

Special Report

Are Bill Gunther and UWF old Friends?

An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Salaries

A previous installment in the *Special Report* series examined some of the documentation surrounding former CBA Dean/current professor of economics Bill Gunther's 2004 summer employment with the University of West Florida. The offer letter to Gunther, from UWF Dean Edward Ranelli dated 20 April 2004, indicates that UWF and Gunther had crossed paths before the summer of 2004. Near the end of the letter, which is included as an Appendix to this report, Ranelli writes:

"If the terms of this offer are acceptable, please sign in the space below and return this letter to me in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope. We are pleased to again have you associated with UWF and the College of Business."

Inclusion of the phrase ". . . to again have you associated with . . ." indicates that Gunther had a prior relationship with UWF, perhaps as an instructor (as was the case in summer of 2004). Investigators at usmpride.com will continue to investigate this angle.

On another front, Ranelli's letter to Gunther indicates that Gunther's 2 sections of teaching were actually wrapped up into one (at the Pensacola campus) by using distance-learning equipment to transmit the Tuesday/Thursday night course to the University's Fort Walton Beach campus. Thus, the letter below supports the comments made in a prior *Special Report* about Gunther's teaching arrangement with UWF in the summer of 2004.



April 20, 2004.

Dr. William D. Gunther
7034 S. Bayou Drive
Josephine, AL 36530

Dear Bill:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to offer you the position of Adjunct Professor for the College of Business at The University of West Florida for the Summer Semester, 2004. Your duties will be to teach ECP 6705, Advanced Managerial Economics, (5:30-8:25p.m. T, R), for six semester hours on the Pensacola campus with distance learning equipment set up to facilitate students at the Fort Walton Beach campus. Your salary for this assignment will be \$4,000.00. Dr. Greg Martin will provide you with the specifics of this assignment.

This contractual agreement is contingent upon sufficient enrollment in the course, as determined by UWF.

If the terms of this offer are acceptable, please sign in the space provided below and return this letter to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. We are pleased to again have you associated with UWF and the College of Business.

Sincerely,

Edward Raneili
Dean

I accept the terms of this offer:

Signature W.D. Gunther Date 4-23-04

cc: Dr. Wesley Little
Dr. Greg Martin