

Perks for Buds XIX  
Jim Henderson Now in the Ed Nissan Service Chair

**Academic Council Minutes**  
**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**September 8, 2008**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on September 8, 2008, in Cook Library room 123 with Dr. David Walker, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. David Beckett, Dr. Douglas Bristol, Dr. Dan Capper, [Dr. Jon Carr](#), Dr. Richard Conville, Mr. Desmond Fletcher, Dr. Elizabeth Haynes, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, [Dr. Mark Klinedinst](#), Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. David Marchman, Dr. Douglas Masterson, Dr. James McGuire, Ms. Adrienne McPhaul, Dr. Elaine Molaison, Dr. Sarah Morgan, Dr. Stephen Oshrin, Dr. Stacy Reischman, and Dr. David Walker.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Dr. Tammy Barry for Heather Turner-Sterling and [Dr. Gwen Pate for Dr. Jim Henderson](#).

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For a long time Ed Nissan, Professor of Economics (read: statistics), was automatically removed by George Carter, “Chair” of EFIB, from any voted on committee assignment. George used any and all available means of persuasion to get other faculty members (i.e., junior faculty members) to “voluntarily” take Ed’s place for service duties. This practice even included attending commencement for years for Ed. Is Ed simply service challenged? No, but he did write many papers that got published that had other people’s names on it besides his own. In more recent times, Ed is simply “not available” for service.

It looks like Jim Henderson, Associate Professor of Accounting and former Vice President of Finance at USM, has taken over Ed’s old spot. Henderson is rumored to be retiring at the end of this semester, but he will surely turn up again, probably when he is least desired. From the above Academic Council minutes, it can be seen that Gwen Pate went to the meeting for Henderson. Further in the minutes a CoB item, approving FIN 300 for online teaching, was approved. Perhaps Dr. Pate needed to be there for that; if so, why is that? Two other CoB faculty members, Jon Carr and Mark Klinedinst (from the EFIB Department, home of FIN 300), are on the Council and were present. It makes sense for Henderson, but why in the world would Pate do this? She has nothing to gain by this, especially from Henderson. If she has this little to do, she should be returned to full-time faculty status so she can work on getting AQ for AACSB. Until then, this is yet another perks for buds.