

## **Marvasti Tenured at Sept-09 IHL Meeting**

HATTIESBURG – CoB economics professor Akbar Marvasti was tenured during a special consideration of his tenure application at the IHL Board's 16/17-Sept-09 meeting. Not surprisingly, Marvasti's tenure application was the only one considered by IHL officials at this particular meeting, as the customary period for doing so is the May-June period each year. The section of the 16/17-Sept-09 Board Book pertaining to special consideration of Marvasti's tenure is inserted below.

#### **4. Tenure**

##### **USM**

Akbar Marvasti, Professor of Economics, Department of Business Economics and Decision Sciences, College of Business; effective September 18, 2009 for academic year 2009-2010

As the insert above indicates, Marvasti's tenure is effective 18-Sept-09, or from about one week ago. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that Marvasti's tenure was delayed pending the conclusion of an internal investigation of some non-curricular activities involving Marvasti.

The decision to tenure Marvasti at the Sept-09 Board meeting means that the two untenured faculty in the CoB's economics unit who are being considered for possible extensions of the tenure clock by USM provost Robert Lyman are Daniel Monchuk and Sami Dakhliya, and not Monchuk and Marvasti as speculated in other reports. Considering Marvasti's tenure under so-called special circumstances and then allowing Monchuk and Dakhliya extra tenure clock time will likely only fuel the flames of discontent (and low morale) on the Hattiesburg campus. Long-time readers of USMNEWS.net are well aware that Dakhliya was "canned" by the University of Alabama after an unproductive tenure-track ride there from the late 1990s to around 2005. Giving Dakhliya, who has not published a journal article since 2006, extra time during a second ride at USM will be seen as far out of bounds, according to sources.