

Students, You May Not Pay Much Attention To Detailed Reports About USM Administrators Squandering Your Money, But I Bet USM Gets Your Attention When Administrators Increase Your Tuition And Fees. Now, Maybe You'll Be Motivated To See Why Your Tuition And Fees Increase.

The [Hattiesburg American](#) recently ran a report by Ed Kemp entitled “Preliminary tuition increase approved.”

In an occurrence that is becoming like clockwork these days, University of Southern Mississippi students likely will see their tuition increase again next fall.

The state College Board on Thursday approved preliminary two-year tuition increases that will total an average of 14 percent for all eight public universities... The [IHL] board will take a final vote May 7. If approved, the plan will mean 15 tuition hikes in a 16-year period.

As a professor who's taught cost accounting for years, I've brought to the attention of readers—students and taxpayers—wasteful expenditures at the University of Southern Mississippi. Note that different disciplines of faculty can serve the public interest in different ways. For example, chemists can invent new products to make our lives better. Cost accounting professors, like me, can monitor the spending habits of administrators and faculty and report our evidence and findings to you. Some faculty and administrators can act in the public interest. That's, in part, what you expect us to do. You pay for our expertise.

Be that as it may, administrators, quoted in Mr. Kemp's article, cite increases in faculty costs for the increases in student tuition and fees. But they say nothing about the growth in costs of administration. We at usmnews.net have recounted the growth in administrative costs. For [example](#):

Over the past few years, Southern Miss has seen explosive growth in the number of administrators. As of 2009, the Chronicle of Higher Education, reported that USM had one of the “biggest increases” in the nation in “growth in managers and support personnel relative to enrollment.”: 84%.

We also reported the waste of millions [on an airplane](#) that more often than not is used to fly high level university administrators, IHL members [whose responsibility includes oversight of administrators' efficient and effective use of taxpayer and student resources], and politicians to sports events; we've also reported the hundreds of thousands spent refurbishing the [President's mansion](#), as well as many other misuses of student and taxpayer money.

Please note that faculty is not immune from wasting student and taxpayer money, either. We've reported on the shameful waste in, among other instances, an article entitled [“Daily Practice.”](#)

We have demonstrated in our reports at usmnews.net that administrators at USM waste student and taxpayer resources. You get the end result which you clearly understand: Student tuition rises practically every year. Students and taxpayers don't get value for their money.

Now begin to understand why tuition and fees increase practically every year. The information is yours; the decision what to do with it is yours. Begin your study with [Cost Per Flight Hour](#), Costs and Uses of King Air N777AQ At the University of Southern Mississippi

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