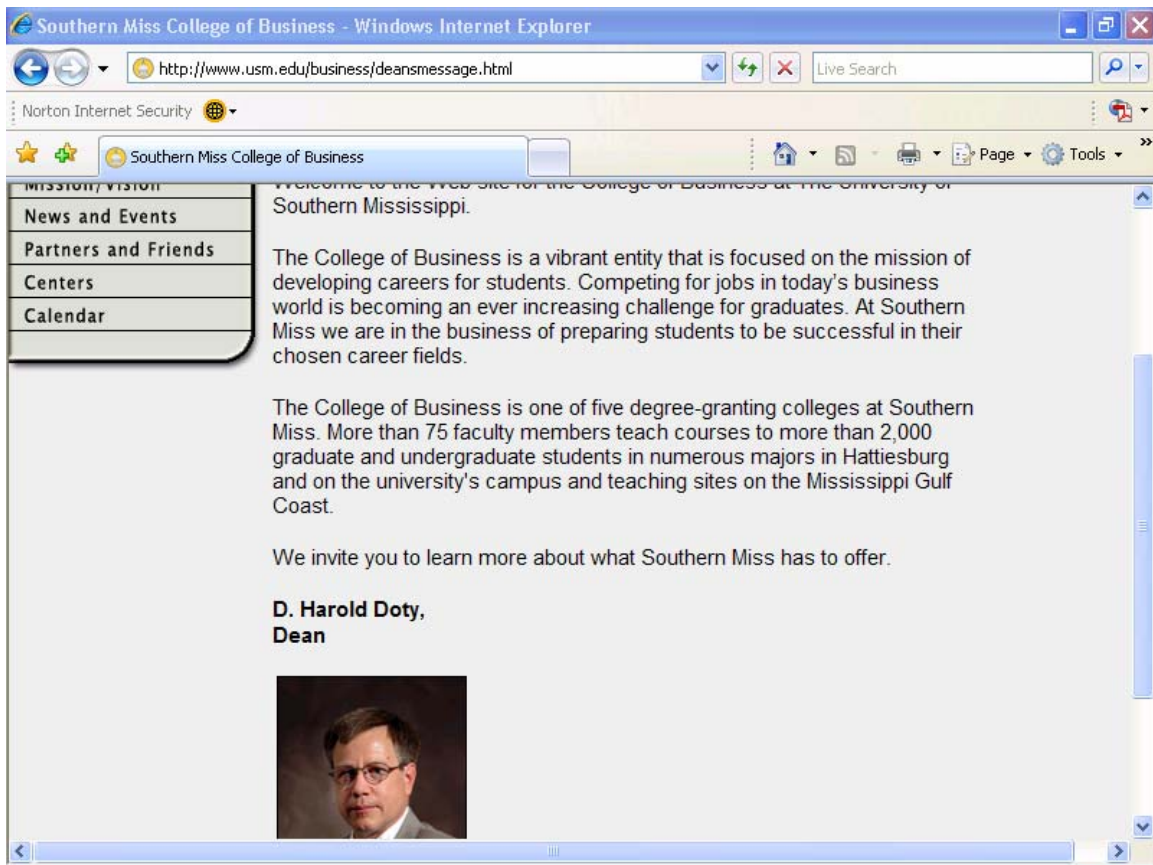


Everywhere BUT the CoB's Webpage

More than 100 hours have passed since USM Provost Jay Grimes informed the CoB that Dean D. Harold Doty and Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand are no longer Dean and Associate Dean, respectively. While Grimes carried the news across the USM community, usmnews.net and *The Hattiesburg American* made sure it (the news) went global. After 100 hours, it seems the news has reached every corner, except one. Somehow the CoB's webpage (inside www.usm.edu) seems to believe that D. Harold Doty is still the Dean and that Farhang Niroomand is still the Associate Dean.

A mid-April 2007 check of the CoB's webpage revealed the following insert:



As you can see, the CoB's Public Relations Manager, Janis May, has not updated the CoB's webpage to reflect the fact that marketing professor Alvin Williams is now the CoB's new Interim Dean. For more on May, see "Whose Line is it Anyway?" . . ." (<http://www.usmnews.net/Whose%20Line%20is%20it%20Anyway.pdf>).

According to the screen below, not only is Doty still the CoB's Dean, but Niroomand remains at his post as Associate Dean, Antoinette Butler is the Executive Assistant to the Dean, and the HVAC repairs are still ongoing along the second floor of Joseph Greene Hall.

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Of course, the truth is that Williams is the Interim CoB Dean, Joseph Peyrefitte is now the CoB's new Interim Associate Dean, Sonia Gaines-Littles is the Executive Assistant to the *Interim* Dean, and the HVAC work is done.

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The screen above continues the presentation of the CoB's top administrative office. Jan May appears prominently there (second from top), as does the CoB's Alternative Learning Coordinator, Melia Hartsfield. However, as usmnews.net has reported in recent days, sources indicate that Hartsfield is on a leave of absence due to some troubling interactions with Niroomand. (We hope to bring you more on that story in the near future.)

This report provides another account of the “do nothing” description of May's efforts as the CoB's Manager of Public Relations. It is interesting that CoB faculty were first informed of the “resignations” of Doty and Niroomand via an e-mail from May (see below).

Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2007 09:14am
From: [Janis May <janis.may@usm.edu>](mailto:janis.may@usm.edu)
To: "[Cob-Facstaff@Usm. Edu](mailto:Cob-Facstaff@Usm.Edu)" <cob-facstaff@usm.edu>
Subject: [Cob-facstaff] Change in Administration

Subject :

Change in the Administration of the College of Business:
Interim Dean Appointed

The Human Resources department of The University of Southern Mississippi confirmed today that Dr. Harold Doty and Dr. Farhang Niroomand have resigned from their administrative duties as Dean and Associate Dean, respectively, of the College of Business. Both Doty and Niroomand will remain employed as tenured faculty and assume teaching responsibilities in fall 2007.

Dr. Alvin Williams, professor of marketing, has been appointed interim dean of the College of Business by Dr. Jay Grimes, university provost. Williams and Grimes are seeking faculty input regarding the appointment of the associate dean position. Williams is a 27-year faculty member who served as chair of the Department of Management and Marketing from July 1988 through August 2005.

However, before we get too carried away and credit May with delivering this “good news” to CoB faculty and staff, a quick, second peek at the e-mail above shows that the news actually came from Russ Willis, the Human Resources Director at USM. Looks like we're back to calling May the “do nothing” PR Manager.