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Is it Déjà vu All Over Again for Doty?

HATTIESBURG – For the uninitiated (i.e., new USMNEWS.net readers), the trouble now surrounding (once again) Harold Doty, the business school dean at the University of Tyler, likely boggles the mind. Recent reports here at USMNEWS.net indicate that Doty's actions have generated a serious administrative storm on the UT-Tyler campus, *and* in the greater Tyler community. A community group calling itself Concerned Community of Tyler Businesses is seeking the support of the greater Tyler community in the ousting of Doty from the UT-Tyler dean's office. This group (and perhaps others) is accusing Doty of transgressions related to financial mismanagement, cronyism in hiring/managing, and use of the university for personal gain, among many others.



Doty

With the latest exhibit received by USMNEWS.net, it seems that Doty's reign at UT-Tyler *may be* nearing an end. Through his 16-Feb-2011 e-mail, UT-Tyler president Rod Mabry has informed the UT-Tyler b-school faculty that their presence at an 8:10 am meeting on 21-Feb-2011 is requested. The text of that e-mail is inserted below.

TO: ALL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY FACULTY AND STAFF

President Mabry has asked to meet with you on Monday morning, February 21 at 8:10 a.m. in BUS 158. He looks forward to seeing you at that time.

Thanks,

Lynn

Sources point out that this communiqué is reminiscent of the way that the April-2007 "resignations" of Doty and his former USM associate dean Farhang Niroomand, were handled by central administrators at USM. Then-USM provost Jay Grimes summoned all USM CoB faculty to a meeting wherein he announced that Doty and Niroomand had stepped down, and that now-former USM marketing professor Alvin Williams was assuming the top CoB position on an interim basis.

Stay tuned to USMNEWS.net for additional reports on this developing saga.