

Fitts to Replace Moore as Associate Dean of Students

The early-2012 departure of Brooks Moore, then USM's associate dean of students, has been addressed by the Martha Saunders administration. According to Chloe Rouse's 25-June-2012 [USM presser](#), Moore's replacement is Wynde Fitts, who has recently served the institution as director of Greek Life and director of the Office of First Year Experience. As Fitts stated to Rouse, "I have great pride in my university, and it is my goal to motivate others to embrace what it means to be a Golden Eagle – as a leader, scholar and citizen. I am personally very excited about Homecoming and The Big Event, as Southern Miss tradition and serving are hallmarks of mine."



Wynde Fitts

In an intriguing turn, Fitts told Rouse what her goals for the position will be: "Fitts plans to be an active advocate for the value of civility, which she sees as integral to the college experience. 'I believe the greatest investment I can make in this position is the success of our students,' she said. 'Accountability and civility are part of the college experience, and it is my charge to educate our students about those core principles, both in and out of the classroom.'" Long-time readers of USMNEWS.net will recall that a troubling number of USM professors were, during the 2011-12 academic year, accused by their students of being a potential menace to the USM campus community. As a result of these accusations, the Saunders administration suspended, at least for a time, these professors (without due process). Most of these cases dealt with unnamed faculty, although the case involving political science professor Kate Greene received a great deal of media attention. It could be, then, that Fitts' comments about civility address that particular 2011-12 situation involves students and their faculty.