

GH Chatter

Stories are circulating now that CoB dean Lance Nail will be making a strong push during the 2009-10 academic year to land a job as dean somewhere else (for the 2010-11 academic year). Rumor has it that an institution back in the Birmingham area, Nail's home before joining the CoB, will have just such an opening. Those familiar with USM's CoB know that former CoB dean Harold Doty began seriously pursuing employment outside of USM at least as early as his third year (2005-06) at the helm of the CoB. There is also some evidence that Doty's search began as early as the second year (2004-05), if not before then. So, a Nail search in 2009-10 would not be without recent precedent. Of course, with *Doty* and *Farhang Niroomand* successfully securing dean posts elsewhere this year (University of Texas – Tyler and University of Houston – Victoria, respectfully), Nail should see some success, Birmingham area opening or not.

Based on some of the current Greene Hall chatter, the plan to move some or all of the CoB's economists to liberal arts may be facing a revival of sorts. Again, the division seems to be along "liberal arts economists" vs. "business economists" lines, though those particular lines are blurry at times. If CoB dean Lance Nail indeed attempts a sequel to last year's plan, sources say that failure this time around is not an option.

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