

Part 36

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, you've made a great deal that [DePree's] grievances have been fully grieved and they will not be administratively revisited; is that correct?

A. I believe that's about what I said.

Q. Even if you were in error, they would not be revisited; is that true?

A. I can't say that it would or not happen.

Q. Do you intend to review the depositions [which shows her decisions were seriously flawed] in conjunction with your evaluation of these grievances and determine whether false statements were advanced to you in support?

A. I don't know.

Q. And when will you know?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you have any present intention to review the depositions?

A. I can't say.

Q. When will you be able to say?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do false statements in evaluations give you concern?

A. Errors give me concern.

Q. And if they were deliberately false, do they give you more concern?

A. Yes.

"Yes," Dr. Saunders says she is concerned about false representations in Professor DePree's annual evaluations, but, "I don't know," is Saunders commitment to correcting deliberate, false representations in the evaluations. Her decisions have advanced those false representations to punish a full professor for speaking truth to

power about petty corruption and misconduct at the School of Accountancy and College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi. Although they were readily available to her, Saunders has not reviewed the depositions in the years before this April 2010 deposition and Saunders has not reviewed them since April 2010. One might conclude that Dr. Saunders has no concern for the competent, honest conduct of her duties as president of USM. If she were secure in her leadership, she would review the depositions that show her decisions were seriously flawed and act with confidence and honesty in correcting her mistakes.

Martha Saunders, dear colleagues, is your president. What is your hard earned tenure worth?