

Doty Pulling All Stops for Job at UT-Tyler

HATTIESBURG – Former CoB dean (and current CoB management professor) Harold Doty appears to be pulling all stops in his pursuit of the opening at the top of the University of Texas – Tyler’s College of Business and Technology. An earlier [editorial from Duane Cobb](#) indicated that Doty is likely benefitting from the presence of former USM VP of Finance Gregg Lassen, who is now the VP for Business Affairs at UT-T. Though the presence of Lassen will no doubt help Doty secure employment in Tyler, the presence of former USM College of Health Dean Peter Fos, who is now UT-Tyler’s Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, will likely do even more for Doty given his close relationship with Fos while the two served in the Shelby F. Thames administration at USM.



Gregg Lassen



Harold Doty



Peter Fos

While one would have to wonder why UT-Tyler President [Rodney Mabry](#) would think it is a good idea to reassemble elements of the Thames administration, which was almost without question the [the most disastrous administration in USM's 100-year existence](#), sources say it's not too difficult to understand why the likes of Doty, Fos and Lassen would desire a reunification somewhere. Under the leadership of Thames, Lassen, Doty, Fos and others, time-tested concepts like [academic freedom](#), [academic tenure](#), [faculty governance](#), and others came under assault, almost on a daily basis.

Not only is Doty’s past association with Fos and Lassen serving him well today in his quest to lead UT-Tyler’s CoBaT, Doty is, according to sources, employing a mis- and disinformation campaign on UT-Tyler’s CoBaT faculty that some are saying is winning the day. Doty is now telling UT-Tyler business faculty that he (Doty) raised \$1 million **per year** while dean of USM’s CoB, a figure that would translate into about \$4 million raised over Doty’s July-03 to April-07 tenure as dean of USM’s business school. Of course, documents available throughout the Internet show that Doty’s only major fundraising accomplishment was the \$1

million contribution from the Max P. Draughn family, which now supports the CoB's "healthcare marketing" initiatives. Up until Sept-05, when Doty travelled to Tampa to interview (unsuccessfully) for the top job in the b-school at the University of South Florida, he (Doty) had not raised anything of substance. At that time, Doty was 26 months into his 45-month CoB reign. It was during his USF interview that Doty was asked (point blank) by one USF faculty member to recount his most successful fundraising venture to date. To that request Doty responded that his biggest success by that time was in *almost* securing a large financial contribution from a USM supporter who had previously shown a propensity to dispose of large sums of private wealth and valuable objects (e.g., classic cars) whilst intoxicated. Of course, this question, along with Doty's answer to it, are housed in USMNEWS.net's vast **audio/video library**, while copies are, and have been, circulating throughout USM's CoB (and American academe in general) for almost four years. It was during this very same interview that Doty coined the terms "fun money" and "booze account" – terms that would become catch phrases of his 2003-07 administration of USM's CoB.

Some USMNEWS.net readers have pointed out that in vying for the top spot in CoBaT, Harold Doty is indeed seeking to be ". . . the *dean* of a *department*." While it is difficult to argue with the logic of such an assertion, and the implication that follows from it, USMNEWS.net reporters will continue to report on Doty's disingenuous efforts to seek administrative positions in academe, no matter how small. This commitment is based simply on the notion that all organizations, again no matter how small, deserve the opportunity to grow and thrive, and to not suffer the rule of despots.