

Part 28

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 your sworn testimony in May [2008] after you wrote that letter [*in August 2007 banning DePree from the business college building and advising him of termination proceedings*], you said it was not a demand or a requirement [*for DePree to have a psychological exam. In Saunders' first deposition she testified that DePree "was not a danger to students or otherwise"*]; is that correct?

A. I did.

Q. When did it become a demand or a requirement?

A. Well, it became a demand in my mind, after -- when we were unable to come to any agreement. I'm really only left with this letter [the May 2008 letter which clearly does not make the demand].

Q. Okay?

A. And I can't tell you when, when in my mind it became a requirement.

Q. And have you conveyed to Dr. Depree that it is a requirement?

A. I have not.

What Saunders is saying -- "when we were unable to come to any agreement" -- was that she would employ the "he's crazy" ploy to try to force Professor DePree to do what she wanted -- for Dr. DePree to be a good "public relations" drone advocating USM regardless of acts of corruption some members of the USM community committed and continue to commit. The threat is clear and it is a despicable tactic that intolerant administrators use to scare and isolate faculty. And, of course, as promised in a previous part, Saunders expects Dr. DePree, and -- never doubt -- you, to read her mind: "Well, it became a demand in my (Saunders') mind...": a "demand in her mind" that Dr. DePree do what she commands "in her mind."

Try something different, President Saunders. Escape the solipsistic world you live in. Why don't Dr. DePree and you both have a psychiatric evaluation -- include the accounting faculty, too, and a couple of deans while we're at it -- and do it publicly and report the results publicly. Keep in mind, President Saunders, you can't pretend that you've accomplished a psychiatric evaluation by saying I accomplished it "in my mind." You have to really do it.