

Two in One?

A few reports and editorials here at USMNEWS.net have pointed out the similarities in the backgrounds of current USM president Martha Saunders and former USM vice president Angeline Godwin, who was known during her tenure in the Shelby Thames administration (2002-07) as Angeline Godwin Dvorak or Angeline Dvorak. Both seem adept at “pufferizing” their academic accomplishments, some of which are eerily similar. And, with Saunders’ recent decision to support the canning of Frederick Barthelme, the renowned fiction author who directed the nationally-ranked USM Center for Writers, many would say the two govern in much the same manner.

Based on the photos below, one could also argue that the two are eerily similar in terms of physical appearance.



Saunders



Godwin

Except for a trip to the salon for perhaps a coloring, Godwin looks a lot like Saunders. Long-time followers of goings on at USM will recall that Godwin (Dvorak) was embroiled in a scandal over her academic credentials – one that included the ouster of former USM faculty Gary Stringer and Frank Glamser, who led the investigation of her claims. Reports here at USMNEWS.net describe how former EFIB chairman George Carter was part of that story in advising Glamser to take his evidence against Godwin to her supervisor, Thames. Glamser’s decision to do so likely doomed his own employment with USM.