

Part 20

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

Q. In the three years or two and a half years that have passed since October 2007 (her first deposition?), is there anything, any current urgency that would have precluded you from testing the truthfulness of the statements made in those letters?

A. Current urgency?

Q. Uh-huh (affirmative).

A. No.

Q. So you could have tested the truthfulness of these letters (containing accusations against DePree) at any point?

A. I could have.

Q. Have you?

A. No.

Incompetence is defined as “not having or showing the necessary skills to do something successfully.” (New Oxford American Dictionary) Competent leaders determine facts and act on reliable information. They do not ignore readily available evidence and facts. In the three years President Saunders spent millions trying to fire Professor DePree, she “could have” but didn’t test the truthfulness of letters written by colleagues who had made false accusations about him. President Saunders does not demonstrate just questionable ethics. She demonstrates incompetence and an absolute indifference to the truth and the rights of faculty.

What is your hard earned tenure worth?