

Timing is Everything

Dr. Lance Nail is sending all the signals that he is looking for another job; that happens so often at Southern Miss that it must be taught as a “how to” at the AACSB New Dean’s Seminar. While Dean Nail looks for another dean’s job, it is important to remember how critically important timing is. If he goes now, even though he has not been a dean for even two years, he avoids the nasty re-accreditation issue that plagued Harold Doty. It is also a nice in-between period on the Economics faculty issue: long enough that general apathy has returned on the topic and too soon for any of the 5 future “retirees” to relocate and speak more ill of Nail. When questioned about this topic, Nail can simply point to the poor funding facts and the craziness known as the dome for cover for his actions. He is personable, so this could work. Being personable is not a throw-away item: it is another factor that cost Doty dearly. Best of all for Dean Nail is the fact that he is gone so much that no one will miss him when he is off interviewing, assuming he gets the opportunity. For example, he is off now for at least two weeks without any commonly known destinations to account for that much time. Find a meeting at the beginning and one near the end and you are all set. The only thing better is to find a nice vacation spot for one of the meetings and have the family join you in recreation. For our long-time readers, this type of action recalls and continues the Jim Crockett tradition of self-serving behavior at the expense of the College and the taxpayers of Mississippi.