

Why did Mississippi taxpayers spend thousands of dollars to send Dr. Posey to AACSB meetings? By Marc DePree

Email dated February 27, 2006

“Colleagues,

Effective August 15, 2006, I will resign my position as Director of the School of Accountancy and Information Systems . . . I am now completing my third year in the position. During these three years, the faculty . . . is now well on track for [AACSB] accreditation review . . .

Thanks,
Roderick [Posey]”

“Inter-Office Correspondence

From: Roderick B. Posey

Date: September 28, 2006

Re: Revision of Mission

Based on the advice Ed [Arrington—AACSB review team] gave us last week, we need to revise our mission statement to clearly separate the undergraduate and graduate programs . . . In addition, based on our talk with Ed . . . we should adopt the following learning goals for 2006-07 . . .”

The first and most fundamental AACSB accreditation standard is “The school publishes a mission statement . . .” We are now only a few months away from the CoB/SAIS AACSB visit and Dr. Posey first becomes aware that the SAIS mission statement does not pass muster for AACSB approval. And by the way, our learning goals are wrong, too. What else did Dr. Posey miss? It’s not as though Mississippi taxpayers didn’t invest thousands of dollars over the past few years sending Dr. Posey to various seminars to learn AACSB standards. His most recent trip was in February 2006 to attend an AACSB Seminar in San Antonio, TX at a cost to the taxpayers of \$2,209.59.