

# Has Monchuk Absconded? McBride Now Teaching ECO

*Evidence Suggests USM has Lost its Last Tenured/Tenure-Track Economics Professor*

USM may or may not stand alone in the world of academe in this regard, but George Carter's 2009 pronouncement that USM would soon be without any economics professors appears to have become reality in 2010. A recent visit to the USM Registrar's website reveals that CoAL associate professor of economics Daniel Monchuk has possibly made an eleventh hour departure from USM (before the 2010-11 academic year), as his name no longer appears on the fall 2010 schedule guide. Recent reports indicated that Monchuk was on the fall 2010 schedule guide for two large sections of ECO 202 and one section of ECO 340. The 25-August-2010 installment of **CoB News** indicated that Monchuk's fall 2010 section of ECO 340 had dipped to only two enrollees – down at least 90% from historic levels for that course. That report suggested that this dip came in response to the deletion of ECO 340, along with a few other ECO courses, from the CoB's international business curriculum. The report also speculated that these deletions signal the end of USM's sole remaining economics major.

Now we learn that the section of ECO 340 formerly assigned to Monchuk has recently been eliminated by CoAL officials. Monchuk's two large sections of ECO 202, along with two sections of ECO 492, are [now assigned](#) to Allan McBride, the current chairman of the CoAL's political science and international development & affairs department. McBride holds political science degrees from LSU – New Orleans, the University of New Orleans, and Southern Illinois University. The USM website indicates that McBride, pictured below, has not published a refereed journal article since 1998, when he published two. One of these was in the *Journal of Economic Issues*, which represents the only economics publication on McBride's list.



*Allan McBride*

The information above suggests that McBride is wholly unqualified to instruct USM's economics course offerings. Yet, he now has 209 students across two sections of ECO 202, and two students across two sections of ECO 492. Reports coming into

USMNEWS.net express the view that McBride is basically a socialist, which could be an issue given that he is essentially now *the economics department* at USM. A review of the USMNEWS.net Archives indicates that McBride looks much like the USM political science department version of former CoB economist Mark Klinedinst, and right down to the note that he hasn't published a refereed journal article since 1998.

This is likely a story that has an extended shelf-life. What information that is circulating says that both Monchuk, and the previous summer 2010 ECO departure, Akbar Marvasti, have left academe and are working in other sectors. Look for future reports that fill in some of the missing details surrounding these departures, which may have brought an end to economics at USM.