

CoB News, 5 February 2008

“President Saunders, Come on Down!”

On Monday, 11-Feb-2008, USM President Martha D. Saunders will be attending the CoB’s reception honoring Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams’ successful effort to have the College’s AACSB accreditation renewed until 2012. The celebration will be held on the 3rd floor of Joseph Greene Hall, and all faculty and staff are invited to attend.

It is not known at this time whether Saunders will deliver a speech of some sort. She has, up until now, failed to address CoB faculty in any serious way, despite having been USM’s President since May of 2007, or about nine months ago.

As regular readers of USMNEWS.NET are aware, the CoB’s AACSB Peer Review Team visited Greene Hall in February of 2007 – a point in time when Harold Doty and Farhang Niroomand were in the Dean’s and Associate Dean’s positions, respectively. The PRT recommended that the CoB be placed on the probationary 6th Year Review list, which occurred. In the fall 2007, under the leadership of Interim Dean Williams and Interim Associate Dean Joseph Peyrefitte, the CoB was notified by the AACSB that its probationary efforts had paid off.¹

Dow Plunges Again . . . and Without Any Nonsense from Doty

On 5-Feb-2008, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged more than 350 points, making 5-Feb-2008 a day reminiscent of 27-Feb-2007, when the Dow fell 416 points. There is one major difference, however. That is, Harold Doty is not the CoB’s Dean today, though he was back on 27-Feb-2007.



Harold Doty

On that day Doty sent an e-mail to all CoB faculty and staff pertaining to that day’s stock market plunge. In it Doty wrote: “Given the performance of the market today, I thought it was time for the Dean’s office to take charge and issue disaster instruction.” Doty then went on to instruct all CoB full professors to head, in an orderly fashion, to the south end of the

¹ Both Doty and Niroomand, in a surprise move, resigned their posts on 9-April-2007 and were replaced by Williams and Peyrefitte.

third floor of Greene Hall, where they were to jump from the building to their deaths. Associate professors were to leap from the north end of the second floor, etc. Doty also informed soon-to-be dead CoB faculty that all retired CoB instructors were to return to the CoB to resume their careers, given that their retirement packages had fallen below the poverty line.

For a closer look at just how awkwardly sad the CoB's environs were under Doty's leadership, take a look at USMNEWS.NET's [original news report](#) on Doty's e-mail response to CoB faculty and staff regarding the 27-Feb-2007 stock market dive.