

## More Summer Teaching Shenanigans in EFIB

George Carter's Preferential Teaching Schedules are Becoming an Annual Affair

Summer teaching schedule shenanigans are not new to George Carter's EFIB. In [The CoB's 2006 Summer Teaching Deals Explained](#), USMNEWS.NET reporters explain how Carter, the chair of EFIB, gave preferential summer teaching salaries in the summer of 2006 to economists Edward Nissan and Charles Sawyer (now with TCU), while Trellis Green and Ernest King, also EFIB faculty, were denied those same salary deals.<sup>1</sup>



**George Carter**

Carter's preferential treatment of Nissan and Sawyer continued into the summer of 2007, as the investigative report [Oops! . . . He's Doing It Again](#) points out.

Evidence has been collected indicating that Carter's shenanigans are continuing into the summer of 2008. However, now, in the summer of 2008, the shenanigans are coming in different varieties, and there are new beneficiaries on board in the EFIB, as Table 1 below shows.

<b>Table 1</b>			
<b>Summer '08 Teaching in the EFIB</b>			
<b>Professor</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Times</b>
Harrell, Adrine	BA 301	5W1	8am-12:30pm, TuTh
Harrell, Adrine	BA 301	5W1	12:40pm-5:10pm, TuTh
Nissan, Edward	BA 301	5W1	1pm-2:30pm, MWF
			12:40pm-2:50pm, TuTh
Harrell, Adrine	BA 303	5W1	9:40am-12:50pm, W
Harrell, Adrine	BA 303	5W1	1pm-4:10pm, W
Nissan, Edward	BA 303	5W1	10:20am-12:30pm, TuTh
Nissan, Edward	BA 303	5W1	11:20am-12:50pm, MWF
Green, Trellis	ECO 101	Regular	9:40am-11:10am, MWF
Green, Trellis	ECO 201	Regular	11:20am-12:50pm, MWF
Marvasti, Akbar	ECO 202	5W1	8am-10:10am, MW
			10:20am-12:30pm, MW
Pascalau, Razvan	ECO 336	5W1	6pm-10:05pm, MW
Marvasti, Akbar	ECO 606	5W1	6pm-10:05pm, MW

<sup>1</sup> This report was based on an earlier USMNEWS.NET story entitled [Pay for Play](#).

Table 1 above indicates that EFIB favorite, Akbar Marvasti, is teaching a two-course load during the summer of 2008. That load consists of one section of ECO 202 and one section of ECO 606.



**Akbar Marvasti**

Not only will Marvasti's 2/3 employment lead to a 3/3 salary (for summer 2008), as seen in previous summers with Sawyer and Nissan, but not with Green and King, other details of Marvasti's summer 2008 teaching schedule are even more intriguing. First, both of Marvasti's classes are taught on a 5W1 basis, giving him the month of July (2008) away from any/all teaching duties. Second, in scheduling Marvasti's ECO 202 class, Carter appears to have carved out (of whole cloth) a new summer teaching time slot -- Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am to 12:30pm, with a 10-minute break from 10:10am to 10:20am. Traditional 5W1 courses are taught either at night (two times per week), as Marvasti's ECO 606 course is, or as Razvan Pascalau's ECO 336 course is, or on a 5-day/week basis, with larger blocks on Tuesdays/Thursdays and smaller blocks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ed Nissan's BA 301 schedule fits this description.

Carter's "Marvasti preference" seems clearly aimed at providing Marvasti not only a 5W1 schedule, but also a 2-day/week schedule. Doing so prevented Carter from offering CoB students the possibility of completing the ECO 201 & 202 sequence *without taking these two courses at the same time*, given that Green's ECO 201 section meets during Marvasti's ECO 202 class. Carter's schedule also prevents CoB students from completing their ECO requirements by the end of summer of 2008, given that Pascalau's ECO 336 section is the only section of 336 available, and it falls in the 5W1 period as well.

It's interesting that 10 of the 12 ECO/BA offerings fall in the 5W1 period. The remaining two are full summer courses, and both are taught by associate professor of economics, Trellis Green. It's likely that personal animus was the driving force behind Carter's decision to send Green out to an all summer workload. Carter attempted to prevent Green from being promoted to associate professor in 1994, and he was sued for doing so by Green that same year. In 1997 USM settled Green's lawsuit, and Green was awarded promotion to associate, the promotion raise, and an undisclosed financial settlement.<sup>2</sup> Carter, then Chair of EIB, resigned his administrative post at about that same time. According to sources, for a time after the settlement Carter stopped associating with Green outside of Greene Hall, and he encouraged others to do so as well. So, to see a summer 2008 teaching schedule coming from Carter that is clearly anti-Green is not surprising.

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<sup>2</sup> Details of Green's lawsuit against Carter are included in the USMNEWS.NET archives.

Adding to the controversy involving Green, given the fact that adjuncts and visitors like Adrine Harrell were provided with 5W1 teaching loads, Carter was clearly able to provide preferential (5W1) schedules to tenure-track EFIB faculty when he wanted (sought) to do so. Such preferences created other holes in the EFIB summer schedule for 2008. Most glaring is the fact that CoB students aren't able to complete the business statistics sequence this summer (2008), given that all of the BA course offerings fall during the 5W1 time frame. Like so many other reports here at USMNEWS.NET, this one adds more evidence to the pile that indicates that CoB administrators govern with one eye toward themselves and the other toward their friends. Left out of the equation is concern for CoB students. And, among CoB administrators Carter is arguably the worst transgressor in this regard.