

Breaking News

CoB's AACSB Probation Lifted

HATTIESBURG – As the headline ticker at USMNEWS.NET reported on 14-Dec-07, the CoB's AACSB probation has been lifted. Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams informed CoB faculty and staff of this news via e-mail, and he thanked CoB faculty and staff for "varied contributions to achieving this important milestone."

The CoB was assigned a 6th Year Review of its AACSB accreditation after its Peer Review Team visited the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses in February of 2007. Just two months after the PRT departed USM, both CoB Dean Harold Doty and CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand surprised the USM community by resigning their respective positions. One day later, on 10-April-07, the USM central administration elevated marketing professor, Alvin Williams, to Interim Dean. Williams appointed associate professor of management, Joseph Peyrefitte, to Interim Associate Dean the following day. Thus, with the news of 14-Dec-07, Williams and Peyrefitte, with the assistance of newly appointed chair of management and marketing, Tony Henthorne, accomplished in just 10 months what the Doty-Niroomand administration, and that of William Gunther and Niroomand before it, had failed to achieve over the previous 10 years.

Other current and former CoB figures associated with the 10-year failure are David Duhon, George Carter, Stanley Lewis, Charles Jordan, Roderick Posey, Barry Babin, and Laurie Babin.