

Breaking News

Was Carter's Clinical Teaching Professorship Program Nixed?

HATTIESBURG – Within hours after USMNEWS.NET reports showed that EFIB Chair George Carter was “ramping up” his *clinical teaching professorship* program – an informal program used by Carter to supplement salaries of some of his EFIB faculty favorites – it appears that USM administrators have taken action to tighten control over Carter’s use of the scheduling process to create salary supplements and other benefits.

As reported at 8:00am on 13-Aug-07, in a *Special Report* series installment entitled “Carter Ramps Up Clinical Teaching Gig,” USMNEWS.NET reporters uncovered 1.5 “overload” sections in Carter’s fall 2007 teaching schedule. That teaching schedule, as shown in the *Special Report*, is inserted below:

<u>Class Nbr.</u>	<u>Subj</u>	<u>Catalog Nbr.</u>	<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Comments</u>
CARTER								
3308	BA	301	H001	3	Mgr. Stat. I	8:00am-8:50 am	MWF	
3310	BA	301	H002	3	Mgr. Stat. I	2:00pm-3:15pm	MW	
3317	BA	303-8W1	H003		Regression Analysis	9:00am-9:50am	MWF	Overload
3277	ECO	201	H004		Prin Of Eco I	3:30pm-4:45pm	MW	Overload
				3	Course Release - Academically Qualified			
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The 1.5-course (4.5 hours) overload consists on BA 303 (8W1, 9-9:50 on MWF) and ECO 201 (3:30-4:45 on MW). “Carter Ramps Up . . .” also indicates that former economics professor Charles Sawyer earned \$12,000 during the 2006-07 academic for participating in Carter’s informal *clinical teaching professorship* program. Sawyer taught two overload sections, one in fall 2006 and the other in spring 2007, and was paid \$6,000 for each by USM (Carter). As is the case with Carter’s schedule above, Sawyer was paid an overload for any teaching beyond 6 hours during fall 2006.



George Carter



Charles Sawyer

The *Special Report* entitled “Carter Ramps Up . . .” concludes by providing a table illustrating just how much time away from the EFIB office complex that Carter’s original schedule provides on Mondays and Wednesdays during fall 2007. That illustrative table,

inserted in the space below, indicates that 63 percent of Carter’s day (on each of these two days) will be occupied by teaching duties, not administrative work.

Table 1
EFIB Chairman George Carter’s Monday/Wednesday, Fall ’07, First 8 Weeks

Time	Activity
8:00am-8:50am	Teach BA 301 (Mgr Statistics I); Lola Ingram responsible for opening EFIB offices.
9:00am-9:50am	Teach BA 303 (Regression Analysis); Lola Ingram still managing EFIB office complex.
10:00am-12:00noon	Finally get into EFIB office complex to check on Ingram. Spend 2 hours, with possible coffee break included. ¹
12:00noon-1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK – EFIB office complex closed.
1:00pm-2:00pm	In EFIB office complex.
2:00pm-3:15pm	Teach BA 301 (Mgr. Statistics I); Lola Ingram managing EFIB offices again.
3:30pm-4:45pm	Teach ECO 201 (Principles of Macroeconomics); Lola Ingram still managing EFIB offices, again.
4:50pm-5:00pm	Close up EFIB offices. Go to Canebrake home.

¹ Despite the fact that the CoB has a faculty lounge and coffee supplies, Carter usually chooses to take his coffee breaks at either McDonald’s or the Cook branch of Starbucks. Doing so takes even more out of his time in the EFIB office complex than using the Greene Hall coffee pot.

USMNEWS.NET has now learned, via a listserv e-mail from Carter that is circulating throughout the CoB, that Carter has put his 3-hour overload section of ECO 201 “up for sale.” That e-mail, inserted below, was delivered by Carter to EFIB faculty, Associate Dean Joseph Peyrefitte, and Dean Alvin Williams about 1.5 to 2 hours *after* USMNEWS.NET broke the original story of Carter’s fall 2007 overload sections.

Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:34:52 -0500
From: [George Carter <george.carter@usm.edu>](mailto:george.carter@usm.edu)
To: cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu
Cc: 'Joseph Peyrefitte' <joseph.peyrefitte@usm.edu>, 'Alvin Williams' <alvin.williams@usm.edu>
Reply-to: EFIB Department <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>
Subject: [Cob-ecfinintbus] Overload Course

To EFIB Faculty:

If any of the econ faculty want to teach an overload course during the fall semester, we have one available. The course is ECO 201, MWF 3:30-4:45pm, and it has 37 students enrolled as of August 8, 2007. The Dean has approved an overload fee of \$5,000 for the course. Please let me know if you are interested.

George

The overload section in question – ECO 201 from 3:30-4:45 – is the one Carter originally scheduled for himself, though it appears that, by including “F,” Carter did not specify the days accurately in the e-mail above. As Carter states in the e-mail above, Williams has authorized the payment of \$5,000 to “any of the econ faculty” who may want to teach the course. This money, \$5,000, presumably represents at least some of the money Carter would have pocketed for himself if allowed to teach the course.

Sources have told USMNEWS.NET that USM President Martha Saunders has, at times, used this website (www.usmnews.net) as her eyes/ears in the CoB, and when a

problematic situation arises, such as this one, she communicates with Williams about a remedy. One source our reporters spoke with this afternoon stated that he/she believes that occurred in this situation, given the timing of our *Special Report* (8:00am, 13-Aug-07) and the time stamp on Carter's e-mail (after 9:30am, 13-Aug-07).

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