

Breaking News

EFIB Governance, 2006-2008 – George Carter Run Amok

HATTIESBURG – Almost 20 EFIB faculty participated in the department's 30-Aug-07 faculty governance election, and not a single vote was cast for the 3-person committee governance option. EFIB Chair George Carter got his slam dunk victory, but that was expected by everyone in the room. As such, Carter's victory is not news. What is news, however, is Carter's preamble to the EFIB department governance vote. Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that Carter spent some time explaining to the faculty in attendance the meaning of the phrase "Corps of Instruction," and how that phrase fits into USM's faculty governance proceedings. As Carter explained to the EFIB, faculty with the "visiting" title are not part of the EFIB's "Corps of Instruction," and are not allowed to participate in the governance vote.

Even though "visiting" faculty now account for about 20 percent of the entire EFIB, Carter had his victory, with or without their participation. No, what is interesting here is how the events of 30-Aug-07 relate to those of "Black Tuesday" 2006 in the EFIB -- the day that a Carter-led coalition voted to overturn the EFIB's (previously) duly-elected committee governance structure. On that day the Carter-led coalition won a slim victory, and installed Carter as the sole governing authority. However, on that day *visiting assistant professor of IB John Lambert voted*, even though he (Lambert) was not at the time part of the EFIB's "Corps of Instruction."

Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that there is little doubt how Lambert voted on "Black Tuesday" 2006 in the EFIB. In fact, it was reported then that Carter held a private one-on-one with Lambert on the morning of the vote, and that Lambert, who had not accepted a ballot on the day the committee structure was victorious, accepted a ballot on "Black Tuesday" 2006. One source provided USMNEWS.NET with the statement that, upon seeing Lambert accept a ballot, Carter was asked by a senior member of the EFIB, in front of the whole EFIB during the "Black Tuesday" 2006 meeting, if Lambert was allowed to vote. To this question Carter responded: "yes."

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