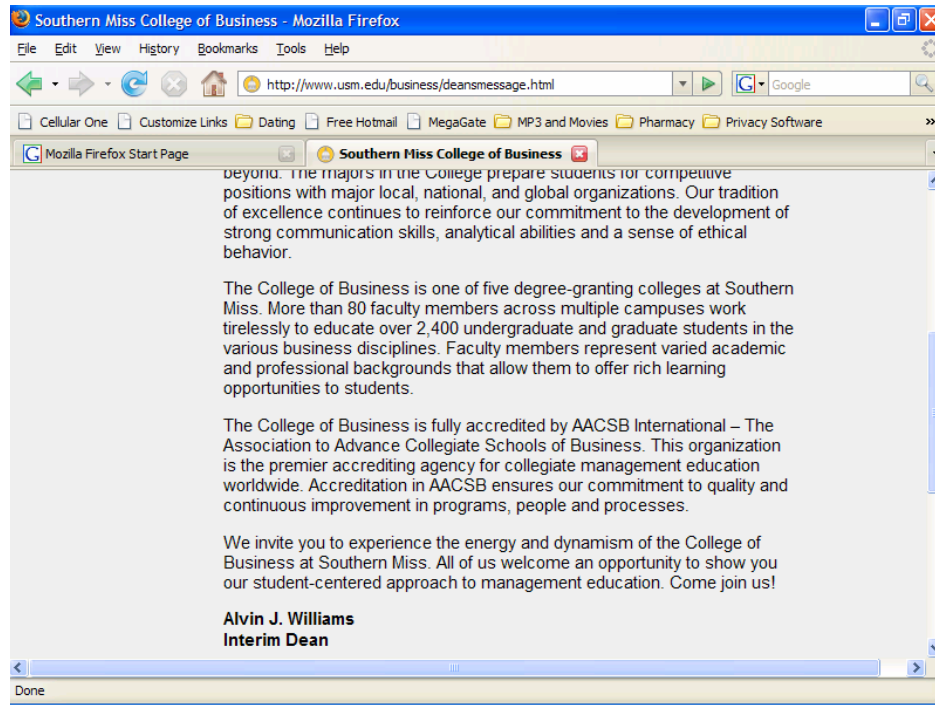


## Are 13 (or more) CoB Faculty MIA?

In his “Message from the Dean” on the USM website (see below), the CoB’s Interim Dean Alvin J. Williams claims that USM’s College of Business has “. . . more than 80 faculty members.” That number seemed to be on the high side to reporters at USMNEWS.NET, so an investigation was launched to determine the actual number.



The same source wherein Williams’ claim is found – the USM website – was used to calculate the number of faculty that USM’s College of Business lists. This calculation was done on a unit-by-unit basis, and the results were tallied (for comparison to Williams’ figure). Those results, along with the applicable faculty departures from spring 2007, are shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1**  
**CoB Faculty Count, by Unit**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Faculty Count</u>	<u>Spring '07 Losses</u>
ACC	12	
B-Law	1	
ECO	11	Sawyer
FM	1	
FIN	6	Haggard

IB	1	
MGT	16	Gregory, Haggard
MIS	6	Lewis
MKT	10	BabinB, BabinL, Lopez
TM	<u>4</u>	Hallab
	<b>68</b>	

As shown above in Table 1, USM's website lists only 68 faculty for the College of Business (the 68 includes the departing faculty listed in Table 1 above).

Assuming that Williams' statement, that there are "more than 80 faculty members," means 81, then Williams' number exceeds the actual number by 19.1 percent. Table 1 also indicates that nine (9) of these 68 faculty will be leaving the CoB before the beginning of the 2007-08 academic year. Assuming that only one-half of them will be replaced, the CoB will enter the 2007-08 with only 64 faculty. (Of course, this also assumes that none of the 59 faculty who remain from the 2006-07 academic year also choose to leave by then.) Thus, if the USM website continues to claim "more than 80 [CoB] faculty members" into Sept-07, the claim will overstate the actual number by 26.6 percent. If that situation occurs, one could begin to speculate on how far the actual number has to fall before the website claim is adjusted.