

# GH Chatter

Recent chatter has it that some of the five mostly senior economists who were forced to retire (through a fall 2009 negotiation) so that four mostly junior economists could continue their USM careers *will not be retiring* after 2009-10. Regular readers of USMNEWS.net will recall that George Carter, Trellis Green, William Gunther, Mark Klinedinst, and Edward Nissan were made to retire after 2009-10 by the Martha Saunders administration so that Sami Dakhli, Deniz Gevrek, Akbar Marvasti, and Daniel Monchuk could stay on in USM's College of Arts & Letters. However, shortly after the deal was brokered, Gevrek left USM for Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. Not long after that, Dakhli submitted his resignation in preparation for a new post with a French university. When these two took off, the scrambling began among the senior folks to retain their current jobs, but in the CoAL instead. This new chatter suggests that one or two of them may have succeeded in putting together a deal to remain. No word yet as to who these two are.

Talk about the CoB's decision sciences program and faculty continues to bounce around all over the place. The latest talk is that the program might not be eliminated after all, which should be good news to Dale Lunsford and Kuo Lane Chen. These two were thought to be the two most vulnerable to elimination, though Chen does hold tenure. In a one person goes situation, Lunsford would likely get the shoulder tap. However, if the latest chatter holds strong, neither may have to worry for some time to come.

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