

# Doty to UT-T through Lassen? . . . . . Priceless

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So, a recent *GH Chatter* has it that former CoB dean (and current CoB MGT professor) Harold Doty is in the running for the dean's opening in the College of Business and Technology at the University of Texas – Tyler. How sweet!



First, who knew Doty still had prospects? Well, if he does in this case, it may be only because he has a link to UT-T, and that link is Gregg Lassen, the Vice President for Business Affairs at UT-T



**Harold Doty**



**Gregg Lassen**

Before moving to UT-T in 2006, Lassen was the Vice President of Finance at USM. He came to USM from his position as associate dean of business at the University of Phoenix. Lassen was hired to be VP of Finance at USM by then-USM president Shelby Thames, the same individual who hired Doty to lead the then-College of Business & Economic Development at USM. Lassen holds approximately the same academic credentials as Doty's wife Susan (i.e., an MBA), which created a huge scandal at USM. When Doty hired his wife Susan to head the CoB's Center for Economic Education, another scandal erupted.

To salve some of the difficulties regarding his lack of academic credentials, Lassen enrolled in USM's highly controversial PhD in international/economic development program. That program, often referred to as a "diploma mill" by USM constituents, was in Doty's new home, USM's CBED. Thus, one of Doty's bosses, Lassen, was a student in Doty's college, the CBED. Interestingly, the only course that Doty taught for USM while CBED/CoB dean was a graduate level course in international/economic development. Given Doty's position, and Lassen's, it is quite possible, maybe even quite likely, that Lassen put Doty on his (Lassen's) dissertation committee.

UT-T's website says that Lassen is now ABD in his pursuit of an international/economic development PhD at USM. So, if Doty is seeking Lassen's assistance in parachuting down into UT-T, he may be able to "leverage" (one of Doty's favorite words, at least whilst dean) Lassen's dissertation into a nice landing spot. Or, Lassen could just hire Doty and then make his life miserable until he (Doty) signs off on the thing. A nice tit (new dean's job) for tat (dissertation signed off on). After the tat, Lassen will partially own Doty, once *again*. Lassen, however, is currently mired in [some Aramark problems](#), just like he was while VP at USM. Maybe on Doty's fly-out to Tyler for an interview (a dark of night one, like Niroomand's at UH-V?), the two can flesh out these plans (above) over at UT-T's new (Aramark) Sports Café.

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