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PART 8

Details and Documentation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business requires “complainants” to “(1) identify the specific accreditation standard(s) relevant to the complaint, (2) provide documentation that supports the complaint, and (3) identify the relationship of the complainant to the member school.” (AACSB July 24, 2004.)

Research Professor **DePree** identified himself to the AACSB as a “complainant.” He stated that his relationship to the member school is a professor at the School of Accountancy, College of Business at the University of Southern Mississippi. He also specified the AACSB accreditation standards relevant to the complaint and provided documentation and evidence supporting the “complaint.” (See the statement of AACSB standard presented in **PART 6** and documentation presented in **PARTS 8 – 16.**)

Documentation: What University Does in Practice



The College of Business Interim Dean, **Alvin Williams**—now a faculty member at The University of South Alabama, in a petition to University President **Martha Saunders**, wrote, “Professor DePree worked exceptionally hard to derail our attempts at AACSB accreditation. He contacted the AACSB office and made allegations about our programs

and processes that were not based on facts. This type of behavior is injurious to the College and the University...[I]t is my recommendation that the University proceed immediately to remove Professor DePree from his teaching, research, and service responsibilities...³ (Emphasis added.)

³ On the first day of, and one hour before, classes began, Fall 2007, Interim Dean **Williams** hand delivered a letter to Research Professor **DePree** from President **Saunders** which banned **DePree** from the business college building (but not other areas of the campus), suspended his teaching privileges, excluded him from all service and university governance, and commenced an investigation of him with the stated purpose of terminating his employment. Currently, he is paid his full salary, but is still suspended from teaching and service, and is not required to do research. Furthermore, University administrators are paying faculty to teach his classes and provide his service.