

# Donna Davis on the Dugan Hire

In her capacity as a USM faculty senator, CoB MIS professor Donna Davis defended, during the faculty senate's May-2010 meeting, the Lance Nail administration's decision to hire Michael Dugan. The decision came under fire when USM faculty senator Mary Beth Applin told USM associate provost William Powell that it seemed strange that the CoB threw out an entire academic unit (economics) and then turned around and hired someone at what was essentially an associate dean-level position (Dugan).



Powell

Davis

As reports here at USMNEWS.net point out, there is some belief around the CoB and USM that Dugan will assume the role of CoB MPA director. Applin's comment to Powell appears to be grounded in this belief. As indicated above, Davis spoke out in defense of the Nail administration, which she has been a part of as department chair. Davis' statement to Powell and the USMFS is below:

"In terms of [the College of B]usiness, the hiring of this new position was in fact accompanied by some internal reorganization which will result in savings. They just don't show you in the budget that that internal reorganization was to facilitate that function."

While it is clear that Davis' quote above supports the CoB's hiring of Dugan, it is not clear whether all of the alleged savings from the "internal reorganization" were used to hire Dugan, or whether some savings remain even after Dugan's salary was negotiated. It is also possible, however, that the savings were too small to fully compensate Dugan. Of course, whether CoBers, USMers, and/or USMNEWS.net readers even believe Davis' assertion is an open question.