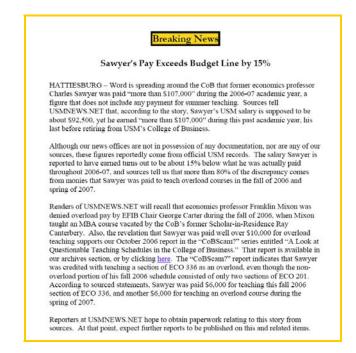
Special Report

Sawyer's Retirement Package

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The recent Breaking News story entitled "Sawyer's Pay Exceeds Budget Line by 15%" (see below) has piqued the interest of many usmnews.net readers. Reporters



are continuing to delve into this story, and this report examines the impact that Sawyer's overload teaching will have on his PERS retirement benefits. Table 1 below contains two main columns, one showing the "budgeted amount" for Sawyer's salary line over the past four years, and the other re-figuring these amounts with the new information about Sawyer's overload pay during the 2006-07 academic year.

Table 1			
Sawyer's PERS Retirement Base			
Academic Year		Budgeted Salary	Salary Paid
2003-04		\$86,922	<mark>\$ 86,922</mark>
2004-05		\$86,922	<mark>\$ 86,922</mark>
2005-06		\$86,922	<mark>\$ 86,922</mark>
2006-07		<u>\$92,671</u>	<u>\$107,100</u>
to	otal	\$353,437	\$367,866
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The "Budgeted Salary" figures used in Table 1 can be found at <u>www.usmnews.net</u> (see the Archives). The \$107,100 "Salary Paid" figure for 2006-07 was arrived at using the "more than \$107,000" quote from the Breaking News story above.

As Table 1 points out, assuming that Sawyer was paid as budgeted from 2003-04 through 2005-06, he (Sawyer) was able to convert one year of overload teaching (i.e., 2006-07) into about a \$3,000 increase in his average pay over his last 4 years in USM's CoB.¹ Sawyer's average salary will form the base for computing his PERS (defined) retirement benefits, which he will begin receiving shortly.

Again, this story is related to a report in the CoBscam? series that discusses the use of overload teaching (by Sawyer and EFIB Chair George Carter) to boost salaries (see <u>http://www.usmnews.net/CoBscam_2.pdf</u>). Sources also tell usmnews.net that this so-called *Clinical Teaching Professors plan* was used by Sawyer before the 2006-07 academic year – and in years that affect the calculations done in this report (i.e., in 2003-04 through 2005-06). So, look for more reports on this in the near future.

¹ The difference in the two averages shown in brackets above is actually \$3,608, but sources indicate that some of that is due to the BAC Professorship that Sawyer received during 2006-07.