

Change?

While the world wonders what the promised “Change” really will mean, one of the – presumably – strongest supporters of this change as a liberal Democrat should be Mark Klinedinst. In the midst of a mostly conservative College, Klinedinst has always stood out as a far left liberal, some questioning whether or not he is so far gone as to be a communist in his beliefs. While philosophically he is what he is, when the talk becomes a walk he is pure Eco cabal material in his desire for money, power, and having his own way. When he pretended to be chair of Econ he normally hid behind not one but two locked doors whenever possible. He publicly whined that people always wanted things from him, demonstrating no clue what the job demands were that he was given. He has always been a rent-seeking party-line voter so he gets his unwarranted raises and cushy teaching schedules. Finally, something he was good at doing. Now that the Eco cabal will be reorganized, surely meaning they will be at least somewhat marginalized, Klinedinst is again showing his true colors.

Dean Lance Nail has unveiled some changes for the College of Business that he hopes will move the College in a positive way. Every new dean that has arrived has done the same thing – make changes. Isn’t that what you want, Mark? Change! When other attempts at saving their precious status quo ante have failed, Klinedinst tried to derail the College reorganization at the last Academic Council meeting. He, and his friends, wanted to say a simple, straight-forward reorganizing of a college’s departments was a “faculty governance” issue. And it probably is a program and course change, too. And my Dad can beat up your Dad. It is change, Eco cabal members. Simple, needed, allowable change; your confusion is understandable: it was handled by Dean Nail in a public, transparent, honest manner – something your group of malcontents is apparently unfamiliar with at any level.

George Carter will be out as an administrator by June 30th. Change. Economics will be headed by, most likely, a non-Economist. Change. With perpetual flaccid enrollment in all Economics majors, Economics is well on its way in these cost-cutting times to becoming a service unit for the College of Business. Change. It looks like all levels of administration at USM have finally tired of the Eco cabal members’ lack of productivity, incessant whining, and problem causing. Change! Embrace it. It is what you said you wanted.