

Old School

A Look at how the CoB's Economists were Sent Packing

The move in recent months by USM to eliminate its business economics programs and faculty has been covered by both regional and national media. The saga began with efforts by administrators, including USM provost Robert Lyman and CoB dean Lance Nail, to deal with one of the worst budgetary crises in university history. Graduating only a handful (or fewer) of students every year put ECO in the spotlight. That unit's deplorable scholarly production level likely sealed the deal.

The table below reminds USMNEWS.net readers how effectively such a monumental task as this was accomplished by USM administrators.

Table 1 – The Fall of USM Economics Faculty, 2009-10

Name	Rank	Outcome
Bonaparte, Yosef	Assistant	Fired during 2008-09; put on terminal contract for 2009-10
Carter, George	Full	Forced into retirement after 2009-10
Dakhliia, Sami	Associate	Moved from CoB to CoAL for 2010-11; accepted position with French university in spring of 2010
Gevrek, Deniz	Assistant	Moved from CoB to CoAL for 2010-11; accepted position with Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi for Jan-10
Green, Trellis	Associate	Forced into retirement after 2009-10
Gunther, William	Full	Forced into retirement after 2009-10
Klinedinst, Mark	Full	Forced into retirement after 2009-10
Marvasti, Akbar	Full	Moved from CoB to CoAL for 2010-11
Monchuk, Daniel	Assistant	Moved from CoB to CoAL for 2010-11
Nissan, Edward	Full	Forced into retirement after 2009-10

The situation described in Table 1 is astounding. Five economists (see green font) were forced into retirement after 2010-11. Included in this group are four full professors and one associate professor. Four economists (see blue and purple font) – one full professor, one associate professor, and two assistant professors – were moved from the CoB to CoAL for the 2010-11 academic year. However, two of these (see purple font) – one assistant professor and one associate professor – accepted new teaching positions elsewhere *before* that move was made. One of these (Gevrek) landed at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi *mid-year*, while the other (Dakhliia) is reportedly headed to a French university in May-10. Finally, one economist (see red font) was terminated during 2008-09, and put on a terminal contract for 2009-10. There is no word yet as to where he is headed for 2010-11. The efficiency and speed with which all of this was handled by the Martha Saunders administration of USM is something for the ages. Old-time USMers called the way Saunders et al. handled this situation “old school” – perhaps referring back to the days of past USM administrations. However you think of it – good or bad – the word “impressive” comes to mind.