

## As Transgressions Go By

Chairman (DCP) Carter is not one to learn much from the past, including autogenous mistakes; one might think given the nature of recent mistakes – transgressions – including a semi-public apology for one, he might be somewhat more careful. One conclusion is DCP lives his life sprinting from one visceral reaction to another. React, do not think.

In one recent example, Carter, while working hard to verbally augment Doty as dean, verbally swatted Associate Dean Niroomand. Dr. Niroomand had just made a helpful suggestion to move the meeting forward, and to help Carter who appeared at a loss for words; the result was Carter condescendingly dismissing Dr. Niroomand's suggestion in words, tone, and body language. Is this yet another visceral reaction from Carter? It certainly looks like a clear case of not thinking things through, but had Carter pondered the situation and acted as he did as part of a calculated plan? What is there to be gained from this?

Remember the events chronicled on the usm pride board and consider this:

There has been no public acknowledgement or acceptance by Doty of Carter's offered apology. It is possible "the jerk" accepted the "apology" for his "transgression" privately, but that makes little sense.

Doty did not accept the apology and is counting the days until the AACSB visit ends so he can terminate Carter as Chairman when the visit team leaves. Carter may be trying to work his way back into Doty's good graces by distancing himself from Niroomand and by deflating Niroomand and inflating Doty.

Carter is trying to look like a Doty dude by putting Doty first, even over a long-time friend.

With the last faculty meeting vote, Dr. Niroomand has been greatly marginalized as an administrative power in the CoB. This slap from Chairman Carter re-enforces that (he never would have dared to do this before), and tries to get DCP on the Doty-Babin team (no chance).

Whether this situation was yet another visceral reaction from George or part of a new Carter scheme is not clear at this time. Stay tuned. There is one thing certain: there will be many more Carter gaffes, lapses, and goofs.