

Dear Mr. Claus

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I would like to take this opportunity to set you straight on a few items that you apparently do not understand. As the senior Chairman in the College of Business at the University of Southern Mississippi, you should listen to me. Many mistakes have been, and are being made, above my pay grade (but not my actual pay). I want your help in correcting these errors; therefore, see the following items:

1. The many items that are no longer done the way we have always done them – which means the right way – need to cease and desist immediately and be returned to the status quo ante.
2. This pretender named dean around here is obviously unqualified for the job, lacks the experience and insight of a qualified person like me, and needs to be recalled at once.
3. We need more meetings – especially during the lunch hour – to accomplish my goals. I have always done it this way, so it is the best way.
4. This whole reorganization thing is a disaster and needs to be re-thought. The end of the world will occur if the Economics faculty are not named first in a department name and headed by a chair from Economics. If need be, I can continue my role in that capacity; my service to the College and University is boundless.
5. My evaluation techniques, most notably the “literature presence” and “z-scores”, must be not only utilized, but also utilized by all chairs in the College. It is a simple, straight-forward method to reward your supporters and to harm the malcontents.
6. Ed Nissan must immediately start receiving awards, raises, praise, and glory he does not deserve because that is how we have always done it. Besides, he is starting to cut back on the number of articles he submits with my name on it because of this.
7. Farhang needs a dean job somewhere; he is a good egg and will be available to hire some of us bailing out in the future.
8. The College is trying to hire 5 or 6 new instructors for next year. Clearly Econ needs at least 4 of them to insure most of us teach small classes because we have always done it that way.
9. Once and for all let me get Trellis. I am right and everyone knows it.
10. Bring back my Charlie Sawyer! How am I supposed to know what to do without him?

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