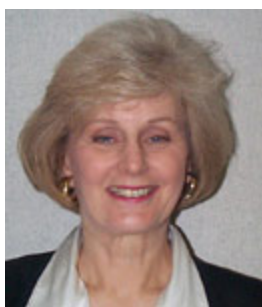


Breaking News

Back to the Well

HATTIESBURG – Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have learned that the CoB’s central administration has once again called upon MIS professor, Donna Davis, to spearhead an administrative effort for the college. Interim CoB Dean, Alvin Williams, recently named Davis Interim Director of Graduate Programs for the CoB, a position Davis inherits from assistant professor of management, Francis Daniel, who is leaving USM after the 2007-08 academic year. Davis has held several quasi-administrative posts in the CoB over the past several years. These positions include the position of SEDONA Coordinator, which



Donna Davis

is the role known by CoB faculty as the one responsible for coordinating electronic information on the teaching, research and service activities of CoB faculty that is used for evaluation (merit raise and P&T) and accreditation purposes. Long-time readers of USMNEWS.NET will recall that several controversies regarding gaping holes in the accuracy of SEDONA information have plagued the CoB in the recent past. Sources indicate that, at one point during these controversial episodes, Davis visited the Internet site, *USM Forum . . . Message Board*, and ranted publicly to various USM constituencies that (1) the SEDONA initiative should not have been prematurely used by CoB administrators, as it was, for evaluation purposes, and that (2) she, and she alone, was responsible for the accuracy of the information housed on SEDONA. As a result of Davis’ visit to *USM Forum . . . Message Board*, the SEDONA controversies were only fueled further.

This, and other Davis-related stories, fit USMNEWS.NET columnist Duane Cobb’s statement that “Davis is one of the CoB’s hardly working faculty.”¹

¹ Sources state that long-time readers of USMNEWS.NET will also recall that Davis directed the assessment portion of the CoB’s AACSB re-accreditation efforts – efforts that faced a probationary review in 2007.