GH Chatter

The appeals process for the recent faculty terminations is, as expected, generating lots of chatter. It seems the USM liberal arts faculty are on the verge of an uprising of sorts regarding the composition of the appeals committee. For one, science & technology reportedly dominates the five faculty slots on the committee. Some are also saying that Tammy Barry, the academic council representative from the group, will provide a pro-administration take on budget cuts since she was once USM provost's Robert Lyman's student. Judging by chatter, the appeals process promises to be a three-ring circus.

All of the previous chatter about USM legal counsel Lee Gore's retirement appears to be on the mark. The recent *Student Printz* story about the Gore resignation is full of interesting quotes from both Gore and USM president Martha Saunders. This looks like one of those types of stories that will bear fruit even months after the first details emerge.

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