

EDITORIAL: “Dr. Alvin Williams, who chaired the search committee charged with selecting the CBED [AKA, CBA, CoB] dean . . . said, ‘Harold Doty is a visionary . . . He is engaging, innovative and team-oriented.’”

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Doty now shares the status of other failed administrators and hangers-on being paid a fortune. Lucas, Ginn, Thames, Henderson, Gunther, Doty, and the list goes on.

As a long-time participant in CoB administration, Dr. Williams observed and participated in the “leadership” of CoB. Even Donna Davis, several years ago, stopped by my office and observed that the evaluation process was not done properly. If she noticed, I bet Dr. Williams did, too.

So, is it going to be more of the same? I for one will not wait a year while Dr. Williams merely keeps the seat warm. In other words, no honeymoon. The days of hoping for better things and wishful thinking are over. Dr. Williams hopes and wishes for former Dean Doty has left CoB on AACSB continuing review (probation), hemorrhaging academically qualified faculty, punitive schedules for faculty who are, and could be more, productive, etc.

If Dr. Williams wants to follow the path of his predecessors, he can change the name of the school again, call it good, and drive on as though all’s well. If he wants to succeed, the faculty can help him. However, Dr. Williams must first do what AACSB has directed: provide the faculty with resources that will permit them to help improve the school.

The faculty is waiting to hear what Dr. Williams is planning.

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