

CoB Administrators Feasting on USM's Budget

Note from the editor: please send any corrections or additional information to <mailto:marcdepree@gmail.com>. Such abusive administrative spending should be a matter of great concern to all faculty and students.

To make for a story that is rapidly beginning to resemble that of the over-paid city leaders of Bell, California, sources are reporting that some of the CoB's middle managers are banking salaries that exceed those of some of USM's college deans. [According to reports](#), not only is CoB dean Lance Nail earning \$225,000 per year while School of Accountancy director Skip Hughes is taking in \$200,000 per year, new CoB marketing chair Leisa Flynn is being paid an annual salary (alone) of \$145,000. On top of this, relatively new CoB finance chair Francis Laatsch is reportedly being paid \$139,920. That's right at \$285,000 for just two CoB chairs. With Hughes' \$200,000 added in, three of the CoB's five chairs are banking about \$485,000 in salary alone. Consider also that there are two other CoB chairs in David Duhon (management and international business) and Catherine Price (tourism management). One would expect these two to be earning at least \$250,000 in combined salary (alone), a figure that would bring the CoB's five-chairs total to about \$735,000.

Perhaps the most astonishing thing about these salaries is that other USM deans, like Denise von Herrmann (CoAL), Michael Forster (CoH), Joe Whitehead (CoST), and Ann Blackwell (CoH) are earning less. The reported salary for von Herrmann is \$160,500, putting her about \$40,000 below what is being reported as Hughes' new salary. Hughes, again, is a department chair. Both Flynn and Laatsch are earning only a slight amount below Forster and Blackwell, who come in at reported salaries of \$146,000 and \$145,000, respectively. Again, Flynn and Laatsch are chairs, while Forster and Blackwell are deans. The CoST's Whitehead is reportedly being paid an annual salary of \$154,000, well below Hughes and only a bit higher than Flynn. Finally, Graduate School dean Susan Siltanen is reportedly being paid \$130,000 per year, well below Hughes, and even below both Flynn and Laatsch. Sources indicate that one or both of Duhon and Price likely bank more annually than dean Siltanen.