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## Carter's Misguided Views

Recent reports at usmpride.com have completely razed EFIB Chair George Carter's explanation of how the spring 2007 teaching schedules in the EFIB were constructed. In one way or another, person after person in the EFIB was given preferential scheduling treatment so that Carter could wage war on various other EFIB faculty members. It's instructive that BA 301-level analysis buried Carter's "balancing" explanation. Again, what does Carter teach?

Former USM sociologist Frank Glamser has it right when it comes to the job of university administrators. As Glamser told Rachel Leifer of *The Hattiesburg American* (28-Oct-06), a university is like a hospital. Just like the medical doctors aren't told what to do by the hospital's administrators, CoB professors aren't supposed to be ordered around by the CoB's administrators. Unfortunately for Glamser, he learned the hard way that George Carter is the company man. The CoB's company man uses terms like "chain of command," "follow orders," and "above our pay grade" in order to instill conformity among "the troops" in his department, and to stifle criticism of "authority."

We are all learning now that there is very little about Carter's academic career that is academic in nature. From teaching courses without holding the proper qualification to a dictatorial form of administering the EFIB, there is little, if anything, about Carter that warrants respect. To hear him go on and on about scholarship, "literature presence," an ethics model based on punishments for the *majority* of an organization's wayward employees, and all the rest is beyond troubling. We can only hope now that none of his former business ethics students were paying attention in class.

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