

The Curious World of Administrators

Part 1

usmnews.net readers are aware that Lee P. Gore, past University Counsel at USM, was seemingly “[canned](#)” from that job. They are now learning that he became General Counsel at University of West Florida and [was canned](#) from that position, too. We’re learning more about Gore’s peculiar discharge from his recent job at UWF and the curious world of administrators, the subject of this and the next few reports.

Martha Saunders, past president at USM—who claimed to [be too tired](#) to continue in her job as president at USM but, after being [forced out](#) of the job, not too tired to quickly apply for and accept the job of provost at UWF provides a strange kind of insight. She was interviewed about Gore and his recent troubles with the Florida Bar by Erin Timmons at [The Voyager](#), reported November 13, 2013.

Timmons reports that “Gore had worked with Provost Martha Saunders when Saunders was president of USM...Gore’s new position [at UWF] as assistant to the Provost will provide support and assistance to Saunders.”

“Assistant to Saunders” is a common kind of way-station for canned administrators. Gore occupied a similar way-station at USM after being canned there, which allowed him time to find another position, which turned out to be with his old boss, Saunders, who spent time in her own way-station at USM after being canned as president. Sources tell usmnews.net that Gore’s position at UWF in the Academic Affairs department is just one more way-station. In her interview, Saunders said, “The Division of Academic Affairs is the largest division within [UWF], is highly complex, and there are always tasks that need the attention from someone with Mr. Gore’s training, experience, and skills.”

Be clear, UWF can always find something for fellow administrators like Gore to do while paying him a small fortune in salary while s/he finds another job. Florida taxpayers will probably never understand what’s going on, anyway, which suits administrators just fine.

As one reader questioned, if UWF’s Academic Affairs department functioned before Gore was canned as UWF general counsel, why shift him to Academic Affairs after he [Gore] was canned? It’s simple. Martha says that “there are always tasks [in Academic Affairs] that need the attention from someone with Mr. Gore’s training, experience, and skills.” Well, why should Martha care? Easy. It’s not her money. Furthermore, let’s translate her admin-ese: we, administrators, will spend your money that she’s giving to Gore for a job that’s of questionable necessity, i.e., basically a do-nothing job, because he’s a fellow administrator and Saunders and other administrators have much sympathy for fellow administrators.

Let’s review Saunders’ language describing Gore’s “tasks”: “Apart from policy development and review, Mr. Gore may be tasked with the coordination of projects related to academic

programs, review of current business and approval processes within Academic Affairs, and the development and documentation of new business processes within the division.”

Pensacola readers have questioned whether anyone at usmnews.net has any idea what Saunders is talking about? usmnews.net’s answer is “not a clue”. Readers have speculated that we are meant to be impressed with her gobbledygook, but not understand a word or phrase of it. usmnews.net’s reporters suspect that what she’s telling you, if your eyes haven’t glazed over yet and your brain hasn’t tuned out, is stay out of her and other administrators’ business of squandering your money.

Tomorrow’s report will provide the letter the Florida Bar recently sent to Gore ordering him to cease the practice of law without a license. And, there’s something very peculiar about Gore’s predicament.