

GH Chatter

Word around JAG is that Michael Dugan may not be the only new ACC hire for 2009-10. Chatter has it that CoB dean Lance Nail and SoA director Skip Hughes are planning to hire a new MPA director. Not only that, the oft-stated salary for the position is \$175,000 per year. Some are saying that this hire is separate from the Dugan hire, while others insist that *Dugan* is set to become the new MPA director. Time will tell. If Dugan does take the new directorship, then previous reports that he will become the first *Horne Professor of Accounting* may be premature. However, CoB history indicates that chairs/directors can be endowed professors as well. MGT & IB chair David Duhon is also the *Kaetsu Professor of IB*, and IB isn't even Duhon's field.

The discussions above about the growth of ACC has to have fashion merchandisers in the CoB a little antsy. If "Dugan and director" are separate events, then the CoB plans to spend at least \$300,000 per year on two new accountants. This doesn't include fringes, and fails to mention that the institution is supposed to be working out a \$15-\$20 million budget cut for this summer. There is word that CoB FMer Brigitte Burgess may become a rank-and-file marketing faculty, while the remaining two *untentured* FMers will be let go. There is also some talk that the CoB accounting instructors could be headed to the chopping block as well.

ECO professor Mark Klinedinst has been all over campus lately talking about USM's "sacred cows." Some of these might exist in the form of accounting instructors, so it's possible Klinedinst is campaigning in the faculty senate against them. Chatter is that Klinedinst *has* secured enough of the Deniz Gevrek-Sami Dakhliya money to retain his post at USM. That must be wonderful news to ECOer George Carter, who is reportedly fuming, and has been for months, about the "subterfuge" of summer 2009.

Recent events suggest that the CoB's information systems unit will soon go away. Some CoBers are chatting now about Chang-Tseh Hsieh, and what cards he may hold up his sleeve. One theory is that he may soon be calling Leisa Flynn "boss." Flynn is a Nail hire, and will unlikely succumb to any of Hsieh's political moves.

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