

USM's College of Business: A Certified Retirement Community

A number of reports here at USMNEWS.NET have focused on various forms of service dereliction by CoB administrators and the faculty they protect. A good example of the former is EFIB Chair George Carter's [Council of Chairs dereliction](#), while an example of the latter is economics professor William Gunther's [Faculty Senate dereliction](#).¹ This report takes a fresh look at the types of service dereliction covered in past reports by examining CoB faculty attendance at recent Academic Council and Graduate Council meetings.

Table 1 below shows the attendance habits of the CoB's three current members of USM's Academic Council: Jon Carr (Assoc Prof of MGT), Trellis Green (Assoc Prof ECO) and Jim Henderson (Assoc Prof of ACC). Carr, one of the CoB's top research producers, has attended 80 percent of the Academic Council meetings since the beginning of Fall 2007 semester.² On the other hand, Henderson, one of the CoB's least productive faculty, and someone who is well-known around the Pine Belt community as someone who spends large portions of each week on the golf course at the Hattiesburg Country Club, has attended only 60 percent of the Academic Council meetings since the beginning of Fall 2007 semester.³

Table 1
Recent Service Dereliction on the Academic Council

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
9/10/2007	Carr, J. Henderson, J.	Green, T.	Carr, J.
10/1/2007		Carr, J. Green, T. Henderson, J.	
11/5/2007	Carr, J. Henderson, J.	Green, T.	Carr, J.
12/3/2007	Carr, J. Henderson, J.	Green, T.	Carr, J.
2/11/2008	Carr, J. Green, T.	Henderson, J.	Pate, G.

Source: www.usm.edu (webpages).

Table 2 below shows the attendance habits of the CoB's three current members of USM's Graduate Council: Stan Clark (Prof of ACC), Francis Daniel (Assist Prof of MGT) and Ernest King (Assoc Prof of BUSLAW). King, one of the CoB's rising research producers (see "[Drop the Zero, and Get With the Hero](#)"), has attended 80 percent of the Graduate Council meetings since the beginning of Fall 2007 semester. On the other hand, Daniel, one of the CoB's least productive faculty, and

¹ Some readers might argue that Edward Nissan's Academic Council dereliction, covered in the archived pages at USMNEWS.NET, is the most troubling case of service dereliction.

² Unfortunately for the CoB's 2012 accreditation efforts, Carr is departing for Texas Christian University at the end of 2008.

³ Green, especially with his 20 percent attendance rate, could be a bigger part of the analysis here. However, sources tell USMNEWS.NET that he spent much of the Fall 2007 semester dealing with the death (and surrounding events) of his father. Green's attendance at the Feb-08 AC meeting may be indicative of such events on his Fall 2007 participation.

someone who been a non-Visiting faculty for a decade, but he hasn't yet submitted a tenure dossier, has attended only 60 percent of the Graduate Council meetings since the beginning of Fall 2007 semester. Daniel's D-level Graduate Council service is made even more amazing by the fact that he is the Director of Graduate Programs in the CoB.⁴ Like Daniel, Clark has attended only 60 percent of the Graduate Council meetings since the beginning of Fall 2007 semester, even though Clark is held up by CoB administrators as a [hero](#).

Table 2
Recent Service Dereliction on the Graduate Council

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
9/24/2007	Clark, S. Daniel, F. King, E.		
10/22/2007	King, E.	Clark, S. Daniel, F.	King, E. King, E.
11/26/2007	Clark, S. Daniel, F. King, E.		
12/10/2007		Clark, S. Daniel, F. King, E.	Nicholson, B.
1/28/2008	Clark, S. Daniel, F. King, E.		

Source: www.usm.edu (webpages).

So-called service dereliction is becoming somewhat of a CoB tradition. With so much of it surrounding service on the Academic Council, it's difficult for CoB administrators to make the case that the AC is an important council. And with the findings in this report, the same can now be said for USM's Graduate Council.

⁴ Carter has referred to Daniel as a member of a protected group.