

GH CHATTER

Word around campus is that AD Jeff Hammond is on his way out the door. President Bennett's claim that he will consider month-to-month extensions for Hammond is reported to be a gentle way of encouraging Hammond to turn in his resignation. In any event, it clearly isn't a vote of confidence. A Hammond resignation is viewed as a way to avoid further dividing an already deeply divided fan base (at least what there is of it).

On a similar note, usmnews.net is hearing that Bob Pierce is already looking for a new job. The recent hire of [Shannon Fleming](#) as Executive Director of the USM Foundation had to be viewed by Pierce as a huge vote of no confidence. After "boast[ing] a new [fundraising record](#) with more than \$20 million raised", Pierce will soon be reporting to Fleming whose most recent experience is seven years as the VP for Institutional Advancement at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas. As [previously reported](#), Philander Smith College has 800 students and an endowment of \$3 million.

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