

Mark Klinedinst's Day Off

The [27-Jan-10 education rally](#) held on the steps of the Mississippi Capitol has come and gone, and it appears as though CoB economics professor Mark Klinedinst took the day off from classes, as predicted in a recent USMNEWS.net report ([Skipping Out?](#)). Klinedinst appears in photo from *The Student Printz* shown below, addressing the (only) 36 students, teachers, professors and parents who gathered in Jackson on that late 27-Jan-10 Wednesday afternoon.



According to Klinedinst's interview with *The Student Printz* reporter Marika Smith, no USM students showed up for the Mississippi Consortium for the Improvement of Education (MCIE) rally. As reported, the 36 were gathered to protest cuts to the state's education fund.

The 2009-10 academic year has been a remarkable one for Klinedinst, at least on the political action front. Klinedinst spearheaded ECO's battle against the Martha Saunders administration's decision to slash the CoB's economics programs and terminate its 9 tenured/tenure-track faculty. Led by Klinedinst, the ECOers brokered a deal whereby Klinedinst, George Carter, William Gunther, Trellis Green, and Edward Nissan will retire on 30-June-10 so that Daniel Monchuk, Deniz Gevrek, Sami Dakhliya and Akbar

Marvasti could continue their USM careers after 2009-10. Gevrek, however, decided to leave USM in Dec-09, and she now works for Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

As a result of his connections to the ECO issue, Klinedinst was an important piece of the USM faculty senate's efforts to codify some rules/regulations governing how USM administrators will preside over future termination decisions like that impacting ECO back in Aug/Sept of 2009-10. Next came Klinedinst's leadership with the MCIE that is detailed above.

Some sources say that, except for the forced retirement, 2009-10 has been a dream-like year for Klinedinst. The fact that he has not published an index journal article since 1998 was no longer the dominant aspect of his current status in the CoB. This year politics took center stage for Klinedinst, and the deal he helped broker for ECO was lauded by USM provost Robert Lyman before the full body of the faculty senate.