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New Jack CoB

News of the so-called "Doty incident" continues to plague USM's College of Business. A recent visit to the USM Police Department's Crime Log web site (shown below) reveals that



the threats made by former CoB Dean Harold Doty against economics professor Franklin Mixon were logged in by the USMPD as Case#071054. That entry is shown in the middle of the insert below:



As reported previously, the "Doty incident" marks the second time since 1-May-07 that the USMPD has been dispatched to Greene Hall to suppress an altercation involving a high-ranking official in Doty's former administration of USM's business school. The previous altercation involved former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand.

More International Courses to Join the Party?

Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have received tips indicating that Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams is moving fast toward CoB adoption of a plan to add courses in international finance, international management and international marketing as alternatives to international economics (ECO 336) in the CoB's core curriculum. According to sources, such a policy would generate a significant boost to international options in management and marketing, and perhaps even tourism management, while at the same time it would likely reduce the number of sections of ECO 336 by 75 percent, if not more.

A similar proposal to add substitutes for ECO 336 only narrowly failed to pass the CoB's UG Programs Committee during 2006-07. Sources indicate that faculty outside of the ECO half of the EFIB are significantly more supportive of such a proposal this year (2007-08).