

Editorial

Make up a problem, set up a committee, and solve it by hiring another administrator!

University administrators function in a curious way. They make up a problem, set up a committee of like-minded administrators and faculty to consider possible solutions, and use their recommendations to [hire another administrator](#) to solve it. The newbie never solves anything but they will go about doing one thing for sure: they build a bureaucratic fiefdom. They'll hire many more [lesser-bureaucrats](#) to help them [solve the made-up problem](#). They spend their time gathering meaningless public relations statistics.

[Southern Miss](#) is at it again.

[Dr. Amy Chasteen Miller](#) has been named The University of Southern Mississippi's Associate Provost for Academic Excellence, effective July 1. Miller will lead the University's increased foci on undergraduate student engagement and faculty development.

The position will help USM students thrive through retention initiatives, recognition of student excellence and opportunities for active learning. It will also support faculty through programs that enhance orientation and mentoring, as well as support for advising. "The University of Southern Mississippi will continue our work to ensure student success and enhance academic instruction," University President Rodney D. Bennett said. "This position will help us achieve goals related to faculty development and student retention, progression and graduation at levels never before realized."... "The creation of this position indicates the University's commitment to student engagement and success," Miller said. "It provides an opportunity to lay a strong foundation for student support, as we work toward ensuring all students reach their peak potential."

If the bureaucrats had to use their money, instead of taxpayers' money, they would never spend it so foolishly. Keep in mind, the increased costs flood down on students already drowning in tuition and fees, too.