

CoB News, 24 September 2007

CoB Fundraising Grinds to Halt

If you've wandered by the CoB's Development Office in recent weeks, you've noticed that the door is locked and the lights are off. That's because the CoB's fundraising officer, Emile Dieth, is now serving as the Interim Executive Director of USM's Foundation. Dieth's replacement, if there is to be one, has not reached Joseph Greene Hall yet. That means that whatever fundraising programs were underway when Dieth departed the CoB over the summer of 2007 are no longer operating at full throttle.

He Luuuuvvvvvves Research!

If anyone has seen former CoB Dean Harold Doty engaged in academic research, please contact USMNEWS.NET. We are looking for stories, pictures, etc. showing whether or not Doty is wrapped up in his first love.

HVAC Nightmares

The following 24-Sept-07 e-mail from Sonia Gaines-Littles, assistant to Interim Dean Alvin Williams, basically says all that need be said about former CoB Dean Harold Doty's greatest accomplishment -- installation of a *brand new* (December 2006) HVAC system in the CoB's Joseph Greene Hall:

Date: Mon, 24 Sep 2007
From: Sonia Gaines-Littles <sonia.gaineslittles@usm.edu>
To: cob-facstaff@usm.edu
Subject: [Cob-facstaff] Building Temp

All:

Update: A work order was submitted to the Physical Plant on Friday in regards to the air cooling system not working. The Physical Plant is working on the request now to adjust the system for optimal cooling of the entire building.

Thanks for your patience.

Happy Monday!

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Since completion of the HVAC work in Dec-06, there have been problems on top of problems with the temperature in JGH.

Hallab Enshrined?

Is former CoB associate professor of tourism management Zaher Hallab, now at California State University at East Bay, still helping the CoB's AACSB reaccreditation efforts? We ask because the "tourism management shelf" in the CoB's 2nd floor research cabinet (in Greene Hall) is still occupied by Hallab's research, even though Hallab departed the CoB in mid-May of 2007. Will Hallab's research output continue to occupy the TM cabinet shelf when the CoB's AACSB Peer Review Team re-visits Hattiesburg in the spring of 2008?

These are relevant questions because, as sources have pointed out, Hallab carried with him most, if not all, of the department's research activity when he departed for Hayward, CA. And, according to sources, if her recently awarded professorship is going to motivate former TM Chair Cherylynn Becker into putting forth more effort into research endeavors, tangible results will not be seen for some time. Given that, the research credentials situation in the CoB's tourism management department may be just the latest problem area (AACSB-wise) to raise its head.