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Confidential

Staffers at USMNEWS recently received a parcel containing several items of interest (along with written instructions). This installment of “COB Confidential” examines a portion of that parcel that is relevant to our mission of uncovering the kinds of things that CoB administrators treat as confidential. If you are a regular reader of USMNEWS you are aware that our editor, Marc DePree, is constantly prodding CoB administrators to admit that faculty vitae are *not* confidential. Usually the prodding is to no avail. This issue of “COB Confidential” relates to that very subject.

In the packet that we received was a booklet of faculty vitae entitled “Economic & Finance Faculty Resumes.” According to some written comments, this booklet contained resumes (vitae) submitted by EFIB faculty for use in a finance faculty search that took place over the 2001-2002 academic year. The booklet was to be copied and provided to all faculty candidates interviewed by the CoB’s FIN faculty at that time. What is interesting about the booklet is what it reveals about who in the EFIB chose to participate (i.e., submit a vita) and who did not. Here are the lists:

Public Vitae

Cartee, Charles
Cyree, Ken
Hamwi, Iskandar
King, Ernest
King, Roger
Lindley, Tom
Lo, Melody
Melton, Michael
Mixon, Franklin
Ruegger, Durwood
Sawyer, Charles
Taylor, Walton
Trevino, Len

Private Vitae

Carter, George
Green, Trellis
Klinedinst, Mark
Niroomand, Farhang
Nissan, Edward

The comparisons are interesting. Of course, Carter and Niroomand did not submit their vitae. Numerous issues of **SEDONA Files** explain the likely reasons why as good as anything we might write here (see “Archives” at USMNEWS for **SEDONA Files** series). It was Carter who coined the phrase about the faculty member’s *own standard of accuracy* when it comes to vitae and professional records. And, it was Carter and Niroomand who appeared to be among the worst offenders according to the analyses of the Sedona vitae inaccuracies that were posted back in the summer of 2006 (again, see “Archives” at USMNEWS). It is no surprise that current/former chairs Carter,

Klinedinst, and Niroomand, and former CoB Associate Dean Niroomand, know well how the “secret vita” game is played, and they seem to play it well.