

Holiday Predictions for 2015

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- 1) Student enrollment will decline for the third year in a row by something between 5% and 7%. President Bennett will continue to offer excuses, while ignoring the fact that Southern Miss is pricing itself out of the market.

Editor's note: Nobody will be surprised if this prediction comes true. Raising tuition is easier than taking a hard look at the administrative bloat and massive waste. Just how many vice presidents, administrative assistants, assistant and associate deans, managers, etc. ad nauseum does a university need? Does President Bennett really "need" an aged airplane with a limited range and a massive debt to carry out the educational mission of the University?

- 2) Have you considered just re-running [last year's predictions](#)? They all seem to be pretty solid predictions for 2015? As they say, the more things change, the more things stay the same.

Editor's note: A number of readers have made the same suggestion and it seems to be a pretty good one. For positive change to happen at USM, our students and their educational and professional needs must come before administrative bloat and the accompanying waste. Do we really need those expensive fences all over campus to keep the students from walking on the grass? Do students really want the sports programs when each of them could save more than \$250 per year in fees?