

Perks for Buds VI OI' Number 407

Accounting 407, Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting, is designed to be, not surprisingly, the study of government and not-for-profit accounting principles. It is a course that most students and most faculty members do not like. This dislike frequently translates into lower student evaluation numbers, so that fuels the avoidance of teaching that class. Since his unceremonious return to the accounting faculty, it was believed that Jim Henderson would be the obvious choice to teach ACC 407. After all, Henderson was for years the Vice President of Finance at Southern Miss (when it was USM). As the person who was in charge of the finance and accounting aspects of a state university - a governmental agency that is not-for-profit – it would seem a natural fit.

There is more that would indicate Henderson should be in charge of ACC 407; below is from the CoB web site:



Jim Henderson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Specialty Field

Financial accounting

Education

Harding University (B.S.), University of Memphis (M.S.), Texas A&M (Ph.D.)

Academic and Professional Interest

Higher education administration

Professional Honors and Achievements

Dr. Henderson, a CPA, has published in refereed journals and **has served as consultant to various government agencies** and private businesses.

By Henderson's own statements included on the web site (assuming they are his and/or true), his academic and professional interest - singular – is higher education administration; further, by his experience that means governmental, not-for-profit higher education administration. He has also “served as a consultant to various governmental agencies”. Again, SAIS, the CoB, and Southern Miss should all be glad Henderson is heading up ACC 407 due to his education, experience, and interest. But he does not teach the course. How can that be? It could be it is easier to teach principles and

intermediate accounting, or easier to get better evaluation scores doing so. Perhaps there are not as many opportunities to interject golf stories in ACC 407. Perhaps ACC 407 would require some preparation to teach. It may be as simple as another “special” faculty member gets whatever he wants. Whatever the reasons, one thing is clear: this is another perk for buds.