

## CoB Website Gets Shake Up

The CoB website has just recently undergone a transformation. The primary goal of this shake up appears to have been the purging of the USM economists, who are not longer part of the CoB. To do so, CoB administrators had “business economics” removed from the information systems group. Now, however, the IS group is simply listed along with finance, real estate and business law faculty. Nowhere, at least as of 12-July-2010, is “information systems” listed in the title of a CoB department. Sources say this may be a result of the Mississippi IHL’s decision to eliminate the CoB’s information systems programs.

Interestingly, the CoB website now lists only three information systems faculty – Chang Tseh-Hsieh, Kuo Lane Chen, and James Magruder. Recently-hired ISer Barry Cumbie has been transferred to MGT, following another former IS faculty, Fujun Lai, in that regard. Former TM professor Cherylynn Becker also remains with MGT, having been moved there from tourism management last year. Another former IS faculty, Donna Davis, retired on 30-June-2010. However, Davis is now listed as an accounting faculty on the CoB webpage, although there is no faculty profile for her on the current set up.

Finally, the CoAL has yet to reflect the arrival of former CoB economists Daniel Monchuk, Akbar Marvasti, and Trellis Green. As far as the “academics” pages of the USM website go, these individuals don’t exist any longer. The other former CoB economists – George Carter, Edward Nissan, Mark Klinedinst, and William Gunther – have now all been purged from the USM website. As regular readers of USMNEWS.net will recall, these four were forced to retire after the 2009-10 academic year.