

Donna Davis Actually Retiring

The news that Donna Davis has actually turned in her retirement letter is sweeping the CoB and around Southern Miss. Most of the amazement is that she has truly done it. She has been saying for at least five years that she was retiring in “two more years.” It is a CoB joke, kind of like the “Honest, Officer, I only had two beers” situation: you know it is not true. Given this it is almost assured that she has some phased retirement plan set for herself.

Since she will no longer be chair of BEDS after June 30th, this is a good time to go. It is ironic that after working to be in charge of MIS for many years, the department in which it currently resides – BEDS – will cease to exist June 30th because of the disappearance from of the CoB of the economist malcontents who comprise the bulk of the BEDS Department. This is probably not the note on which she envisioned departing administration, but it will leave MIS to fend for itself. Without Donna, and Stan Lewis before her, MIS would have imploded years ago. Also recall reports from Dean Nail’s faculty meeting this semester that Lance Nail mentioned MIS is next on the hit list for budget cutting if more cuts have to be made. Davis may not be the only departure from MIS on June 30th.