

## Search for the Center for Economic Education Director Finally Revealed

Visitors to USMPRIDE.COM will likely recall the *Special Report* we ran in November that dealt with the CoB's attempt to hire a Director for its new Center for Economic Education. The headline from that story appears below:

### *Special Report*

#### **Coming Soon: Susan Doty's Cover** **An Investigative Series on the use of the CoB's Budget**

Susan Doty, spouse of CoB Dean Harold Doty, is partly the focus of the report given that her position in the CEE is lead educator. In that capacity, Susan Doty is also affiliated with the Mississippi Council of Economic Education. USMPRIDE.COM has reported extensively on the battle between Harold Doty and USM Provost Jay Grimes to launch an economics education delivery program affiliated with USM.

The *Special Report* referred to above was produced by USMPRIDE.COM investigators on 2 November 2006, and contained an advertisement that was published in the Job Openings for Economists at the beginning (end) of November (October) of 2006. The ad contained in that *Special Report* is shown again below:

#### **American Economic Association**

#### **Job Openings for Economists**

**November 2006**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, Hattiesburg, MS**







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#### A2 Economics Education

The University of Southern Mississippi invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track nine-month position at the rank of assistant professor or higher beginning August 2007. The position includes administrative responsibilities as Director, Center for Economic Education. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position is contingent upon funding. Quality classroom and on line teaching is an expectation. Producing quality research and engaging in service activities in the department and college are also expected.

Minimum qualifications are (1) receipt of an earned doctorate in economics or planned receipt by June 1, 2007, and (2) evidence of ability to produce scholarship and effective teaching. Applicants for ranks above assistant professor must meet department, college, and university expectations for the respective ranks. Each applicant should submit a curriculum vita, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of a research paper. Applications must be received no later than January 15, 2007. An equal opportunity-affirmative action employer. CONTACT: Economics Recruiting Committee; Department of Economics, Finance, and International Business; The University of Southern Mississippi; 118 College Drive #5072; Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001. e-mail: George.Carter@usm.edu.

USMPRIDE.COM actually broke the story that the EFIB was in the market for a new Director of the CEE by publishing the *Special Report* mentioned above. It was not until 14 December 2006 that EFIB Chairman George Carter made the search officially known to CoB personnel. He did so via an e-mail to EFIB faculty (see below).

<b>Date:</b> Thu, 14 Dec 2006 15:07:55 -0600
<b>From:</b> George Carter <George.Carter@usm.edu>
<b>To:</b> 'EFIB Department' <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>
<b>Cc:</b> 'Farhang Niroomand' <Farhang.Niroomand@usm.edu>, 'Harold Doty' <Harold.Doty@usm.edu>
<b>Reply-to:</b> EFIB Department <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>
<b>Subject:</b> [Cob-ecfinintbus] Econ Ed Search
<b>Part(s):</b>
 2 Memorandum Tasking.doc application/msword 34.21 KB 
 3 Position Announcement - 2007.doc application/msword 43.11 KB 
 4 Interview Scheduling Sheet.xls application/vnd.ms-excel 25.32 KB 

To EFIB Faculty:

The Dean authorized a search for a Director, Center of Economic Education. His authorization is one of the attachments. We have advertised the position in JOE and have received applications. The position advertisement is in another of the attachments.

The search committee is composed of me as chair, Charles Sawyer, and David Daves from Curriculum and Instruction. We have gone through the applications and selected ten individuals to interview. The interview schedule for Chicago is in another attachment.

The box of applicant files is in the department office. If you wish to look through the applications, please touch base with Lola for the box. Should you want us to add any individual(s) to the interview schedule, we would be happy to. Just let me know.

George

As Carter points out in the e-mail above, the position of Director for the CEE was authorized by Dean Doty. Carter also indicates that an advertisement was placed in the Job Openings for

Economists (JOE), and that applications for the post had already arrived in EFIB by 14 December 2006.



**Daves**



**Carter**



**Sawyer**

According to Carter's e-mail, the EFIB search committee is comprised of Carter, David Daves, and Charles Sawyer. Carter is shown above, flanked by Daves and Sawyer. Daves is an assistant professor of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education (PhD, Univ of Southern Mississippi). It is not known what Daves' credentials are for participating in a search for an academic economist. Doty's memo to Carter does not specify why a faculty member from the College of Education and Psychology was needed to complete the search for a Director of the CoB's CEE.

Look for more on this story as it develops further.