

The recent AACSB report underscored what most of the CoB has known for quite a while --- the accounting group at USM is as sorry as they come. Think about these issues that were raised by the AACSB team:

- The accounting group lacks the quantity of research expected by AACSB.
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- Too many members of the accounting group are neither academically qualified (based on research) nor professionally qualified (based on work experience).

Nobody in the accounting group personifies the sorry nature of the group better than Marvin Albin. It appears that the last article authored by Albin was the one that Jim Crockett double-counted to give Albin raises in consecutive periods --- back in the early to mid 1990's --- which means he cannot possibly attain AQ status. To make matters worse, Albin reportedly let his CPA license lapse, taking away any hope of earning PQ status.

Albin, who draws more than \$75,000 in salary from the Mississippi taxpayers each year, doesn't do research, doesn't keep his professional certifications up to date, doesn't do much service, doesn't teach a 12-hour load, and doesn't even live in Mississippi. On top of all that, Albin reportedly submitted his application for retirement in 2003, had a change of heart, and took back his retirement letter. I guess he was just too valuable to let go.