

History Revisited

Sami Dakhliya once taught economics at the University of Southern Mississippi. Currently, [Dr. Dakhliya](#) is a Professor of Economics and Strategy at ESCE-Paris, France. As usmnews.net often does, let us [revisit a little history](#) in which Dr. Dakhliya played a pivotal role.

Then-Interim Dean Alvin Williams, the administrator for whom Dr. Dakhliya conducted an academic mobbing of the editor of usmnews.net, summoned Dr. Dakhliya to the podium at the end of a faculty meeting in May 2007 to demand that the editor of usmnews.net cease publication of usmnews.net. Interestingly, it seemed that some faculty had been shown the text of the demand and had endorsed it. However, the editor of usmnews.net had no knowledge of the off-agenda demand with which he would be faced. In fact, many believed the primary goal of Dr. Dakhliya's proclamation was, by making one false, inflammatory accusation after another, to enrage the editor to the point of improper behavior.

It failed, but that didn't stop misrepresentations of the editor's conduct at the meeting. Williams and accounting faculty like Anderson, Munn, Jordan, Jackson, Posey, *et al.* made wildly, unfounded accusations that the editor's behavior at the meeting was threatening and dangerous.

They believed the Dakhliya-bushwhack had been perfectly executed. They put their bizarre claims in writing. After all, who would believe the editor when all of them made the same claims? However, once they committed their fabrications to writing and insisted President Saunders take action against the editor, a recording of the meeting, complete with Dakhliya's bushwhack, surfaced. The recording was made publicly available. The editor's version of the meeting was vindicated and Dakhliya, Williams, Anderson, Munn, Jordan, Jackson, Posey *et al.* were revealed as people who hold the First Amendment and academic freedom in contempt. Dr. Saunders refused to listen to the recording.

Here is an interesting question that is often asked of the editor and which the editor often asks of others. What would have happened at the May 2007 meeting, if Dr. Dakhliya had advised the editor in advance that he intended to open a discussion of usmnews.net, its reports, and whether the editor, reporters and contributors should consider shutting it down? Perhaps there might have been an honest dialogue. But, that wasn't the purpose of the bushwhack.