

Martha Saunders Expected to Face Tough Questions at Trial of Racial Discrimination and Retaliation Case

The *Wisconsin State Journal* reported the “[Trial to Start on Demotion of UW-Whitewater Dean](#)” to start on Monday, February 8, 2010. According to the *WSJ*, USM President Martha Saunders is expected to “fac[e] questions over her own credit card spending, including hundreds of dollars she once charged for a spa treatment.” If you have followed [the antics](#) of [President Saunders](#) since she [arrived at USM](#), the story while she was Chancellor of UW-Whitewater will sound familiar: mismanagement of personnel and funds.

The suit, brought by Howard Ross, a professor of Philosophy and Religion at UW-W, alleges “discrimination and retaliation by several university officials” including Martha Saunders. As reported in the *WSJ*, [a]t its core, the trial will be about whether the investigation into how Ross used his university credit card was fair or motivated by race and retaliation.” We look forward to President Saunders’ testimony and the outcome of the trial.

More reports to follow.

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