

Gordon C. Cannon, University Ombudsman

Part 2

Part 2. A question directed to Ombudsman Gordon Claude Cannon at his deposition on April 16, 2010 about his investigation of Professor DePree with the charge of recommending whether to terminate DePree's tenure and employment: Did you undergo any special training in preparation to be an ombudsman?

Nope.

Question: But you didn't have any training as to investigations or --

A. No.

Dr. Cannon is ignorant and, if you were to observe his demeanor, he was proud of it. Keep in mind that he was conducting an investigation of Professor DePree with the charge of recommending whether to terminate Dr. DePree's tenure and employment. You be the judge whether his ignorance and Provost Lyman's and President Saunders' approval of his ignorance promotes the principles USM promulgates far and wide. For example, USM's Faculty Handbook proclaims: "The University is dedicated to the discovery and dissemination of truth in research and in all other scholarly and creative activities, whether University-sponsored or conducted individually by members of the academic staff, by administrative officers and staff, or by students."