

## Part 15

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

A. The other specific allegations, which is what I think you asked me, had to do with -- they mention disruptive behavior, but the behavior at a spring faculty meeting, and that was one.

Q. Okay. But you have not bothered to listen to the recording of the meeting?

A. I have not.

Q. And you are not relying on the evaluation of the ombudsman?

A. I am.

Q. How are you relying on the evaluation of the ombudsman?

A. Let me find it.

Q. Surely.

A. (Witness looks at document.) The ombudsman -- are you talking about in our current status, let's say?

Q. (Nods head affirmatively.)

A. The ombudsman said that he believed that people were afraid.

Q. And what did Dr. Depree do to make them afraid? Does he say?

A. He mentions -- he said the most serious accusation is that of creating a fearful and hostile environment.

Q. What evidence did he find for that?

A. He says: When asked directly, he could not get a direct answer. He summarized by saying that he feels that the fear was genuine. Whether it was valid or not, he was not equipped to say.

Q. So you discipline people for claims for which you have no evidence?

A. I have evidence that they were fear.

Q. And that is -- how is that Dr. Depree's fault?

A. I don't know that it is.

Here's the perfect accusation. Accuse someone of being a danger. Without a shred of evidence, a leader immediately exiles the accused, punishes him/her, too. Then, that same leader persists in punishing the accused after three years when she does not have a shred of evidence to support the accusations. In fact, all of the evidence says the accusations are false. Add to that, while there is a threat that as many as a hundred faculty will be terminated due to budget constraints, she spends millions of dollars in public money to carry out the vendetta of a few faculty members.

Would this be the only unwise behavior to expect from such a leader?