

ECO 336 Moved to File 13

HATTIESBURG – Reporters at USMNEWS.net have learned that the CoB has voted to replace the requirement that CoB students complete ECO 336 (international economics) as part of the CoB core curriculum with an option to complete any approved international course in the group containing international economics, international finance, international management and international marketing. This change in the CoB's core curriculum is believed to be a major boost to both international management and international marketing, two courses offered in the areas in the CoB representing the largest block of students. The future move of the international business major into the management department should also shore up enrollments in the CoB's international management offerings.

Sources tell USMNEWS.net that the prior CoB core requirement of ECO 336 has historically inflated the number of faculty lines on the ECO side of the EFIB, and that the vote to replace the ECO 336 requirement will, as enrollments in ECO 336 fall, likely reduce the number of ECO faculty lines in the CoB. The move will also put a significant dent in former CoB economist Charles Sawyer's textbook sales, which were [supported heavily](#) by the CoB's ECO 336 core requirement. Sawyer's text, *International Economics* (shown below), currently sells for \$125.86 at amazon.com.



In light of some of the “economic issues” specified above, sources warn that current EFIB chairman George Carter may visit (privately) CoB undergraduate programs administrator Gwen Pate in an effort to convince Pate and her staff to be less than forthcoming to CoB students/advises about this change in the CoB's core. According to USMNEWS.net sources, Pate has a history of “selective advisement” when it comes to changes in CoB curricula, and she has tailored her office's advisement efforts in a “path of least effort” fashion in years past. Not advertising this recent change regarding ECO 336 would certainly involve less administrative effort on her end than doing so would involve.