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George Carter's 2007 SEDONA File

It's easy to imagine that EFIB Chairman George Carter will have some difficulty when it comes time to fill out his SEDONA file for the spring 2007 annual evaluation process. He will no doubt need to enlist the assistance of Ms. Lola Ingram, the EFIB secretary. We can imagine the questions he'll have for her. They might go something like:

"Lola, where do we put faculty grievances? I had 2 of these filed against me in the fall, so they need to go in this year."

"Lola, I found where 'scandals' go, but it's not detailed enough. For example, that faculty governance re-vote I orchestrated should count as only a 'local scandal,' while my involvement in bringing the AQ/PQ definitions in from CMSU might be considered a 'national scandal.' Would you e-mail the SEDONA guy at Tennessee and ask where these should go?"

"Lola, do you think I could count my Mississippi Consulting Group work as service? I'll ask Farhang. He and I work real well together."

The CoB's 2007 SEDONA files should make for enjoyable reading. However, with all of the double-counting, mis-dating, in-house publishing, and false crediting that went on last year, 2006 will be difficult to top. For those of you who are new to usmpride.com, we invite you to take a look at the SEDONA Files page. A quick link to it rests over on the right hand side of this page of the website. To help, there is also a report available here at usmpride.com that gives a guided tour of the SEDONA software program -- a program used by USM's CoB and many other business schools for tracking faculty productivity in teaching, research and service. Keep in mind, as you read SEDONA Files, that each CoB faculty is allowed to use his or her own standard of accuracy in completing these forms. We got that from our ethicist-in-residence, George Carter.

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