

AACSB Update #2

Our *AACSB Update* from 10-July-2007 has sparked interest in USMNEWS.NET readers. That report indicated that the CoB will be voting on new P&T requirements at the beginning of fall semester 2007. As sources indicated to our reporters, very little, if any, faculty input went into the process of developing the new P&T policies.

We have since learned that it was indeed the case that little faculty involvement went into the development of the new (or revised) guidelines, something that will not likely come as a surprise to CoB (USM) faculty. What is surprising, however, is that, as sources indicate, the faculty involvement seems to have consisted of only James Henderson (associate professor of accounting) and Chang-Tseh Hsieh (professor of MIS). In addition to the small number of faculty involved here, there are a number of other issues for CoB faculty to be concerned about:

- Henderson has (arguably) one of the worst records of scholarship in the entire CoB.
- Both Henderson and Hsieh are from the same department -- the SAIS.
- Henderson is an associate professor, which means that one-half of the faculty involved have something of a conflict of interest.
- Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that Hsieh has, in his role on the College Advisory Committee during the 2006-07 academic year, been involved in some "T&P politics."
- Henderson has been the focus of at least one recent report in our series investigating CoB faculty's SEDONA vitae. Henderson's case involved a mystery publication (recently) in *College Teaching*.

As former Management & Marketing Chairman Barry Babin might say, things change, things stay the same. Look for future updates on this and other AACSB-related issues.