

Guest Editorial

Defining the Problem

Let's begin today's report with the question raised at the end of yesterday's report, [USM Reports Devastating Potential NCAA Violation](#):

“How do academic institutions have any claim to ethical conduct or integrity, if this behavior ‘happens everywhere’?”

The short answer is many academic institutions have no claim to ethical conduct or integrity. Unfortunately, the University of Southern Mississippi is numbered among those schools that fall short of claims to ethical conduct or integrity. How do we know? usmnews.net has obtained the information through freedom of information requests, court records, and sworn testimony. The University fought disclosure every step of the way.

It seems to be a fair conclusion that USM is run by bureaucrats who speak through armies of public relations lackeys who are practiced at twisting the facts until they are unrecognizable as the truth. And, some are bureaucrats who sing like public relations lackeys. Consider AD [Bill McGillis' recent bureaucratic feint](#): “... In order to maintain the integrity of our joint process, and pursuant to NCAA policy, we cannot comment further regarding any details of our review [of NCAA violations] at this time.” I bet McGillis was ecstatic when he hid behind some jury-rigged policy rather than tell the truth. “Phew! Thank God I don't have to answer questions. Or tell the truth.”

Tomorrow we'll entertain the real problem USM faces with its latest violation of NCAA rules and it is not “...how tuition, living expenses and other fees were paid for ‘Prop 48’...” “student athletes.”