

JGH Chatter

The chatter in the hallways at JGH has it that last Wednesday the CoB staff was told that the budget situation was dire and getting worse. It was very likely that 4 to 6 staff people would be terminated by November 1st; the decision would be made on Friday. Not 2 days later College departmental administrators were told that other cuts were made instead of cutting staff to achieve budget goals. Why not convene the staff? Isn't that good news in a time of nearly all bad news?

The story sweeping the halls in the CoB, and other colleges at Southern Miss, is that many CoB departmental administrators dislike their administrative assistants. What have the secretaries done wrong? They take breaks together. They enjoy each other's company. There are even some faculty members who sometimes join them for coffee and conversation. Some of these women have the audacity to watch television during their lunch hour. Shocking, isn't it? Do they sometimes stay on break too long? Absolutely; they will admit that. But that is normally late in the afternoons; that does not excuse it, but they are here and available to help faculty, students, and administrators. The ongoing rhetorical question around JGH is how many CoB administrators and faculty are in their offices – or anywhere else working for Southern Miss - late on any afternoon?

JGH Chatter is a series at USMNEWS that provides a glimpse at what CoB students, and sometimes CoB faculty, are discussing throughout the corridors of Joseph Greene Hall and beyond.