

# CoB News, 26 October 2009

## Williams Inducted into USM Alumni HoF

Former CoB interim dean Alvin Williams was recently inducted into the USM Alumni Hall of Fame. Williams was a student at USM decades ago (Class of '74), and he served as a marketing professor at USM for a long period that ended in 2008. He is now a professor of marketing at the University of South Alabama.



Alvin Williams

Williams is currently serving as co-chair of USM's Centennial Committee, a group that is preparing for USM's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2010.

## ECONLINE

The CoB's economists appear to be loading up on online courses in the spring of 2010. Associate professor Sami Dakhliya, who is reportedly taking a *leave of absence* during spring 2010, has been assigned one *online* section of ECO 336. The course is capped at 100, and currently has 22 enrollees. Sources indicate that Dakhliya is likely being paid as an overload (from \$6,000 to \$8,000) for teaching the course, or he has been hired on an adjunct-type basis for even greater compensation (possibly on a per-student basis).

Assistant professor Daniel Monchuk is teaching an online section of ECO 202, and an online section of ECO 305. Both are capped at 100; the former has 5 enrollees, while the latter maintains 0. Interestingly, Monchuk has been assigned *only 2 courses* for spring

2010, although there is an online section of BA 301 (capped at 100, with 0 enrollees) currently on the books that has a "TBA" instructor listing.

Staying with ECO, Deniz Gevrek has yet another 2-class teaching load for spring 2010. These are ECO 201 and ECO 345. Reports are that this marks four straight 2-class loads for her; Gevrek is entering only her fourth semester at USM. Akbar Marvasti also has a 2-class load for spring 2010, with both classes coming from ECO 336. William Gunther has a 2-class load as well - both sections are ECO 202.

These findings mean that Monchuk, Gevrek, Marvasti and Gunther all have 2-class teaching loads during spring 2010. Joining them will be CoB-GC's Yosef Bonaparte, who is teaching only one section of BA 301 and one of ECO 202. From the looks of it, it's a "party in the USM" for the outgoing (from CoB) economists. As one source put it, it's as if these economists got course releases (for spring 2010) for time spent preparing their appeal presentation to the USM cabinet that saved four of their nine.