College of Business is being overrun by administrative spending](#) to the tune of somewhere between \$700,000 and \$800,000, while business faculty are being shown the door. While there is no money for faculty and staff raises and whole departments are being shut down, we know Dr. Saunders found \$35,000 to add to the more than \$600,000 salary of a football coach. We also know the “in press” article remains in the same status as at the time this report was first published. Perhaps the question we should be asking is “Do We like What We Know about Martha Saunders?”

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