

Breaking News

Bushardt Elected Chair of the CAC

HATTIESBURG – USMNEWS.NET reporters have learned that management professor Stephen Bushardt has been elected as Chair of the College Advisory Committee in the CoB. The CAC is responsible for making recommendations on P&T dossiers (by voting on them) to the CoB Dean, among its other duties.



Stephen Bushardt

Bushardt, the former Chair of the CoB's management department, has been a practitioner of the newly popularized tactic (of CAC members) of recusing oneself from P&T votes at the department level in order to cast them later at the CAC level. This practice was employed by some CAC members in the controversial 2006 promotion of management professor, David Duhon, and it continues to be employed this year. Former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand, who is now back in a regular faculty line, sits on the 2007-08 CAC and has already recused himself (at the EFIB level) regarding the P&T dossiers submitted by economists Sami Dakhli and Akbar Marvasti. Bushardt and others have refined the recusal tactic in recent years by voting on *uncontroversial* P&T dossiers at the department level, while recusing themselves on controversial P&T dossiers so that their votes can be cast in the CAC, a political venue where individual faculty votes usually carry more weight. Use of these tactics picked up under the Harold Doty-Farhang Niroomand Administration in the CoB (2003-2007).