Breaking News

Carter and Clark to Receive \$7,500 to \$12,000 in Overload Pay

HATTIESBURG – Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have learned that economics professor George Carter and associate professor of finance John Clark will both be teaching overload courses during spring 2008. Both of these CoB faculty hold administrative appointments that reduce their teaching loads (from the usual 12 hours) by one course (3 hours). Both are also classified as "Academically Qualified," further reducing their teaching loads (from the usual 12 hours) by one course (3 hours). Thus, both are teaching overload sections on top of a release-provided teaching load foundation of *6 hours*. This is a program Carter has lavished on himself and others in the EFIB since rising to Chair (again) in August of 2005. In this case, Carter has assigned himself an additional 1.5 hours, while he (Carter) has provided Clark with an additional 3 hours. Using data provided to USMNEWS.NET from past cases of overload teaching, Carter and Clark, each of whom are paid well in excess of \$100,000 per year, will possibly receive anywhere from \$7,500 to \$12,000 combined, if not more, in overload teaching compensation during the spring of 2008.

In addition to the scandalous use of resources Carter's assignment of overload sections to administrative officials represents, Carter's assignment to himself of sections of BA 303 highlights another issue. This course, BA 303, was eliminated as a result of a CoB faculty vote that was taken in order to meet the requirements of a 120-hour degree mandate from the Thames Administration (2003-2007) of USM. Carter's assignment to himself of overload sections of BA 303 highlights the fact that Carter refuses to eliminate this course from the CoB's core curriculum. Sources say that BA 303 is about the only CoB course that professor Edward Nissan, Carter's friend and co-author, is qualified to teach. Sources also say that most, if not all, of the EFIB-offered sections of BA 303 in the recent past have been taught by either Nissan or Carter. A check of recent semesters reveals that Nissan teaches BA 303 exclusively.

We will continue to follow events relating to overloads in the CoB. From what we can tell, our earlier estimate of \$50,000 may grossly underestimate the commitment Carter and others have made to CoB favorites for overload teaching in recent semesters.