

AQ Anomalies from the CoB's 6th Year AACSB Review

How the CoB Categorized its Faculty to Put the Best Face on its 2007 AACSB Dossier

Thanks to [a tip from a USMNEWS.net reader](#), reporters at USMNEWS.net are now reviewing the CoB's 6th Year Review Report for its 2007 AACSB reaccreditation. That tip came in response to reports that had former CoB interim dean Alvin Williams reversing former CoB dean Harold Doty's decision to deny CoB legal studies professor Ernest King classification as Professionally Qualified (PQ). Table 1 below reports additional findings from the recent examination of the 6th Year Review Report, namely the existence of a significant number of CoB faculty who were classified as Academically Qualified (AQ), presumably on the basis of scholarship other than disciplined-based peer-reviewed journal publications.

Table 1 – AQ Anomalies from 6th Year AACSB Review

Name	CoB Unit	Pedagogical PRJ	Discipline-Based PRJ	Practitioner PRJ
Becker, Cherylynn	TM	0	2	0
Daniel, Francis	MGT	1	1	0
Davis, Donna	MIS	0	1	0
Henderson, James	ACC	1	1	0
Magruder, James	MIS	0	1	0
Posey, Roderick	ACC	0	0	2
Price, Catherine	TM	0	1	1
Smith, Robert	ACC	0	1	2

The details in Table 1 above are astounding. Professor of accounting, Roderick Posey, was classified as AQ despite *not having any* peer-reviewed journal publications in the discipline-based category. Added to that is the fact Posey managed only two peer-reviewed practitioner journal publications. MIS professor Donna Davis, **who in many ways was the face of the CoB's 2007 reaccreditation effort**, reported only one discipline-based peer-reviewed journal publication; there were no other peer-reviewed journal publications from her. Davis' situation was repeated by James Magruder. Catherine Price and Robert Smith each reported only one peer-reviewed discipline-based journal publication, though Price added one practitioner peer-reviewed journal pub, while Smith produced two of the same. Finally, James Henderson, associate professor of accounting, reported only one peer-reviewed discipline-based journal publication, as did assistant professor of management, Francis Daniel.

The table above really highlights the CoB's then-School of Accounting and Information Systems, with Davis, Henderson, Magruder, Posey and Smith accounting for more than 60% of the anomalous cases reported. Sixty percent of these – Henderson, Posey and Smith – come from accounting. The serious lack of **discipline-based peer-reviewed journal publications** is compounded by the fact that the CoB offers an MPA, and now is reportedly going to pay Michael Dugan \$175,000 per year to direct that graduate accounting program. And, given the CoB's history of double counting, misreporting, etc., of academic research, the possibility that *reality* may be *exceeded by the numbers above* is more than troubling for those who are invested in the CoB's success as an organization. It would seem that much of what some refer to as "funny business" could have been avoided had the CoB simply more accurately accounted for the real qualifications of other faculty, such as King.