

GH Chatter

By many GH chatter accounts, the [recent report](#) speculating that the selection of Donna Davis to chair the new BEDS may have involved a circumvention of faculty governance was spot on . . . well, at least partially so. Word around JAG is that ECO's Akbar Marvasti wanted to chair the new BEDS as well, but he was unable to overcome a particularly "sensitive issue" that some of the powers-that-be deemed would put USM at too much risk, at least in terms of a Marvasti-chaired BEDS. Thus, according to new accounts at least, Davis easily ascended to her new position atop BEDS. Very interesting.

It was also interesting to see that new MKT & FM chair Leisa Flynn was sought after by the CoB just a few short years ago, only [she declined](#), citing too much CoB turmoil. This is further evidence that the b-school faculty over at the University of Texas – Tyler are in for a rocky ride under their new dean, Harold Doty. Flynn's decision to forgo CoB employment under Doty, citing turmoil, speaks volumes about Doty's *inability* to lead an organization of any size or significance.

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