

CoB Flashback: December 8, 2006

The CoB's final fall 2006 faculty meeting was held on December 8, 2006. There is much to remember about the details of that meeting. So many things occurred that day, and many of them have received significant attention on the pages of USMNEWS.NET. One thing that has received short shrift is the CoB's decision to form a committee to address various classroom *mis*behaviors of CoB students.

A few CoB faculty spoke out about the problem of bad classroom behaviors of CoB students at the December 8, 2006, CoB faculty meeting. Almost all of them spoke for the need to have "policies" to address students' classroom misbehaviors. Then-CoB dean, Harold Doty, stated that he supported a systematic approach by the CoB, and he urged all faculty to hold the line against student misbehavior so that those faculty who come down hardest against such misbehavior aren't punished for doing so come student evaluation time. The discussion concluded by nominating/approving assistant professor of marketing, Bill Smith, to head a new committee on CoB student classroom misbehaviors.

Long-time readers of USMNEWS.NET must be shocked to read here that CoB faculty were concerned about students' classroom behavior, at least on December 8, 2006. So much has been written about the unethical, if not illegal, activities of various CoB faculty that for CoB faculty to propose policies against in-class cell phone usage, tardiness, and talking seems almost weird. Well, long-time readers understand that the CoB is the proverbial theatre of the bizarre.

Postscript -- Eighteen months have passed since the CoB's December 8, 2006, faculty meeting wherein CoB students' misbehaviors were discussed. Nothing has been done on that front since. Typical CoB.