

## Two University of West Florida Deans Abruptly Step Down

Reports are coming out of UWF that a big administrative shakeup is underway. On July 29, 2013, the Office of the Provost announced that not one but two deans were stepping down, effective less than two weeks from the date of the notice.



### Update from the Provost *July 29, 2013*

As many of you may already know, two of our deans are stepping down. Ed Ranelli, Dean of the College of Business, and Jane Halonen, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will begin their transitions to faculty effective August 8, 2013. The University owes a debt of gratitude to these individuals for their long service and contributions to our academic programs. Please join me in wishing them well as they move to the next chapter of their professional careers.

I will be appointing interim deans upon consultation with each college's leadership.

What's going on at UWF? We really can't say, but Deans are fired via the resignation process. They serve at the pleasure of the President. Obviously, the announcement that two deans are returning to the faculty, with such limited notice, raises questions about the voluntary nature of the transition process.

This kind of "transition" is, however, a reminder of the turnover and turmoil that surrounded Saunders' tenure as president at USM. (To identify some of the many examples, use the Google™ search box found on the first page of [usmnews.net](http://usmnews.net)'s webpage.)