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Dear usmnews.net:

I have been following the information about Martha's airplane with great interest, but I have to ask a question. You are making these numbers up ... aren't you? If your numbers are right or even close to right, her behavior is beyond reprehensible. If your numbers are right, she is betraying the trust of every faculty and student. If your numbers are right, IMPEACH SAUNDERS!!!

Thanks.

[Name withheld]

Dear Reader,

The costs of the plane used in usmnews.net's calculations are taken directly from University records that were obtained through and Mississippi Open Records request. We previously provided a link to the <u>cost records</u> and the <u>lease agreement</u> so that the information is publicly verifiable.

Bear in mind, it took several letters from an attorney to get as much information as we did. We have begun to identify gaps in the information that was provided by the University. Therefore, and quite honestly, I think the numbers we are using are probably on the low side with the costs of operation being even higher.

As for your your statements about Dr. Saunders' behavior, I will leave you to your own observations. However, you are not the first person who has expressed similar opinions, typically in far blunter and harsher language.

Let me conclude by saying, if President Saunders (or anyone else) wishes to explain her use of the plane or how its costs are justified while programs are being decimated and faculty terminated under a claim of financial exigency, usmnews.net will publish her (or anyone else's) statement. If you, President Saunders, or anyone else finds a mistake in the information or calculations, usmnews.net will promptly correct any errors.