

Dear Skip . . .

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It is worth your time to read the letters your faculty members wrote to try to get Dr. Marc DePree fired from Southern Miss. Mary Anderson, Gwen Pate, and Patty Munn invoked the tragedy at Virginia Tech but failed to link anything to it. Roderick Posey re-tells what he claims others told him, and then states his fear of becoming like university property or a dog. Gwen Pate “hope(s) to see her son become an “adult with a family of his own”; it is unclear from Pate’s letter if she is concerned about her son not aging, if he will not have a family, or see will not be involved in his life to see these events. Steve Jackson’s letter instructs us how he briefly believed DePree had a weapon with him, but it was actually his BlackBerry; Dr. Jackson does not enlighten us whether his ignorance covers weapons, cell phones, or both. These letters, and other letters, are filled with unsupported accusations, innuendo, and emotion. They do not address what the issues should be. If the departure of Dr. DePree was supposed to make the Accounting faculty (minus Dr. DePree, of course) happier, friendlier, and much more productive, no one outside of Accounting knows it.

We wish you the best of luck with your program for change.

An Optimistic Fan