

Consider three recent articles from The Chronicle of Higher Education. The first is entitled [Support-Staff Jobs Double in 20 Years, Outpacing Enrollment](#). That article claims that USM has had one of the “biggest increases” in the nation in “growth in managers and support personnel relative to enrollment.”: 84%. The second is entitled [Administrative Salaries Drive Rise in Higher Education Price Index](#). The third article is entitled [UNC President Embarrassed by Report on Administrative Bloat](#).

Dr. Saunders, in this time of financial crisis in which people are losing jobs and you have called on the IHL to increase the tuition burden on our students, what have you done to reduce administrative bloat? Since your public statements are silent on the issue, may we assume you have done nothing?

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