

## When will administrative sympathy extend to student tuition and fees?

The administrative sympathy for administrators' comfort is offered in a story published by USM's public relations writers. [Here's the latest](#):

### **Southern Miss Announces Plan to Restore Campus Landscape After Tornado**

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Due to the cost of the project [the Front Campus Landscape Restoration and Enhancement Plan], it will be implemented in phases beginning with the area directly in front of the Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building.

What the USM administration is talking about is the front lawn of administrators' offices. They are palming off the notion that it is a student area, too. It is rarely used by students. If they camped out there, for example, to play Frisbee, they'd be kicked off in no time. It is the administrators' view, the "front porch" of their vast offices at the Lucas Admin Building.

Let's see what it'll cost to decorate the view from the Lucas Admin Building:

The projected cost is "\$3,000,000." The hope is that donations will cover the cost. Speaking of hope that [donations will cover the](#) cost, [has anybody](#) stepped forward to pay for the [\\$1.2 million screw-up](#) guaranteeing [former head football](#) coach Johnson his full salary, even if he was making more money somewhere else.

Here's a novel idea for USM administrators: Have sympathy for the ever-increasing costs of tuition and fees you charge student to attend USM. Stop with the waste of resources and focus your attention on providing an effective and efficient education. And use donations for scholarships.