

DEAR USMNEWS.NET

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I don't know why anyone is surprised to hear that [interim President] Lucas believes that [Rules Don't Apply to USM Administrators](#). Since when did anyone think the concept of shared governance meant anything at "Southern Miss"? I can't remember the last time any administration cared what the faculty senate or faculty thought? The faculty handbook and the concept of share governance have been little more than window dressing for a series of imperial administrators.

Would you consider reprinting some of your reports [concerning shared governance] so that new faculty may have an appreciation of the failure of shared governance at this university?

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usmnews.net has published numerous articles pointing out serial failure of shared governance at USM. Commencing tomorrow, we will begin reprinting them.

About a year ago, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* published an editorial entitled [Shared Governance is a Myth](#). While the article was cogent, one of the comments was brief, to the point, and in my experience accurate.

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I could identify with many aspects of this article. I used to think that Shared Governance and Academic Freedom were myths, like the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus...but I've actually seen a lot more evidence of the existence of the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus.