

Breaking News

Seven-Year Itch; Pitman Wants to Leave SUNY for USM

HATTIESBURG – Glenn Pitman, professor of marketing at SUNY -- Binghamton, has been named the third finalist for the CoB's top position. Pitman was himself the business school Dean at Binghamton until 2001, so it appears as though the proverbial seven-year itch has set in.

With the CoB's second finalist, Danny Arnold of Frostburg State University, the CoB's three-person finalist pool now has two candidates from marketing (Arnold and Pitman) and one from finance (Lance Nail). According to sources, a CoB faculty coalition in support of Arnold is already building, calling into question the propriety of the search process given (1) Arnold's long-standing connections to key CoB personnel, (2) Arnold's role on the CoB's 2006-07 AACSB Peer Review Team -- a role that creates a *quid pro quo* situation, and (3) the fact that Pitman, the third finalist, has yet to even visit the CoB and get a fair chance at the position. All of these details create yet another dilemma for USM's EEO officials.

Readers of USMNEWS.NET will want to stay tuned to this process, as it is sure to get even more interesting.