

## Town Meeting Meets Airplane

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We have set February 12 as the date for a town meeting to discuss the current and anticipated cuts to our appropriated budget. We are making every attempt to structure this meeting so that we can address, in a comprehensive and meaningful way, these and other issues facing the campus.

The meeting will be held at the Thad Cochran Center Ballroom from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Offices may be closed for this event but classes will be held.

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There are stories circulating at Southern Miss that President Saunders will take the opportunity at her called “town meeting” on February 12<sup>th</sup> to spin control two issues at once. One is the budget crisis facing Southern Miss and the other is the albatross known as her airplane. It will surprise no one if Aunt Martha offers up the airplane as her sacrifice for the cause; if she can part with that, who is anyone else to complain about any sacrifice he or she is asked to make? Please notice no one has ever tried to justify this expense. It has been and remains a public relations nightmare of epic proportions. What’s a not so poor girl to do? Kill two birds with one spin. Once that is done, Martha can sit in smug superiority as underlings ask and pretend to answer questions without actually answering anything. On to more social events; yall turn off the lights when you’re done to save us some money, okay?