

Tim Hudson, another former USM administrator, under investigation

Here we go again. Another USM administrator-alum is under a cloud of suspicion. This time it's Dr. Tim Hudson, former USM provost, currently Chancellor Arkansas State University. Dr. Hudson is being audited with regard to international travel, among other things (*Jonesboro Sun Times*, May 29, June 9, 11, and 12, 2016).

An anonymous tip provided references to the *Jonesboro Sun Times* reports along with the following comment:

Over the last several weeks, the Jonesboro Sun Times has had several articles about him and his wife DeeDee. One set focused on his attack on the student newspaper, while the other has centered on internal audits of the financial arrangements of both Tim and DeeDee. The editorials and articles attached below are taken from the May 29th, June 3rd, June 9th, June 11th, and June 12th editions of the newspaper. While the one about the student newspaper shows how he has treated freedom of the press and student learning, the others hint at possible wrongdoings of both Tim and DeeDee in terms of the Study Abroad Program. As a bonus, this internal investigation might involve another person from USM, who owns property in France to which the Study Abroad program has sent students and who Tim has hired as a consultant who has produced no reports or useful products.

Tim's response to all of this is very interesting. This past week, he and the family left for a three-week vacation in Spain. No one knows yet if it is to stay at the villa of the father of Tim's executive assistant, who is also reported to own the hotel where the Study Abroad students stay in Spain.

Stay tuned. We'll have future reports of the investigations and audit.