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The Dotys of Tyler

University of Texas at Tyler business school dean Harold Doty's behavior seems to be at least as bad now as it was from 2003-07, when he was the College of Business dean at USM. Then he attempted to eliminate both the MIS and real estate programs. He also summarily terminated tenure-track faculty, telling at least one of them that his action had been approved all the way up through the president's office, when, in fact, it had not been. Then, he hired his wife, Susan, at a \$50,000 per year salary, to work in the CoB as an instructor of economics. He verbally threatened various CoB faculty, and he employed one of USM's more notorious "attack dog" administrators in Farhang Niroomand, who worked as Doty's associate dean.

These days at Tyler, things appear to be just as bad. A [letter](#) circulating throughout the Tyler community, and that was sent to USMNEWS.net, states that Doty has been providing friends with the benefits of his power to change grades and provide so-called specialty degrees. The letter goes further, accusing Doty of manipulating his own daughter's transcript, with the permission of Peter Fos, the UTT provost who served alongside Doty at USM as dean of the College of Health. For current and former CoB faculty, this particular accusation is startling, given that Doty's daughter was a USM student for some time while Doty worked in USM's b-school. Added to all of this is the fact that, through his power as b-school dean at UTT, Doty secured a senior lecturer position in economics for his wife Susan. As many reports and editorials here at USMNEWS.net indicate, Susan is *not* qualified to hold such a position. In getting her this deal at UTT, Doty had to work through the liberal arts division, a job he must have done well, given that Susan is now earning 30% more from that UTT school than she was taking from USM's business school for the same job.

Sources say that it's UTT faculty who are now learning what USM faculty learned from 2003-07. When it comes to their current b-school dean, it's "all Doty, all the time."

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