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Crockett is Back?

Stories are now spreading around the CoB suggesting that former SAIS Director James Crockett has been hired by the CoB as a consultant. To that you ask: For what? To write the AACSB reaffirmation report for the School of Accountancy and Information Systems. It seems that Roderick Posey, the most recent SAIS Director to give up the position, couldn't get the job done. What about the \$117,000 salary Posey has been *earning* the past few years as SAIS Director? What about the \$5,000 in AACSB-related travel Posey has *engaged in* over the past 18 months? Just what was Posey doing while Director of SAIS?

So, now Jim Crockett has a CoB ATM card again. He's been pulled back into service, this time to write the SAIS' re-accreditation reports. On the positive side, this is a duty Crockett has successfully performed before. This time the CoB (and its Dean Harold Doty) needs Crockett more than ever. Given that, we can't wait to see what kind of "figure" Crockett arranged for himself. We would expect nothing less than a five-figure sum. How much beyond that remains to be seen.

This move leaves little doubt that Doty and Niroomand have no clue how to handle an AACSB accreditation effort. Sure, they know how to travel to places like Paris and Toronto in order to register for AACSB-related meetings. Whether or not they attend the sessions is another matter. Crockett's return, combined with the fact that Management and Marketing Chair Barry Babin is conducting the search for Posey's replacement, leaves one to think that the SAIS is in complete shambles.

We can only hope now that Crockett's activities will be limited to AACSB-related matters, and that he will not insert himself into that piece of the accounting search that has been left to the accountants (if there is any). Meanwhile, Doty may be well-advised to seek similar outside sources to assist him in the broader reaffirmation efforts. Perhaps former CBA Dean Tyrone Black is available to relieve EFIB Chair George Carter of those duties.