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Disgraceful Exits

There's almost nothing drearier than watching those CoB faculty who are near the end of long careers at USM fall into the sinkhole that the Duane Harold Doty administration has become. The latest, and perhaps saddest, example of such an enterprise is accounting professor Charles Jordan's attempt to save Doty's bacon by seeking permission to copy (after the fact), "without proper citation," Central Missouri State University's AACSB definitions (for participating and supporting faculty). Yes, you read that correctly – "without proper citation," and these are Jordan's own words describing the CoB's attempt to mask the origin of much of its AACSB documentation.

Why didn't Jordan run the words through his head first? Let's see: "without proper"="improper"; "improper"="not right"; finally, "not right"="wrong". Something as simple as this little exercise should have prevented Jordan from initiating what usmpride.com reporters have dubbed Jordan's "permission expedition." One additional detail about this so-called expedition strikes us. It also comes from Jordan's own words in his (Jordan's) e-mail, to Doty and CoB Accreditation Committee Chair George Carter, stating that the expedition was successful. We recount those words here: "As you can see, I clearly asked for permission to use the adapted definitions in our maintenance reports without proper citation, and Joan [Mansfield, Acting Dean of Business at CMSU] granted us permission." In puppy-like fashion, Jordan seems to be seeking praise for what can only be described as a dirty little deed he performed on behalf of Doty and Carter.

By choosing to be associated with the Doty administration, some in the CoB seem determined to make getting out of bed in the morning the first of many bad decisions they make each day. The Harold Doty administration is a lightning rod, something to be avoided at all costs. That lesson should have been learned by now. It's time we all became better students.