

GH Chatter

Although various CoB faculty can state that they know bits and pieces of what's going on with regard to USM's \$8.5 million budget cut, or with regard to the termination of the ECO majors for that matter, it's amazing how little is known about these issues by the typical CoBer. Not even *GH Chatter* is able to fill in many of the gaps. For this reason, USMNEWS.net readers are encouraged to contribute reports and/or editorials so that the USM family, and academia in general, might learn more about how academic administration operates. Of course, contributors' names will remain confidential. In some cases, however, it may be helpful to get testimonial. An account of his termination from CoB economist Yosef Bonaparte would be a good example of a testimonial that might go a long way toward contributing more to our understanding of current times.

According to some of the recent chatter, CoB associate professor of economics Sami Dakhliya has targeted, in some way, no fewer than 5 USM administrators in recent weeks and months. Regular readers of USMNEWS.net will recognize Dakhliya as one of the more vocal leaders in the economists' efforts to retain their tenured/tenure-track positions in the face of USM's desire to trim \$8.5 million from its budget.

While the local media may not be reporting on USM's recent drop to Tier IV status in *U.S. News & World Report*, the drop is getting some play in JAG and elsewhere on campus. Some are speculating that the drop could represent, in the eyes of the Mississippi IHL, the beginning of the end of the Martha Saunders administration.

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