

Hsieh Named University Distinguished Professor

HATTIESBURG – In a move that will most likely come as a tremendous shock to many current and former CoB faculty and staff, the CoB’s Chang-Tseh Hsieh has been named as one of just four University Distinguished Professors by the Martha Saunders administration of USM. Hsieh, a professor of decision sciences, was referred to by Saunders as “a gifted and dedicated” faculty who has “enriched the life of USM.” Sources, on the other hand, tell USMNEWS.net that Hsieh is thought of more often as a member of the old CoB political arm who exhibits disturbingly poor communications skills.

David Tisdale’s 30-Sept-09 [presser](#) describing Hsieh’s new appointment tells a different story, and one source says will be unrecognizable to discerning CoBers. Tisdale reminds long-time readers of USMNEWS.net that Hsieh edits a number of journals, including the *Journal of International Technology and Information Management*, *International Journal of Intercultural Information Management*, and the *International Journal of Electronic Healthcare*. Sources tell USMNEWS.net, however, that this web of outlets represents, for Hsieh, at least three opportunities to provide spoils to cronies and other associates. A recent USMNEWS.net report indicates that Hsieh and CoBer Fujun Lai recently published together in the *IJIM*.



The CoB’s Chang-Tseh Hsieh and the other recipients of the 2009 UPD.

The decision to name Hsieh a UDP will, according to sources, be seen by many as yet another confusing turn of events from recent weeks and months. Former CoB dean Harold Doty attempted to shut down the CoB’s MIS major. Current CoB dean Lance Nail reportedly has similar feelings about the unit. Many CoBers reportedly see Hsieh’s favor seeking efforts as just that. As decisions like that to name Hsieh a UDP continue to mount, the level of uncertainty and anxiousness in USM’s b-school will likely only continue to rise.