

## *Special Report*

# Gwendolyn Pate Plus Eight

## CoB's Focus on Administration Continues

What USM provost Robert Lyman refers to as “administrative bloat” continues to haunt both USM and its b-school. The [recent story](#) about Joseph Peyrefitte’s promotion to *senior* associate dean of the CoB indicates that a ratcheting up of administration in the b-school is almost surely around the corner. Relatedly, USMNEWS.net has learned that Gwendolyn Pate is now being referred to as *associate* dean rather than the *assistant* dean title she held during the Harold Doty administration (2003-07), the Alvin Williams administration (2007-08), and the beginning of the current Lance Nail administration (2008-present) of the CoB. Additionally, Pate now employs no fewer than six professional advisors in her CoB advising center in JGH. They are:

- Marie Baker
- Michelle Templeton
- Gennifer Hicks
- Danielle Clarke
- Brandi Cooley
- Lantandra Cowan

Including Pate and secretarial/student support, Nail now has no fewer than nine or 10 professional staffers in the advising center. As has often been reported here at USMNEWS.net and elsewhere, no other academic college at USM has the type of advising center that its b-school has now enjoyed for decades. With none of its faculty needs going unmet, it seems clear that the CoB is being provided *additional* funds to operate such an endeavor – funds that are not being provided to liberal arts, science and technology, health, and/or other areas.