

Editorial

What to expect...

Here we are again looking for a president at the University of Southern Mississippi. This report will not discuss the recent “Listening Sessions” or other of the IHL’s “twenty step process” of selecting new presidents. We’ll get to them later. Instead, this report suggests what you may expect from faculty the IHL selected to be on the “Campus Search Advisory Committee.” The IHL selections signal that USM will not change. The IHL is inclined toward a crippling inbreeding that promotes and rewards mediocrity.

Let’s take a look in detail at two of the members the IHL selected. Consider their character as revealed by their testimony under oath. Keep in mind that they can do the same thing to your children who are students at USM; they can do the same thing to other faculty or administrators; they can, and probably will, recommend hiring others just like themselves who are intolerant and abusive. They help assure that USM remains a Tier IV, bottom-of-the-quality-list school.

Two members of the “Campus Search Advisory Committee” are current Interim Senior Associate Dean [Gwendolyn Pate](#) at the College of Business and past Interim Dean and past department chairman of Marketing [Alvin Williams](#) at the College of Business. Both are examples of inbreeding and below average research skills. They were prime inbred USM candidates for the political alternative to research, i.e., administrative billets.

Expect them to recommend the same kind of person they are. And watch your back.