

Part 14

Questions directed to President Martha Saunders at her deposition on April 12 and 13, 2010--Q is question; A is President Saunders' answer.

Q. Dr. Saunders, what specific conduct on the part of Dr. Depree is contained in those letters [written by DePree's accusers], not generalizations, specific things he [DePree] has done?

A. Well, let me finish going through them.

Q. Okay.

A. One was that he had access to their emails.

Q. How did he have access to their emails?

A. It didn't say.

Q. Did you ask?

A. I did not.

Q. Do you know of any way that an individual faculty member can access emails when it takes IT to get your calendar?

A. I don't know.

Q. So do you have reason to believe that claim is true?

A. I don't.

Okay, how did Dr. DePree get access to his accusers' emails? Or did he access all faculty members emails, too? Access some, why not all? Anyway, who thinks USM administrators allowed Dr. DePree free and unfettered access to the IT system to monitor faculty emails? They like him so much maybe they allow Dr. DePree access to all USM information, even confidential information?

If you don't believe that, perhaps you believe USM's email system is so insecure, so vulnerable, that it can be accessed by anyone. Give it a try. There may be ways to access emails, but don't ask President Saunders. She doesn't know, but that's not saying much. Based on her testimony, it seems to be a fair conclusion that she doesn't know "nuthin' 'bout nuthin'" and doesn't care to learn nuthin' neither. Nor does she pause to think about how absurd the accusations are. When she was questioned to the point of having to face her failures, and while admitting not a

shred of evidence existed, she doggedly continued to act as though she had reason to believe the accusations.

Were this matter not so serious and of such impact on the members of the University community, it would be laughable. However, when she moves to take your hard earned tenure and promotions, it won't be quite so amusing.