

Quizzing Harold

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Former CoB Dean, Harold Doty, is desperately trying to replace his former title -- Dean. The problem is that none of his potential suitors can get past the reality of the situation. That reality is that a Harold Doty Administration holds all sorts of possibilities, and most of them are bad . . . *very* bad. To date, Doty's sole response

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to the bad vibes he gives off on interview trips is to blame all of his troubles on others. To that I would suggest that all future interviewers present Doty with a series of questions precisely aimed at getting to the bottom of things.

Why is Farhang Niroomand no longer Associate Dean of USM's CoB?

This series of questions is geared toward maneuvering Doty down the path of truth. This series of questions will reveal to all concerned that Doty has no one to blame for all of the troubles that hover around him but himself.

The questions in the series won't be easy ones for Doty to handle. He'll likely stutter and stammer as he finds his way. His non-verbals will say everything his mouth refuses to give up. To be sure, some of the questions will frighten him. Some

Why is Melia Hartsfield no longer the CoB's Alternative Learning Coordinator?

are red hot . . . almost white hot. Others will simply catch him off guard. They

range from questions about faculty to queries about staff. Each one plays a unique role. Each one reveals a specific character trait. Some are best delivered alone, while others are more effective if delivered in rapid succession.

Why is Cheri Becker no longer Chair of Tourism Management?

Why is Mark Klinedinst no longer Chair of EFIB?

Some of the questions in the series will seem to return to the same location as previous ones. Other questions only seem to meander in a previous question's neighborhood.

Why is Sheila Marler no longer an executive assistant in the CoB Dean's office?

Why are former staffers, Wanda Crain and Denise Crozier, no longer with the CoB?

To be sure, this series of questions is only a start, but it is a start that Doty would not welcome. That's precisely why they are necessary.

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The last question brings the series full circle, and, to reiterate, it and all the rest see to it that Doty has to face some hard realities before being handed the keys to another business school.