

## Dissecting the "Charade"

### A Look Back at Sami Dakhli's 4 May 2007 Proclamation

One of the lines in Sami Dakhli's so-called resolution of 4 May 2007 has not escaped the attention of a CoB management professor. That particular line is inserted below, and sources tell USMNEWS.NET that the term "anonymous" implicates a senior finance professor:

WHEREAS we feel bullied by Mr. DePree and the four fellow "anonymous" collaborators hiding behind his name;

Upon further exploration of the events of 4 May 2007, another interesting statement was included in Dakhli's proclamation against [www.usmnews.net](http://www.usmnews.net). That one is inserted below:

WHEREAS some articles in his online publication can be perceived as xenophobic or "racially charged;"

It's interesting that, near the end of the May 2007 CoB faculty meeting, Dakhli agreed with Sharon Topping's comments about the lack of good judgment and decorum from the CoB's administration -- though it is now believed by many that he (Dakhli) did not understand her points before supporting them -- because he (Dakhli) did not second the earlier statement of Tom Lindley, who asked that Interim Dean Alvin Williams support the EFIB's hiring of female/minority faculty in the coming months and years. Without using her name, sources say that Lindley reiterated the details of the story of Phyllis Keys, an African-American female who applied for a finance position in EFIB last year, only to face a salary offer that was about 12.8 percent below that offered to the two white males who were eventually hired. Who was in charge of that search? None other than former CoB Dean Harold Doty, former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand (sources say Niroomand handled the financial aspects of the search), EFIB Chair George Carter, and retiring professor of economics Charles Sawyer. Of course, Dakhli is now firmly aligned with this particular group -- a group that thwarted the hiring of Keys in 2006 -- which makes his "racially charged" claim even more interesting.

For more on the Phyllis Keys and other related stories, see <http://www.usmnews.net/Keys.pdf> and <http://www.usmnews.net/George%20Carter%20on%20Race%20and%20Class.pdf>.