

April 13, 2007

***usmnews.net Reporter* . . . . . DEVELOPING STORY**

HATTIESBURG --- In light of the recent story at usmnews.net entitled “Nissan at Large . . .,” reporters at *usmnews.net Reporter* have re-examined EFIB assistant professor Sami Dakhliya’s October 2006 teaching trip to France. To reiterate, two sources have informed our staff that Dakhliya, who taught a two-course, MWF schedule in the CoB during fall semester 2006, was teaching in France some time over the period October 12–22, 2006. According to the Provost’s Calendar, this period was as follows:

Date	Day	Notes
12-Oct-06	Thursday	
13-Oct-06	Friday	
16-Oct-06	Monday	
17-Oct-06	Tuesday	
18-Oct-06	Wednesday	
19-Oct-06	Thursday	First Day of Fall Break 2006
20-Oct-06	Friday	Second Day of Fall Break 2006

Our staff provided some calculations, based on the tips from sources about the dates that Dakhliya was away from campus, and information provided to usmnews.net from Russ Willis, the Director of Human Resources at USM. According to the usmnews.net report entitled “The New Cast,” Dakhliya’s 2006-07 USM salary and benefits totaled \$89,105 (see <http://www.usmnews.net/THE%20NEW%20CAST.pdf>). There were 22 weekdays in October of 2006, two of which were part of Fall Break 2006 at USM. Depending upon whether the Fall Break 2006 is included, based on information from sources Dakhliya’s teaching trip to France consumed anywhere from 22.7 to 31.8 percent of the month of October 2006. Given his monthly compensation of \$9,900, Dakhliya’s trip to France, like Nissan’s 3-week Spring Break 2007, was supported by MS citizens’ tax dollars. In this particular case, the level of MS taxpayers’ support ranges from **\$2,247** to **\$3,148**. In this instance, a teaching assignment consumed this time, so the returns from that venture become a major part of this story, which is one we will continue to follow.

March 19, 2007

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HATTIESBURG --- Staff at *usmnews.net Reporter* have spoken with Source #3 about reports of EFIB assistant professor Sami Dakhliya’s October 2006 teaching trip to France. This source was unable to speak about the “teaching in France” portion of this developing story (see below), but did confirm information from two other sources indicating that Dakhliya was not in the CoB (Greene Hall) over the period 12/13 October 2006 through

18 October 2006 (i.e., Dakhlia missed a full week of teaching his MWF fall 2006 schedule).

Source #3 did, however, provide another bit of interesting information to *usmnews.net Reporter*. We are now told that Dakhlia was missing at the end of the week prior to spring break of 2007, or 8-9 March 2007. Dakhlia is again teaching a MWF, 2-course schedule in the CoB during spring semester 2007. Thus, by starting spring break 2007 two days early, Dakhlia would have been able to create another 11-day CoB-free time slot. This raises the additional question: Was Dakhlia again teaching a course in France over an 11-day period surrounding spring break 2007? If so, he missed another day of classes back at USM to do so. Once again, *usmnews.net Reporter* invites Dakhlia (or other sources) to contact us and provide further information on this developing story.

March 6, 2007

### ***usmnews.net Reporter* . . . . . DEVELOPING STORY**

HATTIESBURG --- Sources have informed *usmnews.net Reporter* that first-year EFIB assistant professor Sami Dakhlia missed a week of classes at USM during fall semester 2006 so that he could teach a course in France during that same period. Two sources have informed our staff that Dakhlia, who taught a two-course, MWF schedule in the CoB during fall semester 2006, was teaching in France some time over the period October 12–22, 2006. According to the Provost’s Calendar, this period was as follows:

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According to the timeline above, Dakhlia was able to create enough time to teach a course abroad by using the 2006 USM Fall Break period, which fell on Thursday and Friday, October 19th and 20th. Including weekends, Dakhlia would have had 11 days to participate in a teaching assignment away from USM over the time period above. Based on the dates above, Dakhlia’s MWF teaching schedule assignment meant that he missed his classes in the CoB on three days – 13-Oct (Fri), 16-Oct (Mon), and 18-Oct (Wed) – or one full week of classes back in Hattiesburg.

Details of this story are still being pieced together. Our staff plans to speak with an additional source. In the interim, and as in the early days of *usmnews.net*, we would

invite Professor Dakhli to contact [usmnews.net](http://usmnews.net) at his earliest convenience to correct any errors in this story.