Meet Your Next Dean?

A number of USMNEWS.NET readers have contacted us to predict that Danny Arnold, the Dean of Business at Frostburg State University, will become the fifth (permanent) business Dean in the history of USM's College of Business. According to sources, Arnold has a number of years in the PERS system in Mississippi, so a return to the Magnolia State would be financially rewarding for him in for a number of reasons. However, Arnold has made a previous attempt to become USM's business college Dean (late 1990s), but failed to gain the support of the central administration.



Danny Arnold

It is not known at this time whether USM's current central administration would support an Arnold candidacy, though there are reasons for not doing so. Foremost among them is the fact that Arnold was a member of the CoB's AACSB Peer Review Team (PRT) of 2006-07. Given the significant difficulties the CoB had in securing its recent AACSB re-accreditation, the hiring of Arnold will be seen by many as a *quid pro quo*. And, if Arnold is indeed hired, another round of public controversy is likely to arise.