

Special Report

Sweet November

An Investigative Series on the Use of the CoB for Personal Gain

Reporters with usmnews.net continue to investigate the specifics regarding compensation for overload teaching done by former economics professor Charles Sawyer during the 2006-07 academic year. Previous reports here at usmnews.net point out that Sawyer's actual 9-month pay for 2006-07 was "more than \$107,000," while the USM Budget Book shows that Sawyer's 9-month contract totals only about \$92,500. A quick trip into the usmnews.net Archives' [MONEY](#) file reveals Sawyer's contracted 9-month salary for 2006-07 (see table below).

Rank	Name	2006 Merit Raise	Ending Salary
1	Niroomand, Farhang	\$9,282	\$142,938
2	Clark, John	\$8,096	\$103,239
3	Carr, Jon	\$7,860	\$ 86,768
4	Zantow, Kenneth	\$6,163	\$ 73,421
5	Clark, Stan	\$5,977	\$ 99,230
6	Pate, Gwen	\$5,936	\$ 90,635
7	Sawyer, Charles	\$5,847	\$ 92,769
8	Jordan, Charles	\$5,190	\$104,594

Sawyer's 9-month salary of \$92,769, which was arrived at after receiving the 7th largest 2006 merit raise in the CoB, translates into a monthly pay of \$10,307.67.

Since these earlier reports, usmnews.net has obtained an additional piece of information regarding this story. Sources indicate that Sawyer was paid \$14,107.67 for the month of November 2006. We are able to break this figure down into its three components, as shown below:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$14,107.67 \\ = \\ \$ 1,500.00 \text{ Overload Course} \\ \$10,307.67 \text{ Regular Pay} \\ \$ 2,300.00 \text{ BAC Professorship} \end{array}$$

As sources have previously indicated, and usmnews.net has previously reported, EFIB Chairman George H. Carter assigned Sawyer a 2-course load for fall 2006, and then offered Sawyer a third course for the overload pay, which totaled \$6,000 for the semester (or \$1,500 per paycheck). Based on the figures above, this truly was a "sweet November" for Sawyer, who retired on 30 June 2007.¹

¹ Previous reports have discussed the implications of Sawyer's "overload teaching" with regard to his PERS retirement benefits.