

## **Part 6.**

**Questions directed to Ombudsman Gordon Claude Cannon at his deposition on April 16, 2010 about his investigation of Professor DePree:**

**Question: Well, did you confirm any of the assertions that he [DePree] made, the substantive aspects of his claims that you received?**

**Cannon: His claims of what?**

**Question: Well, for example, if he's dealing with plagiarism as one of the issues, did you seek to determine the basis for his claim and whether it was –**

**Cannon: That was outside the scope of my investigation. I was investigating a series of complaints against him [DePree].**

**Question: If other faculty members were making allegations based on this claim [about plagiarism], do you think you should have considered the underlying basis for it?**

**Cannon: That was sort of beyond my power or duties. So I did not, no.**

**Is Cannon is playing ignorant? Alvin Williams, then-Interim Dean, was interviewed by Cannon during his “investigation” of Professor DePree. Williams, whose letter was prominently represented by President Saunders and Ombudsman Cannon as significant to them, made demonstrably false statements about the evidence DePree put forward to USM administrators and the AACSB about USM administrator and faculty plagiarism.**

**Professor Williams, who is now teaching at University of South Alabama, will be the subject of an extensive series of reports that will appear soon on usmnews.net. The reports are based on a peer reviewed publication. So, be sure to visit usmnews.net for the series reporting Alvin Williams participation in the mobbing of Professor DePree at the University of Southern Mississippi.**