

EDITORIAL

Yesterday usmnews.net published a report from one of its contributors concerning Dr. Rod Posey's receipt of the Bell South Outstanding Faculty Award. As indicated in the report, Dr. Posey claims more than 100 accounting articles published. Unfortunately, no one has been able to locate more than a handful of those publications. If the publications exist, shouldn't Dr. Posey include them on his vita?

Usmnews.net obtained Dr. Posey's vita as published on Sedona. (Sedona is the database where each faculty is required to record information relating to their performance. Faculty has been advised that the information contained on Sedona is the sole basis for evaluations. Furthermore, Sedona is the source of information provided to AACSB.) The vita totals one page and contains three referred proceedings and one non-referred article. That leaves more than ninety six missing articles. A Google Scholar search identified one additional article. That leaves more than ninety five missing articles.

Hiding faculty accomplishments serves no one except those who have inadequate performance. Hiding faculty accomplishments leads to surprises about woefully inadequate research as identified by outside accreditors who can and do insist on access to faculty vitae. Dr. Posey is Exhibit 1 for having more transparent reporting of faculty accomplishments.

I suspect that Dr. Posey does not list his 100+ publications because they do not exist or they are so pitiful that he is embarrassed to disclose them: letters to the editor quality. It sounds impressive to report 100 publications, but it's similar to the fairy tale in which the protagonist boasts of killing seven with one blow. The problem with the boast was the seven were only flies.

Failure to make facts public prevents effective ongoing corrective action and leads to surprises--sometimes very unpleasant surprises--like AACSB probation (continuing review).

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