

GH Chatter

The pending arrival on the third floor of JAG of the CoB's accountants is causing all sorts of shuffling on that floor. However, chatter has it that none of the accounting faculty has even bothered to make the move, even though others are inconveniencing themselves to prepare the way. SoA director Skip Hughes is scheduled to occupy William Gunther's former office, which has been vacant since the last week of spring 2010 classes. No move there yet. Making matters even worse, word is spreading that some of the CoB accountants are dissatisfied with the carpet around the third floor, and some of these want it replaced. Where's the money for that? Better yet, where's the tact among the accounting faculty? Are they so used to getting their way with the CoB's budget that the current fiscal climate is of little consequence to them? These are the questions that are making their way around the organization.

There is some talk that outgoing USM chief financial officer Joe Morgan, brother of CoB accountant Mary Anderson, has hired a headhunting firm to assist in a departure from USM. If he is not involved in the USM Research Foundation scandal regarding Pinion Properties, then his experience as CFO might allow for a transition to another institution. A place like the University of Texas at Tyler, where former USMers Peter Fos, Gregg Lassen, Harold Doty and Stephen Bushardt are, might work. The University of Houston at Victoria, home to former USMers Tim Hudson and Farhang Niroomand, might also be a possibility.

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