

Nail's Road

The CoB's next visit from the AACSB, its national accrediting agency, will occur in February of 2012. That falls right about in the middle of the 2011-12 academic year. As such, the 2010-11 academic year is the all-too-important preparation year for the CoB's next AACSB re-affirmation process. Give this calendar, one would think that CoB dean Lance Nail would attempt to leave, assuming he's looking to do so (as some reports have it), during the upcoming 2009-10 academic year. Why then? Chances are decent that a "6th Year Review" will land in the CoB's lap again in Feb-2012, so leaving in 2009-10 would give Nail a chance of escaping the blame for such an outcome. If he sticks around until the end of 2010-11, then any type of continuing review from the AACSB will stick to him (Nail). And, assuming Nail departs during 2010-11, there are some CoBers who will work to secure a 6th Year Review just so that blame will fall on Nail. So, by this reckoning it's either Nail off after 2009-10 *or* Nail off some time after 2011-12. Isn't it difficult to imagine that he will want to stick around another *three* academic years? It seems so, though he is on the road a lot, and it may seem to him at least that he works somewhere else. Though only time will tell, you can bet all eyes will be on him this upcoming academic year.