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### A LOOK AT THE FALL 2009 SCH DEBATE IN ECONOMICS

USMNEWS.net readers are familiar with the recent debate that developed between CoB dean Lance Nail and CoB associate professor of economics Sami Dakhliya over how many student credit hours (SCH) are taught by CoB economists. This report provides SCH data that were obtained from the USM Registrar (24-Aug-09) so that USMNEWS.net readers can better evaluate the relative merits of that debate.

**Table 1 – CoB Economists' Fall-09 SCH**

ECO Faculty	ECO SCH	BA SCH	MBA SCH	Totals
Bonaparte, Yosef	153	189	0	342
Carter, George	9	334	0	343
Dakhliya, Sami	474	0	0	474
Gevrek, Deniz	315	0	0	315
Green, Trellis	459	0	0	459
Gunther, William	168	0	27	195
Klinedinst, Mark	267	0	0	267
Marvasti, Akbar	204	0	0	204
Monchuk, Daniel	519	114	0	633
Nissan, Edward	0	267	114	381
Shi, Weihua	150	0	0	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>3,763</b>
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>364</b>

**Note:** Shi teaches one class section and is counted as 0.33 faculty.

As Table 1 makes clear, economics professors William Gunther and Akbar Marvasti are of little value to the CoB. They produce a combined SCH total of only 399, yet they [earn](#) a combined **\$265,000** per year (approx.) in salary and benefits. Each has been involved in a number of scandals over the years as well, some of which are described in the USMNEWS.net Archives. Professor Mark Klinedinst, who has been leading ECO's charge against the USM administration over the proposal to eliminate the economics major, is in a similar position as Marvasti, with only 267 SCH. Klinedinst takes home about \$110,000 per year in salary and benefits, and he has not published an article in an indexed economics journal since 1998!