

Institutional Storm Brewing at UT-Tyler

HATTIESBURG – Reports coming into USMNEWS.net paint a vivid picture of an institutional storm involving the cadre of former USM administrators that is now brewing at the University of Texas – Tyler. As of 15-Feb-2011, former USM vice president of finance, Gregg Lassen, is no longer the vice president for business affairs at UT-T. Lassen is one of two UT-T vice presidents to recently vacate such positions. Additionally, the UT-T president, Rod Mabry, has informed the UT-T community that UT-T provost, Peter Fos, will be leaving UT-T for New Orleans. Fos joined UT-T after serving a stint as dean of the College of Health at USM. According to sources, this central administration “dust up” was caused by the ill-advised actions of Harold Doty, business school dean at UT-T. As long-time followers of USM are aware, Doty was the controversial dean of USM’s business school from 2003-07. Thus, these three current/former UT-T administrators were together for some time at USM as a part of the Shelby Thames administration (2002-07).



Lassen

Fos

Doty

Bushardt

A quick Internet [search reveals](#) that Lassen [is now](#) the vice president for finance and operations at Lamar University. A similar [search indicates](#) that Fos has been hitting the job market heavily, having reached the finals for the top post at the University of Louisiana – Monroe during fall semester 2010. That same search suggests that Fos also applied for a high-ranking position at Southeastern Louisiana University in the recent past. These two former high-ranking USM officials were both part of the central administration at UT-T when Doty was hired as dean of business. Later, Doty hired the controversial former USM b-school chairman/professor, Stephen Bushardt, to serve as chairman of UT-T’s management department. The details of Doty’s part in this recent storm at UT-T are still being compiled by USMNEWS.net staff. What can be reported now is that Doty has missed significant time at work of late. According to sources, he has been away interviewing for job openings.

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