

# GH Chatter

There is some mixed chatter popping up about prospective new CoB accounting Michael Dugan from Alabama. The phrases “straight shooter” and “nice guy” are popping up here and there, as is the belief that he can be a political player. Of course, these are mixed signals. If you know the CoB, then it’s difficult to imagine that the latter description isn’t the accurate one. Again, time will tell.

Chatter is popping up about the CoB letting IB assistant professor John Lambert go. Lambert was supported by the prior Harold Doty administration, including former EFIB chair George Carter. His MBA from the University of Phoenix has since been a source of embarrassment for some CoBers. When added to some of the quirky things he does, it’s easy to see why the Lance Nail administration of the CoB would not be fond of having Lambert represent the face of IB in the b-school.

There has been a little more chatter about Akbar Marvasti seeking to leave USM after this year. Time will tell if it is to occur. Both Deniz Gevrek and Sami Dakhliya have already resigned. Only Daniel Monchuk is the only CoB economist who has not yet been the subject of departure stories, but some are saying he would have the easiest time in trying to leave. Don’t be surprised by a “Monchuk is leaving” revelation in the coming days/weeks. Isn’t it looking like the economists should’ve told the Martha Saunders administration (back in Sept-09) that Gevrek, Marvasti, Dakhliya and Monchuk would agree to resign if USM would agree to keep George Carter, Mark Klinedinst, Ed Nissan et al.? The way things are working out there will be no more economists left at USM after this year or next.

A number of CoBers and USMers are still talking about Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour’s participation in last week’s Centennial Convocation. If you were there you saw Barbour joke around with former (controversial) USM president Shelby Thames, who was in the audience, about his (Thames’) age. Barbour also went on and on about Thames’ work with polymers. It was clear the two are best buds. Barbour again called MS universities “gold mines.” None of this suggests anything has changed in the state.

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