

AACSB Visit Update #3

Reports of the day's events are still coming in. Sources have contacted us about the prominent role being played in various meetings by associate professor of management Jon Carr. The author of the "Backstop . . ." report on Mark Klinedinst's participation in the "Black Tuesday" meeting has put together a story on Carr's participation in the events surrounding the plagiarism allegations involving Central Missouri State University's AQ/PQ definitions and other items. This forthcoming report suggests that Carr's job in public venues, such as the 8Dec2006 CoB faculty meeting and the 19Jan2007 Assurance of Learning seminar conducted by Karen Tarnoff, has been to prevent any public discussion of the plagiarism allegations from gaining any momentum.

The AACSB visitation has to be wondering tonight about why Dean Doty has not dedicated a budget to AACSB accreditation purposes. We are told that both UNC-Greensboro and East Tennessee State University have administrators whose job titles encompass accreditation issues. This issue, along with the botched AQ/PQ definitions exercise from George Carter and David Duhon, ought to be giving the visitation team pause with regard to the CoB's sincerity regarding this re-affirmation process (the framed Mission/Vision statements and Learning Objectives have been hanging on the walls, in some cases, only a day – and the others only a few days). Given that AACSB has moved to a five-year cycle, the visitation team has to also think, in light of all of the inconsistent statements they heard today, that the CoB will likely face future difficulties that could point back to this particular visit (i.e., 2007).

Our reporters are currently looking into whether or not the AACSB visitation team is up to speed on the faculty grievances that have been filed against EFIB Chair George Carter since the beginning of fall semester. As usmpride.com readers are aware, finance professor Tom Lindley and accounting professor Marc DePree filed a grievance against Carter's actions subverting faculty governance elections in the EFIB back in September of 2006. Also, economics professor Franklin Mixon filed a grievance shortly after the DePree-Lindley grievance that alleges, among other things, that CoB administrators are engaging in a campaign of harassment against him. These issues go to the heart of what an academic institution is about, and the visitation team should become more familiar with them.

Sources tell us that, amidst the chaos of today, CoB administrators somehow found the time to work to keep tourism management instructor Evelyn Green "stirred up" about the allegations that she is currently using USM facilities to run a private interior redesign firm (Evelyn Kwan Green Interior Redesign). We are also told that, after

finding out about how good Green's instructor gig with the CoB is, many of the CoB's long-time instructors are not too pleased about their own situations. This could be the first major case of difficulties among the instructor ranks stemming from CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand's now well-known favoritism.