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Four More Out of the MGT & MKT Door

The 2007-08 academic year has not been kind to the MGT & MKT department. Four faculty have already announced their plans to depart the CoB by the end of 2008.

These are:

Stephen Bushardt, Professor of Management (Spring Hill College)
Jon Carr, Associate Professor of Management (Texas Christian University)
Michael Vest, Professor of Management (retirement)
Alvin Williams, Professor of Marketing (University of South Alabama)

The four above are tenured, senior members of the department, and three have, according to sources, already lined up a destination institution (see parentheses above). Sources also indicate that most of these departures came as a surprise to many CoB faculty, and the four departures together leaves MGT & MKT in a dire situation when it comes to having tenure-track faculty on staff. The few remaining non-administrative tenure-track faculty (on the Hattiesburg campus) in MGT & MKT are listed below:

Harold Doty, Professor of Management
David Duhon, Professor of Management
Talai Osmonbekov, Assistant Professor of Marketing
Jennifer Sequeira, Assistant Professor of Management
William Smith, Assistant Professor of Marketing
Sharon Topping, Professor of Management
Michael Wittmann, Assistant Professor of Marketing

As the insert above shows, the MGT & MKT department has been devastated over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years, *and* three and one-half months remain in the latter period.

Dude, Where are My Dean Finalists?

With all of the departures from the CoB faculty ranks, the fact that the CoB is currently searching for a new Dean, under the direction of search committee Chair Peter Fos, Dean of USM's College of Health, is often overlooked by CoB faculty and staff who remain behind to deal with (and live in) the disaster that the CoB is now becoming in a number of areas. Recent reports from the central administration hint at the imminent hiring of a new Provost. If that happens, maybe CoB faculty and staff can expect more news on the search for a new Dean.