

Just How *Unstreetable* is CoB Dean Harold Doty?

A Look at Business Advisory Council Membership Rolls, 2002-2006

Former CBA Dean Bill Gunther occasionally remarked that he had few “streetable” faculty in the CBA. Given Gunther’s talents at fundraising, and current CoB Dean Harold Doty’s apparent lack of proficiency in this area, we begin to wonder more and more just how “*unstreetable*” Doty must really be. Stories have circulated again and again in the CoB about this or that misstatement made by Doty in a public setting. One has to look no further than his own job talk at the University of South Florida to see several examples of that.

To investigate the possibility that Gunther was simply much more “streetable” than current CoB Dean Doty, we examined the membership rolls of the Business Advisory Council from 2002, 2005, and 2006. These are available in the Spring 2002, Spring 2005, and Fall 2006 issues, respectively, of *Joint Venture*. Membership counts in the external support arm of the CoB – the BAC – for these three points in time are provided below in Table 1.

Table 1
Business Advisory Council Membership Totals

| Year | CBA/CoB Dean | JV issue | BAC Membership Total |
|------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 2006 | Doty, D. Harold | Fall, 2006 | 73 |
| 2005 | Doty, D. Harold | Spring, 2005 | 86 |
| 2002 | Gunther, William D. | Spring, 2002 | 92 |

As the data above indicate, membership in the BAC is down from 92 in the Spring of 2002 to 73 at the present time (i.e., Fall of 2006). That represents a decrease of about 21%. The recent decline, from 86 in Spring of 2005 to 73 at the present time (i.e., Fall of 2006) represents a decline of about 15% in little more than one year’s time.

What’s happening to the BAC? Given all of the advantages Doty has available to him, such as Kintera screening (\$30,000 worth), Emile Dieth (Tulane), etc., one would think that he (Doty) could at least maintain the level of support that Gunther built in his short time with the project. We are left to conclude that Doty is simply “*unstreetable*.” The video evidence from Doty’s USF visit supports this conclusion.