

# Doty Did What???

Soon after Harold Doty's arrival at USM, he began to dismantle the last vestiges of academic rigor in the USM CoB. These actions are largely outlined in the open letter recently posted at [usmpride.com](http://usmpride.com). As a recap, we want to revisit Doty's first official act to this end - he pushed the CoB faculty to remove the so called Junior Screen, the GPA requirement for admission to the upper division of the CoB. Doty said that the Junior Screen was indefensible and needed to be removed. After some discussion the CoB faculty voted to allow Doty his way. Big mistake.

Fast forward two years. Doty has been at USM for two years and pushes the CoB faculty to remove the so called "60 hour rule", which required students to complete 60 hours of prescribed 100 and 200 level courses before being able to take 300 and 400 level courses. In the place of the 60 hour rule would be a simpler rule: students must have junior standing to take 300 and 400 level courses. Additionally there might be some course specific prerequisites introduced on a course by course basis. The CoB faculty, now cognizant of Doty's vindictiveness and petty behavior toward those who oppose him, obliged once again.

Fast forward another year to August 2006. Rumors were flying that USM's enrollment and the CoB's enrollment were down. Many sections remained open prior to the final Preview of the summer. In an act that was completely out of character, Doty showed up at the final two Previews of the summer and BEGAN A GENERAL PRACTICE OF WAIVING THE JUNIOR STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN 300 AND 400 LEVEL COURSES AND WAIVED COURSE PREREQUISITES, ALL IN AN ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THE COB'S ENROLLMENT. In a one man act, Doty circumvented faculty governance, completely disregarding the system and principles he himself had supported just one year earlier. This means that there possibly are students enrolled in 400 level courses that are currently at freshman or sophomore standing.

Thanks, Harold. Just when we thought you couldn't possibly do something more to violate faculty governance, you seem to rise to the occasion. At your interview at the University of South Florida, you stated that you had a tendency to "force" faculty governance on your faculty, even if we didn't want it.

Harold, why don't you explain to CoB faculty and the world just where the waiving of an enrollment rule created by a faculty vote falls under the tenets of faculty governance? [usmpride.com](http://usmpride.com) is waiting for your submission.