

## **Breaking News**

### **"Member of Protected Group," Francis Daniel, to Exit CoB**

LONG BEACH – The CoB's Department of Management and Marketing continues to take a pounding on the staffing front. Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have learned that assistant professor of management, Francis Daniel, has submitted his resignation from USM, effective at the end of the 2007-08 academic year. Daniel's departure represents the CoB's sixth consecutive departure from the MGT & MKT department, and follows the recent news that Michael Vest, Stephen Bushardt, Talai Osmonbekov, and Tony Henthorne are all leaving the CoB at the end of the 2007-08 academic year. In addition to these, assistant professor of management, Jon Carr, will depart before the end of 2008.

Long-time readers of USMNEWS.NET will recall that Daniel has been the subject of a number of reports. Daniel's run in the CoB has been one of the more controversial on record, beginning in the mid-1990s when he was hired as a visiting assistant professor. Shortly after coming on board the "visiting" part of Daniel's title was removed, as he was placed on the tenure track. However, Daniel's tenure-track run has already consumed about 10 years, and he has yet to submit a tenure dossier to the CoB's management faculty. Sources tell reporters at USMNEWS.NET that Daniel's research record is weak, and would likely fail to gain the support of the requisite number of committee members and committees involved in USM's tenure process.

The extraordinary benefits provided to Daniel by CoB administrators have been fuel for the CoB controversy machine since information about Daniel's "special status" was made known to CoB faculty in 2006. At about that time, EFIB chairman, George Carter, spoke for the CoB administration in defense of Daniel's preferential treatment by telling the CoB and USM communities that Daniel was a member of a protected group of USM faculty. Some sources have said that Carter's defense of Daniel came out of Carter's selfish desire to deflect attention away from the fact that even he (Carter) required more than 10 years to achieve tenure in USM's business school. Information on Carter's 12-year tenure-track ride became public only shortly after the heat on Daniel's case began to rise.

The Daniel resignation is significant in its own right. There is likely much more to this story than is presently on the surface. Stay tuned . . . USMNEWS.NET will.