

The IHL Critical of “Lax Financial Decisions”? Ridiculous!

On April 2, 2015, [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) published the following report by Andy Thomason.

Talks at an End, Mississippi Board Affirms Chancellor’s Contract Will Not Be Extended

Mississippi’s governing board for higher education has ended contract negotiations with Daniel W. Jones, the University of Mississippi chancellor whose contract the board voted not to renew last month.

In a statement released Thursday afternoon, the board said Dr. Jones had declined a proposal to extend his contract, so the board “will move forward with the search for a new chancellor.” The two parties had entered new negotiations after students protested Dr. Jones’s ouster.

The Clarion-Ledger reports that Dr. Jones said in a statement on Thursday that the board had offered to extend his contract until 2017, when he would have had to resign.

“I feel strongly, as do most of my advisers, that serving two years as a lame duck would make it difficult to recruit and retain key leaders and continue our momentum in private giving,” he said in the statement. “More importantly, it is clear from the board’s position that the board would not support my leadership during any extension.”

In its statement, the governing board doubled down on its previous claims that lax financial decisions and reporting by the university’s medical center had led to the decision to fire Dr. Jones.

Dr. Jones’s contract expires in September.

My comment:

Before you believe the IHL is concerned with "lax financial decisions," read the series of reports at [usmnews](#) that details IHL members squandering taxpayer and student resources flying to sports events. (Keep in mind that the IHL approved the purchase of an airplane and did not correct the false cost representations made by President Saunders.) Start with <http://www.usmnews.net/USMNews...>

Visit [Mr. Thomason’s](#) article. Other comments are very interesting.