

LSU's Hughes a Finalist to Head ACC

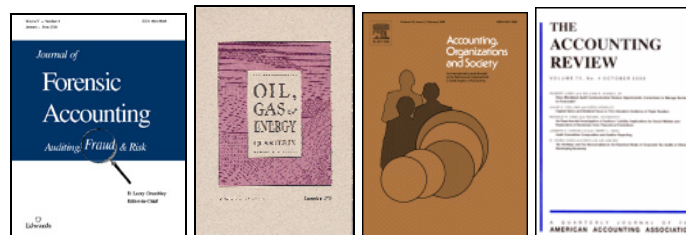
HATTIESBURG – Reports have reached USMNEWS.net offices indicating that LSU accountant Kirby “Skip” E. Hughes II has been named a finalist to chair the CoB’s new ACC department, which will begin operations in July-09. Hughes is currently the *Marjorie B. Ourso Associate Professor of Accounting* and the *U.J. LeGrange Endowed Associate Professor of Accounting* in LSU’s *E.J. Ourso College of Business*.



Kirby E. Hughes II

Hughes received his PhD from the University of Georgia in 1996. Twenty five years earlier, in 1971, Hughes picked up an MBA from the University of South Carolina, and five years before that, in 1966, he earned a B.S. from the United States Naval Academy. Hughes is also a retired Navy captain.

LSU’s website notes that Hughes has published in the *Journal of Forensic Accounting* (2008), *Journal of Information Systems* (2007), *Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly* (2007), *Accounting, Organizations & Society* (2004), *International Energy Law & Taxation Review* (2004), and *The Accounting Review* (2000).



The first two journal publications pictured above came, for Hughes, from “in-house” journals edited by the same LSU faculty member. This obvious propensity (in-house publishing) will put Hughes in good stead among faculty in USM’s b-school. Reports on various in-house publishing efforts are scattered throughout the archives at USMNEWS.net. According to the CoB’s new journal classifications system, these six journals rate as C, A (moved up from B by the CoB’s 2007-08 journal ranking committee), C, A+, --, and A+, respectively. Thus, this six-journal publications portfolio produces a research GPA ranging from 2.667 to 2.833. Sources say that, if hired, CoB faculty will surely be very interested in whether Hughes joins the CoB as an associate professor or as a full professor.