

“I’ve Yet to Make A Mistake at USM”

Harold Doty once – okay, often – uttered those words. He would seem as sincere as he is capable of when he would say it. Let’s assume he is sincere, and he still believes it. Are any of the following events a mistake?

Keeping Farhang Niroomand as your Associate Dean knowing he helped cause the demise of the previous Dean.

Naming George Carter as Chairman of EFIB knowing he was directly involved in the Dr. Trellis Green lawsuit years before, and that Dr. Green is still a faculty member in that department.

Naming Dr. Rod Posey as Director of SAIS while knowing his desire not to be an administrator any more; is it any wonder what happened?

Allowing Dr. Barry Babin and Dr. Farhang Niroomand to be absent from the College so often and for so long as twelve-month employees.

Simultaneously espousing faculty involvement and input and working to exclude that or to manipulate votes flowing from it.

Ignoring obvious problems in the College while “fixing” non-problems, such as re-naming the “CBA” the “CoB” after the short “CBED” period.

Supporting programs, such as the “digital MBA”, when you know the CoB faculty are against it.

Publicly and inappropriately joking with faculty and staff.

Making decisions without all the facts, especially to try to cover for an administrator.

Continuously making absurd statements as if they were true, such as “the HVAC work is on schedule”; based on any given schedule, it is not, and was not on schedule. Do you really think everyone other than you who works in the CoB is stupid and gullible? Can one person be that ignorant and arrogant?

Letting Dr. Carter’s emailed apology hang out there without addressing it in some way? More “leadership” by inaction?

Not addressing the AQ/PQ plagiarism issue and thinking that makes it go away.

Thinking there are only 3 or 4 people who think you and your toadies are a joke. There is no “handful of trouble makers”; you grow more alone weekly and do not recognize it.

Believing you can get a job as dean somewhere else.

You can call these whatever you like, Harold, but these are what they are. So are you.