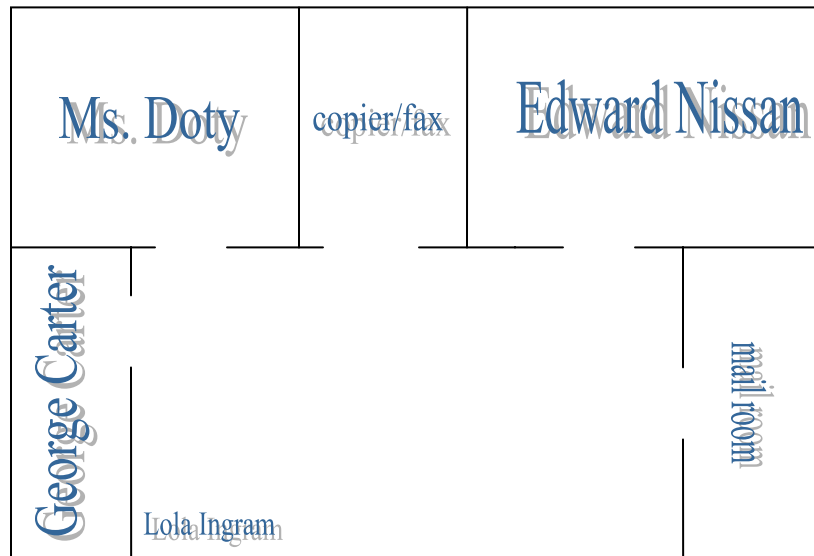


Beck and Call

The Impending Battle in EFIB over George Carter's Attention

As one of three departments in USM's College of Business, the Department of Economics, Finance and International Business (EFIB) is chaired by George Carter (professor of economics). The EFIB's office complex is located in Joseph Greene Hall, Suite 309, which is divided into six separate areas. The EFIB complex is depicted in the box below:

JGH 309, EFIB Office Complex





As the diagram above shows, JGH 309 contains a copier/fax room (top center) and a mail room (bottom right). A large foyer area houses the department's secretary, Ms. Lola Ingram. The remaining spaces in JGH 309 are reserved for Carter (bottom left), newly hired economics instructor Susan Doty (Ms. Doty; top left), and economics professor Edward Nissan (top right).

High Maintenance

As reported earlier by USMNEWS.NET, Ms. Doty was hired by the EFIB to also serve as Director of the Center for Economics Education.¹ This role (Director, CEE) requires a significant investment in resources of various kinds, including but not limited to extensive copying, travel, secretarial support, computer software support, graduate student assistance, meeting space, etc. Almost immediately, Ms. Doty made her presence in the EFIB felt when she responded to an e-mail (on 25 July 07) from Carter – an e-mail that announced various “staffing changes” in the EFIB, including the one involving Ms. Doty. That e-mail (from Carter) was obtained by USMNEWS.NET, and is inserted below:

¹ For more, see [EFIB Search Committee Favors Ms. Doty](#), [Driving Ms. Doty](#), [Sins of Omission](#), and [EFIB Faculty Give Ms. Doty the Nod](#).

Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007
From: [George Carter <george.carter@usm.edu>](mailto:george.carter@usm.edu)
To: cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu
Cc: [Joseph Peyrefitte' <joseph.peyrefitte@usm.edu>](mailto:Joseph.Peyrefitte@usm.edu), [Deborah Templeton@usm.edu](mailto:Deborah.Templeton@usm.edu), [Linda Jordan@usm.edu](mailto:Linda.Jordan@usm.edu), [Gwen Pate@usm.edu](mailto:Gwen.Pate@usm.edu), ['Shirley Luse' <shirley.luse@usm.edu>](mailto:Shirley.Luse@usm.edu), ['Alvin Williams' <Alvin.Williams@usm.edu>](mailto:Alvin.Williams@usm.edu), ['Francis Daniel' <francis.daniel@usm.edu>](mailto:Francis.Daniel@usm.edu)
Reply-to: [EFIB Department <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>](mailto:cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu)
Subject: [Cob-ecfinintbus] Fall Semester Staffing
Part(s):  2 [Fall 2007-2008-Schedule-Instructor-7-25-07.xls](#) application/vnd.ms-excel 52.00 KB 

To EFIB Faculty:

This is an e-mail to let you know where we are on Fall Semester staffing.

As you know, the faculty approved John Lambert as Assistant Professor and Susan Doty as Instructor in the department. In addition, the Dean determined that Farooq Malik is AACSB Academically Qualified in finance, and the Academic Council Chair determined that he is SACS qualified by portfolio in finance. Consequently, we moved him from the Coast to Hattiesburg as a finance Assistant Professor. Finally, Feng Jiao has agreed to a finance Visiting Assistant Professor position for the 2007-2008 academic year.

I have attached the Fall Semester schedule for your information. You will note that we are two faculty members short in that we need someone to cover the statistics courses on the Coast and another someone to cover the finance courses on the Coast. I am working on filling those positions. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

I hope that you all had full and rewarding summers and are looking forward to the fall semester.

Best,
George

Ms. Doty's response followed on 25 July 07, and is inserted below:

Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007
From: [Susan Doty <:ssdoty@bellsouth.net>](mailto:ssdoty@bellsouth.net)
To: ['EFIB Department' <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>](mailto:cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu)
Reply-to: [EFIB Department <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>](mailto:cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu)
Subject: RE: [Cob-ecfinintbus] Fall Semester Staffing

Hi George,

What is the technology training to which you refer in the last column? I am taking a workshop on WebCT tomorrow and have been to one of Evelyn's workshops in room 300 on Starboard and Apreso technologies. Let me know what other workshops or training I should sign up for! **By the way, despite all evidence to the contrary this week, I am truly not high maintenance!**

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Ms. Doty's response is quite interesting, as she informs Carter that, "despite all evidence to the contrary this week, I am truly not high maintenance!" As sources indicate, it is unlikely that Ms. Doty realized that she was using a "Reply to All" e-mail feature as she informed Carter about her required level of maintenance. In doing so, she (indirectly) informed EFIB faculty that she had been (during late July 07) making numerous requests of Carter, something sources indicated to USMNEWS.NET would be expected given Ms. Doty's dual positions (instructor and Center Director).

Between Two High Maintenance Faculty?

It appears as though Carter may now be caught between two high maintenance EFIB faculty, and quite literally so, given the proximity to Carter and Nissan of Ms. Doty's (all shown below) placement in the JGH 309 office complex.



Ms. Doty



George Carter



Edward Nissan

Nissan is one of the CoB's biggest travelers and resource consumers. Nissan's requests extend from the ordinary mail/fax privileges all the way to requesting, and receiving, the typing and editorial services of Phyllis Pittman Carter, the Executive Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the EFIB's own Farhang Niroomand (economics professor and former CoB Associate Dean).

The inevitable battle over Carter's attention (and resources) between Ms. Doty and Nissan is sure to be something worth following.