

Doty Now a Cartoon-Like Character

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Former CoB Dean, D. Harold Doty, is now simply a cartoon-like character, and one whose antics are so unbelievable that they resemble the kind of urban legend that one is never able to fully square with reality. The recent *31st & Pearl* column entitled "Dotyology 101" reminds us that his career path has largely been a "riches to rags" one, primarily as a result of his mishandling of his worst enemy -- himself.



When the stock market drops 400+ points and you send an "instructions for full professors" e-mail like the one he sent, how could anyone or anything be a bigger impediment to your future success than yourself? When you attempt to hire your wife, who does not hold a degree in economics, to head an economic education institute, and you attempt to do so through the education college because you believe this amply addresses any conflict of interest questions, how could anything get in your way more than yourself?

Of course, these are rhetorical questions. The man who retains Farhang Niroomand as Associate Dean, hires George Carter as EFIB Chair, uses secret *ad hoc* committees to push through "digital" education delivery mechanisms, and/or promotes a "secret degree authority" to be able to confer general business degrees on *certain* students (not all) is in self-destruction mode, and full-steam ahead at that.

Yes, Doty is an artist when it comes to taking lemonade and making lemons. There is little wonder these days why the likes of North Florida, North Texas, Clemson, and all the rest said "No!" to Doty's request to work his magic on the business schools in those institutions. Unlike USM, these universities prefer lemonade, not lemons.

What's next for Doty? No one knows for sure, but his CoB days will likely be less interesting from here on for everyone else. Now he's simply another CoB management instructor who teaches large sections, does meaningless committee work, and gets to complain about all the cronyism in the CoB's merit raise process.



Though Doty's future in the CoB may sound boring to most, there's always the chance, even from his seat in the non-administrative faculty ranks, that he will say or do something that will leave everyone talking, and chuckling, about his inadequacies. And, there's always the chance Doty, that cartoon-like character that makes us all feel so warm inside, will one day land that elusive second Dean's post somewhere. On that day, the process gets to start all over again, and nonsense will flow from that fountain of *mismanagement* who tortured USM's CoB for four years.