

# GH Chatter

There has been some chatter about the USMNEWS.net editor's recent federal appeals court win (reversal and remand) in a case involving USM. It has been stated that more legal jeopardy is not what USM Martha Saunders needs now, especially facing the racial discrimination mess that is brewing up at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater from her previous presidency.

Speaking of potential legal issues, there was some recent chatter about what a *The Hattiesburg American* reader noted way back when the CoB economists were publicizing their plan to have the 5 senior professors retire so that the 4 mostly junior professors continue on at USM. The reader noted (online) that the 4 economists staying behind were all foreign-born. The five retirees, George Carter, Trellis Green, William Gunther, Mark Klinedinst and Edward Nissan, are reportedly all U.S.-born faculty. The four who are remaining are reportedly from elsewhere. These are Sami Dakhli (France), Deniz Gevrek (Turkey), Akbar Marvasti (Iran) and Daniel Monchuk (Canada). Given what we often hear about tougher INS policies/rules, could this aspect of "the plan" get USM in some serious hot water? One would think so, and the person who could make an issue of it is Trellis Green, a single father who is reportedly in no financial position to be made to retire at this time. Maybe more to come.

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