

Breaking News

Witness Rolls Over on Possible Carter Plot to Sack Klinedinst

HATTIESBURG – Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have just obtained a testimonial from a witness indicating that current EFIB Chair, George Carter, may have initiated a 2004-05 plot to sack then-EFIB chair Mark Klinedinst. According to the testimonial, Carter made a presentation at an *ad hoc* 2004 meeting, one that included the business College's top brass, that purported to show that he (Carter) was the most effective chair the EFIB (or EIB, etc.) has ever had. The witness tells USMNEWS.NET reporters that the *ad hoc* meeting did not include all of the CoB's management team, but Dean Harold Doty was present, and he seemed most interested in what Carter had to say. And, according to the testimonial, it appeared as though Carter had been working on the presentation, and/or the idea for the presentation, with Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand prior to the *ad hoc* gathering. Niroomand was also present at the actual *ad hoc* meeting.



George Carter



Mark Klinedinst



Harold Doty



Farhang Niroomand

Though the testimonial states that no decisions on the leadership of the EFIB were made, or at least none were vocalized, at that gathering, sources tell USMNEWS.NET that Mark Klinedinst's stint as EFIB chair was both brief (2003-05) and ended suddenly and surprisingly to some, if not most EFIB faculty. And, Klinedinst's run as EFIB chair was succeeded by Carter's second stint in that position, a move that adds fuel to the belief that the *ad hoc* gathering may have been the first in a series of steps to sack Klinedinst.

Long-time readers of USMNEWS.NET will recall that [Carter was a central figure](#) in former USM President Shelby Thames' attempt to fire two long-time, tenured USM professors, Frank Glamser (Sociology) and Gary Stringer (English). Sources have also told USMNEWS.NET that Carter, as EFIB chair, was behind [a 2005-06 plot to gather a voting bloc](#) that was capable of ousting former assistant professor

of finance, Laurence Eisenberg. Eisenberg was issued a terminal letter shortly after word of the reported plot surfaced, and he now works at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (as an *associate professor*), a Tier 2 institution. Finally, few can forget the 1994 attempt by Carter to thwart assistant professor Trellis Green's promotion-to-associate professor application. Though that [attempt was initially successful](#), Green later sought redress in the Forrest County Circuit Court. Green eventually succeeded in prying a settlement out of USM that awarded Green (1) the promotion, (2) the promotion-to-associate professor annual raise, and (3) an undisclosed financial settlement. Carter resigned his post as EIB chairman at about the same time as Green's settlement went into effect.

These stories, and so many others like them -- enough to encompass [seven pages](#) worth of material here at USMNEWS.NET -- show the lengths that Carter will go to in order to sustain a prominent role in the CoB. Stay tuned for more as this story develops.