

Is Something Rotten in Denmark?

As part of the “search” for the Director of the Center for Economic Education at USM, the following advertisement was reportedly placed in the online website for Job Openings for Economists (JOE) at the American Economic Association website, www.aeaweb.org.

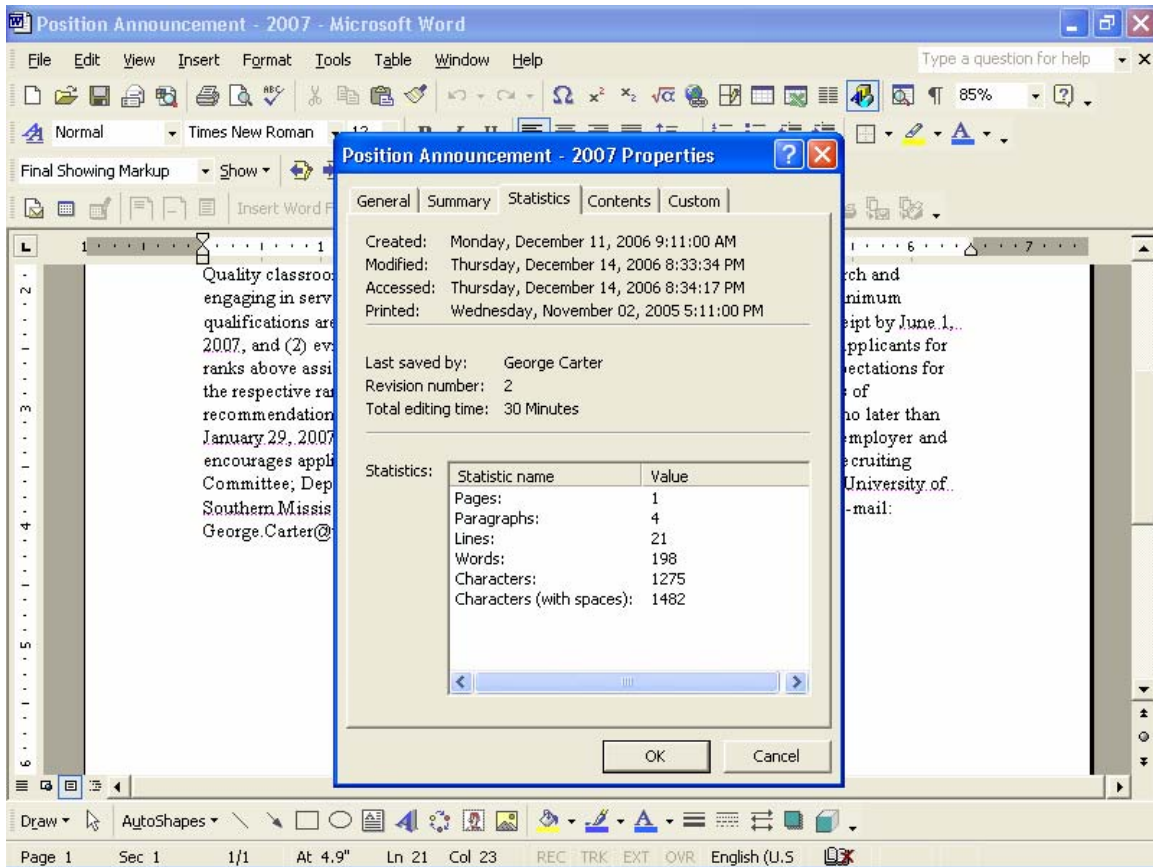
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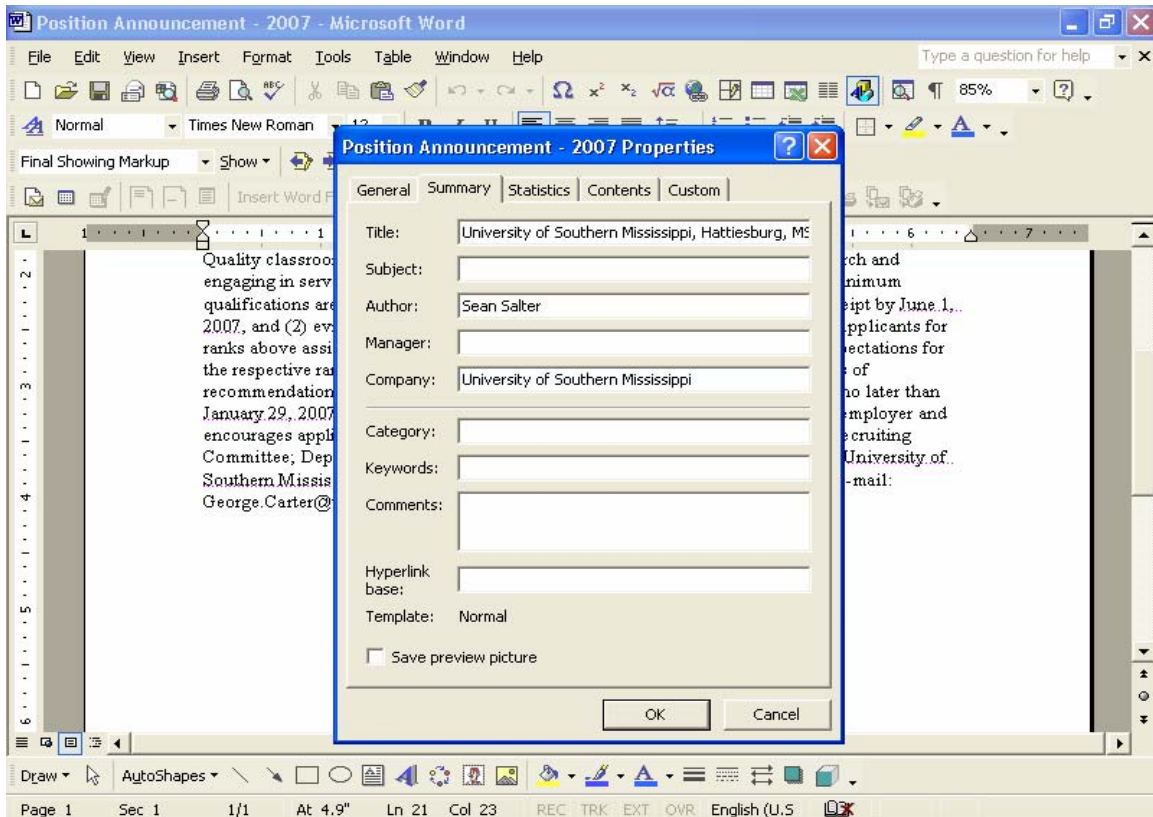
The University of Southern Mississippi invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track nine-month position at the rank of assistant professor or higher beginning August 2007. The position includes administrative responsibilities as director of the Center for Economic Education. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position is contingent upon funding. Quality classroom and online teaching is an expectation. Producing quality research and engaging in service activities in the department and college are also expected. Minimum qualifications are (1) receipt of an earned doctorate in economics or planned receipt by June 1, 2007, and (2) evidence of ability to produce scholarship and effective teaching. Applicants for ranks above assistant professor must meet department, college, and university expectations for the respective ranks. Each applicant should submit a curriculum vita, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of a research paper. Applications must be received no later than January 29, 2007. The University of Southern Mississippi is an AA/EOE/ADA employer and encourages applications from females and minorities. CONTACT: Economics Recruiting Committee; Department of Economics, Finance, and International Business; The University of Southern Mississippi; 118 College Drive #5072; Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001. E-mail: George.Carter@usm.edu.

As part of the hiring process, CoB Dean Harold Doty charged EFIB chair George Carter with constituting the Economics Recruiting Committee: “Please compose a search committee with yourself [Carter] as chair, a faculty member from the economics discipline, and a faculty member from the College of Education and Psychology.” It is interesting that Doty chose to limit Economics Faculty members’ input into the process at the ground floor.

The position listing, emailed by Carter to the EFIB department, was in fact at least saved by Carter:



However, the document properties for the Microsoft Word file containing the position listing indicate that the document was created by another EFIB Faculty Member altogether:



It appears that the position listing for the Director of the Center for Economic Education was authored by Sean Salter, an Assistant Professor of Finance at USM. Why would Doty, Niroomand, and Carter create an environment that excludes several Economics Faculty – including Trellis Green, Frank Mixon, Daniel Monchuk, Sami Dakhliya, Akbar Marvasti, Mark Klinedinst, Ed Nissan, and Farooq Malik – and include an untenured Finance Faculty Member in such an important way? Our investigation will continue.