

IS GEORGE CARTER THE SABOTEUR?

CoB Dean Harold Doty concluded the fall 2006 CoB Faculty Meeting by informing faculty that an unnamed individual or individuals were attempting to sabotage the College's 2007 AACSB Reaffirmation efforts. Doty stated that AACSB officials had been notified of the sabotage efforts.

This report puts forth a theory on who might be attempting to sabotage the CoB's AACSB efforts. It is only a theory. However, we offer some particulars for USMPRIDE.COM readers to ponder as they consider the theory. We begin with a question: Is it possible that George Carter is one of the saboteurs? In considering this question, keep in mind the following:

1. Carter is a key player in the AACSB reaffirmation effort. He has access to various documentation, and "inside information." Having been a key player in past accreditation efforts, Carter would have the knowledge one would need to sabotage a reaffirmation attempt.
2. Carter's "Black Tuesday" *coup* regarding the EFIB's faculty governance vote is, and will be, a thorn in the side of the CoB's AACSB reaffirmation effort. Carter's orchestration here seriously damaged the notion of "faculty governance" in the College, and has just recently been met with a formal grievance filed by CoB faculty. Having such a major issue confronting the CoB at this point in time could derail the AACSB re-accreditation plan.
3. Carter's advocacy of the Minitab statistics package as a "fix" for so-called learning problems in undergrad statistics courses, a story uncovered by USMPRIDE.COM, raises serious concerns about the legitimacy of the College's AACSB reaffirmation documentation. Carter offered no evidence of shortcomings in this area to the assessment committee. Additionally, Minitab has been in use by CoB statistics instructors for a long period. Thus, if there is a problem with learning goals in stats classes, then Minitab is more likely to be the cause rather than the solution. This kind of shoot-from-the-hip managerial behavior may have already damaged the CoB's chances with AACSB.
4. Carter's recent mis-handling of Ray Canterbury's departure could easily work to jeopardize the CoB's AACSB endeavors. Some of the EFIB's teaching loads are inexplicable, with Carter's cronies often sitting at the beneficial end of any "inconsistencies" in that area. The AACSB team will likely question some of Carter's day-to-day managerial decisions.
5. Carter's hiring of a faculty trained in management to teach undergraduate courses in economics will likely raise an eyebrow or two when the AACSB visitation team calls on the CoB. Carter's attempt to hire an individual holding an Ed.D. in education administration to fill an economics position at USMGC also calls into question the hiring practices of the EFIB and of the CoB.

These are only a few of the issues that have arisen of late that involve EFIB Chair George Carter in some way. Given Carter's high-ranking position among the AACSB team in the CoB, one can't help but wonder whether Carter is one of the individuals that CoB Dean Doty was referring to in the fall 2006 faculty meeting.