

# Making a Point of It

## *A Look at the Distances between Former CoBers and the CoB*

An unusually large number of faculty have departed the CoB since 2003. That date is significant in that it represents the beginning of the Harold Doty administration of USM's b-school. That administration, one that was characterized by turmoil and failure, would last until 2007. Table 1 below lists those former CoBers who left USM for other academic environs in 2003 and thereafter. Also included there is the number of miles between these former CoBers and USM's b-school.

Table 1  
Miles Between Former CoBers and the CoB

<u>Former CoBer</u>	<u>Miles from CoB</u>
Nam, Doowoo	7,053
Wong, Sunny	2,226
Hallab, Zaher	2,204
Davis, Lizhu	2,051
Henthorne, Tony	1,711
Pascalau, Razvan	1,485
Gregory, Brian	1,461
Osmonbekov, Talai	1,461
Rambo, Robert	1,390
Eisenberg, Laurence	1,191
Yang, Jie	1,188
Tang, Linghui	1,162
Kozar, Joy	868
Hwang, Johye	690
Lo, Melody	631
Hutchinson, Joe	598
Haggard, Dana	584
Haggard, Stephen	584
Niroomand, Farhang	560
Carr, Jon	528
<del>Sawyer, Charles</del>	<del>528</del> — median distance
Mixon, Franklin	463
Salter, Sean	427
Daniel, Francis	424
Doty, Harold	404
Doty, Susan	404

Fisher, Dan	380
Lewis, Stanley	262
Tanya, Ruetzler	261
Taylor, Jim	261
Babin, Barry	239
Babin, Laurie	207
Yang, Hsia-Fen	167
Henthorne, Tara	125
Harrell, Adrine	111
Trevino, Len	111
Bushardt, Stephen	103
Glascoff, David	103
Williams, Alvin	103
Madaris, Michael	4
Naghshpour, Shahdad	0

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As Table 1 above indicates, former assistant professor of finance Doowoo Nam wins the award for greatest distance from the CoB. At 7,053 miles, no other former CoBer even comes close to the distance Nam has put between himself and Hattiesburg. The data above also indicate that no fewer than 12 of these former CoBers have put at least 1,000 miles between themselves and USM's b-school. The disciplines represented among these 12 include accounting, economics, fashion merchandising, finance, international business, management, marketing and tourism management. About the only current CoB discipline not included above is decision sciences.

The median distance is represented by Charles Sawyer's 528 miles. Sawyer, an economics professor, is currently located in Fort Worth, TX. Finally, Shahdad Naghshpour wins the award for shortest distance, having simply walked across the street from USM's College of Business and into its College of Arts & Letters. Of course, FIN's Michael Madaris comes in a close second (to Naghshpour), having recently joined USM's cross-town academic rival, William Carey University.