## Klinedinst Led AC in Absenteeism during 2008-09

The <u>13-May-09 USMNEWS.net Breaking News report</u> about CoB economics professor Mark Klinedinst's USM Faculty Senate service dereliction stirred the waters of frustration for many of the CoB's USMNEWS.net readers. That report showed that Klinedinst's 37.5% absenteeism rate on the USM FS exceeded that of any other USM FS member by at least 12.5 percentage points. As stated in that report, "[s]ources tell USMNEWS.net that it must be embarrassing for CoB dean Lance Nail to see . . . Klinedinst . . . so derelict in . . . [his] Faculty Senate responsibilities. . . Report after report . . . reveals that Klinedinst is derelict in so many of his obligations to USM. Long-time readers will recall that he has not published a article in an indexed academic journal since 1998, or more than 10 years ago!"

The sentiment expressed in that earlier report not only remains, new evidence indicates that things are getting worse vis-à-vis Klinedinst fulfilling obligations to the CoB and to USM. USMNEWS.net reporters recently examined absenteeism statistics for USM's Academic Council (2008-09), another important University group to which Klinedinst belongs. Attendance data for the 13 year-long members across the seven AC meetings during 2008-09 (from September-08 through April-09) are included in Table 1 below (data come from the AC's webpages at usm.edu).

Table 1 Academic Council Absenteeism, 2008-09

Name	#Absent	#Present	Absenteeism Rate
Barry	0	7	00.0%
Beckett	0	7	00.0%
Capper	1	6	14.3%
Conville	0	7	00.0%
Fletcher	3	4	42.9%
Hauer	0	7	00.0%
Haynes	0	7	00.0%
Klinedinst	5	2	71.4%
Lux	0	7	00.0%
Masterson	0	7	00.0%
Molaison	0	7	00.0%
Morgan	1	6	14.3%
Reischman	3	4	42.9%

As the records shown above in Table 1 indicate, Klinedinst's atrocious **71.4% absenteeism rate** on the AC exceeded that of his nearest colleague(s) by 28.5 percentage points. Thus, Klinedinst, whose absenteeism rate exceeded the 50.0% mark by 21.4 percentage points, was the only year-long AC member whose absenteeism rate exceeded the 50.0% mark. As sources state, the level of embarrassment that Klinedinst represents for the CoB seems to know no bounds. At this point, however, it doesn't appear that CoB dean Lance Nail truly understands how much of a negative Klinedinst represents to his (Nail's) credibility and reputation.