

## Klinedinst Continues to Soar

CoB economics professor Mark Klinedinst (shown below) continues to engage USM president Martha Saunders (shown below) in one political battle after another. He also, as reports indicate, continues to hold his own.



**Klinedinst**



**Saunders**

The latest political fray is described by *The Student Printz* reporter Marika Smith's Feb-10 article [Tenure policy changes floored](#), which details the defeat of a House bill aimed at allowing MS public university presidents to fire tenured professors with little notice. Klinedinst, president of the USM chapter of the AAUP, obviously opposed the bill, which died recently in a House subcommittee. As Klinedinst stated to Smith, “[w]e were trying to preserve a method that allows for academic development and freedom. If this bill had gone through Mississippi would have had a hard time recruiting top-notch scientists. We realize these are tough economic times but attacking a system that has produced the finest educational system in the whole world, that helps make our country a leader in many fields should not be dismissed or damaged.”

Saunders, it seems, sees the issue differently. By telling Smith, “[i]t is possible [for a bill like this one to be proposed again], depending on how soon we pull out of this current budget crunch,” Saunders appears to have favored the House bill, and she is supportive of the idea that another one like it arise in the future. Clearly, this issue is not going away any time soon. Klinedinst, however, has a look of real satisfaction on his face in the photo above. Given his recent political battles, perhaps he should.