

Our Most Talented Colleagues

A Look at the Numbers

In May of 2007, *untenured assistant* professor of economics Sami Dakhliya, a first-year CoB faculty who, to use EFIB chairman George Carter's term, had just been "canned" by the University of Alabama, took the floor at the end of the CoB's spring 2007 convocation. He then proceeded to blast the USMNEWS.net editor and various CoB faculty for speaking out against the CoB's administration in a way Dakhliya felt encouraged his (Dakhliya's) most talented colleagues to leave USM. Of course, Dakhliya wasn't speaking out in support of those CoB faculty who had been abused by CoB administrators, as management professor Sharon Topping had spoken for only minutes before Dakhliya was handed the rostrum by then-interim CoB dean Alvin Williams. The faculty Topping referred to were beginning to leave the CoB as well by spring of 2007. Dakhliya, however, was, according to sources, speaking on behalf of CoBers (and Dakhliya's friends) like Zaher Hallab (tourism management) and Akbar Marvasti (economics), CoB administrators' favorites who were either leaving the CoB at that time or expressing a desire to do so.

This series has presented what sources refer to as Dakhliya's ruse in a new light by showing that the talent lies with those faculty who had been targeted by CoB administrators and their supporters, such as Dakhliya -- i.e., the ones Topping spoke for. It is in the number of unique A-level journal publications that the *real* abilities of "our most talented colleagues" shines through. This final installment (part 10) in the series summarizes previous results, using Table 1 below. It indicates that for two-thirds of the CoB, the reign of D. Harold Doty meant little short of destruction, with some units experiencing losses in unique A-level journal publications per person in the 2.7 to 3.1 range. Of the one-third of the CoB still holding its own, ACC and FIN are being held together almost solely by Marc DePree and James Lindley, respectively. These are CoB faculty held in disdain by Doty (et al.). The other unit, DS, has maintained itself despite past attempts by Doty to eliminate it altogether.

Table 1
Unique A-Level Publications/Faculty: Current CoB vs. Former CoB

Current CoB		Former CoB		Difference
Unit	UALJP/Fac	Unit	UALJP/Fac	
ACC	1.80	ACC	1.00	+0.80
DS	2.57	DS	0.00	+2.57
ECO	1.55	ECO	4.60	-3.05
FM	0.33	FM	1.00	-0.67
FIN	2.63	FIN	0.67	+1.96
IB	0.00	IB	3.00	-3.00
MGT	1.00	MGT	1.67	-0.67
MKT	0.89	MKT	3.63	-2.74
TM	0.75	TM	2.40	-1.65

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