

GH Chatter

From the sound of conversations, it's looking more and more like USM will soon be inviting the IHL to eliminate the CoB's economics degree programs. Cutting low volume academic programs is one way the state's eight public institutions are being asked to address the state's dire budget situation. Each college/school within USM is expected to participate in this process. For the CoB, cutting ECO is the logical choice. When this happens, look for the staffing decline in EFIB (soon to be BEDS) to continue, and perhaps accelerate.

A number of recent USMNEWS.net reports have discussed the fact that Susan Doty, the wife of former CoB dean Harold Doty, was hired as an economics instructor by the CoB during the latter Doty's reign as dean (2003-07). Some recent chatter now has it that the former dean perhaps regrets having his spouse around JAG Hall so much these days. If so, this is just another interesting twist and turn in the bizarre daily saga that is USM's b-school.

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