

Sedona's Secret

Marvin Albin's SEDONA 2007 Service Records

A recent check of associate professor of accounting Marvin Albin's spring 2007 SEDONA vita revealed the following list of activities classified as "Service to the University":

<p>SERVICE:</p> <p>Service to the University</p> <p>Departmental assignments:</p> <p>Member: 2005-2006: Curriculum Committee</p> <p>College/School assignments:</p> <p>Member: 2005-2006: Curriculum Development Team</p> <p>University assignments:</p> <p>Member: 2005-2006: General Education Committee 2005-2006: Academic Council 2005-2006: Intercollegiate Committee on Curriculum</p>

Upon examination of the list above, USMNEWS.NET investigators were surprised to see Albin (shown below) list 2005-2006 service on the USM Academic Council. Why? Because we have



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reported extensively on that committee, given that economics professor Edward Nissan refused to fulfill his obligation to serve on that committee (2004-05) alongside associate professor management Jon Carr and MIS professor Donna Davis. Nissan's refusal was "protected" by the CoB's administration (i.e., former Dean Harold Doty, former Assoc Dean Farhang Niroomand, and EFIB Chair George Carter), who forced associate professor of economics Trellis Green to complete Nissan's multi-year term on the AC. Green's service began in 2005-2006, the year Albin claims to have been on that committee. Of course, you see four names in our recounting of these events above – Carr, Davis, Green and Nissan – and not one of them is "Albin."

For additional proof that Albin *did not* serve on the Academic Council for 2005-2006, relevant portions of all AC meeting minutes are inserted below for the period Sept-05 through Dec-06:

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
Called Meeting

September 20, 2005

The Academic Council met at 12:15 p.m. on September 20, 2005 in the Union, Hall of Honors with Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. David Walker, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Dr. Jane Boudreaux for Dr. Ann Blackwell and Dr. Jane Boudreaux for Dr. Ben Velasquez.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Harold Doty, Dr. Jay Grimes, Ms. Debby Hill, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. W. Lee Pierce.

**Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
October 3, 2005**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on October 3, 2005, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Trellis Green, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stan Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. James Pat Smith, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Dr. David Walker, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Dr. Ann Blackwell for Dr. Thelma J. Roberson and Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks for Dr. Judith Williams.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Patricia Biesiot for Dr. Rex Gandy, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Ms. Debby Hill, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

**Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
November 7, 2005**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on November 7, 2005, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Vivian Carver, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stan Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. William (Bill) Powell, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Dr. David Walker, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:
Dr. Thelma J. Roberson for Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Myron Henry for Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Patsy Anderson for Dr. James Pat Smith, and Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks for Dr. Judith Williams.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Nancy Kaul, Ms. Debby Hill, Mr. Greg Pierce, Dr. Willie Pierce, and Dr. Denise VonHerrmann for Dr. Elliott Pood.

**Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
December 5, 2005**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on December 5, 2005, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Trellis Green, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. James Pat Smith, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Dr. David Walker, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Ms. Kathleen Wells for Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Kathy Yadrick for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, and Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Vivian Carver.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Peter Fos, Ms. Debby Hill, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Denise von Herrmann for Dr. Elliott Pood.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
December 13, 2005

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on December 13, 2005, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Vivian Carver, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Stan Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Ben Velasquez, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:

Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Amy Young for Dr. Michael Forester, Dr. Ann Blackwell for Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Amy Young for Dr. William Powell, Dr. Ann Blackwell for Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond for Dr. James "Pat" Smith, and Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks for Dr. Judith Williams.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Debby Hill, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Denise von Herrmann for Dr. Elliott Pood.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
January 30, 2006
Called Meeting

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on January 30, 2006 in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Stan Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. James Pat Smith, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Dr. David Walker, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:

Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. William Powell for Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, and Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Taralynn Hartsell.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Debby Hill, Ms. Nancy Kaul, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
February 6, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on February 6, 2006, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Vivian Carver, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Dr. David Walker, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:

There were no proxies.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Debby Hill, Ms. Nancy Kaul, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
March 6, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on March 6, 2006, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Trellis Green, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Donald Redalje, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. James Pat Smith, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Dr. David Walker, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Vivian Carver and Dr. Thelma Roberson for Ms. Kathleen Wells.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
April 3, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on April 3, 2006, in R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Jeff Evans, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Vivian Carver, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Donald Redalje, Dr. Ben Velasquez, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Jon Carr for Dr. Trellis Green, Ms. Kathleen Wells for Dr. Thelma Roberson, and Dr. Taralynn Hartsell for Dr. David Walker.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Nancy Kaul and Mr. Greg Pierce.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
June 12, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:00 p.m. on June 12, 2006, in Cook Library, Room 123 with Dr. Donna Davis, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Drummond, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Donald Redalje, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. David Walker, Ms. Adrienne Lee, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:
Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks for Dr. Myron Henry and Dr. Stanley Hauer for Dr. Steve Oshrin.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Peter J. Fos, Dr. Joe Whitehead for Dr. Rex Gandy, Ms. Debby Hill, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Jeanne Gillespie for Dr. Elliott Pood.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
September 11, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on September 11, 2006, in the Union, Rooms B & C with Dr. Donna Davis, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. James McGuire, Ms. Adrienne McPhaul, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Steve Oshrin, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:
Dr. James McGuire for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Stanley Hauer for Dr. William Powell, Dr. Ann Blackwell for Dr. Thelma Roberson, and Dr. Taralynn Hartsell for Dr. David Walker.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Nancy Kaul.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
October 2, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on October 2, 2006, in the Union, Hall of Honors with Dr. Donna Davis, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. David Davies, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Trellis Green, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. James McGuire, Ms. Adrienne McPhaul, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Steve Oshrin, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. James Pat Smith, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:
Ms. Nancy Kaul for Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Stanley Hauer for Dr. William Powell, and Dr. Taralynn Hartsell for Dr. David Walker.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Carolyn Cawthon, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Joe Whitehead.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
November 6, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on November 6, 2006, in the Union, Hall of Honors with Dr. Donna Davis, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Lin-Miao Agler, Dr. Mitch Berman, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. David Davies, Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. David Davies, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Trellis Green, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. James McGuire, Ms. Adrienne McPhaul, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Steve Oshrin, Dr. James Pat Smith, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:
Dr. Michael Forster for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks for Dr. Myron Henry Dr. Amy Young for Dr. William Powell, and Dr. Taralynn Hartsell for Dr. David Walker.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Carolyn Cawthon, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Joe Whitehead for Dr. Rex Gandy.

Academic Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
December 4, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on December 4, 2006, in the Union, Hall of Honors with Dr. Donna Davis, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Mitch Berman, Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. David R. Davies, Dr. Donna Davis, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Michael Forster, Dr. Trellis Green, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Stanley Hauer, Dr. Myron Henry, Dr. James McGuire, Ms. Adrienne McPhaul, Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks, Dr. Steve Oshrin, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum:
Dr. James McGuire for Dr. Jane Boudreaux, Dr. Trellis Green for Dr. Jon Carr, Dr. Stanley Hauer for Dr. William Powell, and Dr. Taralynn Hartsell for Dr. David Walker.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Carolyn Cawthon, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Joe Whitehead for Dr. Rex Gandy.

Examination of the inserts above reveals that Albin's name does not appear at all. A check of the archived minutes of AC meetings dating back to the late 1990s turns up other CoB names, such as Stan Clark, Mark Klinedinst, George Carter, David Duhon, and James Crockett, in addition to those mentioned above. **Albin's name does not appear on the AC rolls dating back to 1999.**

The Academic Council also lists a number of subcommittees (referred to as Committees). One of these is the "Intercollegiate Committee." The 2006-2007 ACIC membership is inserted below:

Academic Council 2006-2007 Committees

Intercollegiate Committee

Dr. Ann Blackwell, Chair

Dr. Trellis Green

Dr. Myron Henry
Dr. David Davies

This is the same committee that Albin lists on his SEDONA above as:

2005-2006: Intercollegiate Committee on Curriculum

Of course, if the evidence above shows that Albin was not on the 2005-2006 Academic Council, he could not have been on the Academic Council’s Intercollegiate Committee.

Another of the AC Committees is the “General Education Curriculum Committee.” The 2006-2007 ACGECC membership is inserted below:

General Education Curriculum

Dr. Jeffery Evans, Chair
Dr. Stan Hauer
Dr. Amy Young
Dr. Jon Carr
Dr. Ann Blackwell
Dr. Taralynn Hartsell
Dr. Jane Boudreaux
Dr. Michael Forster
Dr. Bobby Middlebrooks
Dr. Patsy Anderson
Dr. J. Pat Smith

This is the same committee that Albin lists on his SEDONA above as:

2005-2006: General Education Committee

Of course, if the evidence above shows that Albin was not on the 2005-2006 Academic Council, he could not have been on the Academic Council’s General Education Curriculum Committee.

As the evidence above stands, the entire list of University committee assignments on Albin’s SEDONA vita is **bogus**.

The only CoB-level committee listed by Albin is:

2005-2006: Curriculum Development Team

This is a curious entry, given the use of the word "Team." This term was used instead of "Committee" during the Tyrone Black administration of the College – an administration that ended around 1996, more than 10 years ago. Below, we insert the 2005-06 CoB Committee list, sent out to all faculty by Niroomand via e-mail in early Oct-05:

College of Business
Committee Members
2005 – 2006

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

George Carter, Chair
David Duhon
Charles Jordan
Stan Lewis
Judith Roberts
Bob Smith
Sunny Wong

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

David Duhon, Chair
Stephen Bushardt
Charles Cartee
Tony Henthorne
Charles Jordan
Melody Lo
Bill Smith
Ernie Wilson
Ken Zantow

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Frank Mixon, Chair
Brigitte Burgess
Zaher Hallab
Chang Hsieh
Jon Carr
Farooq Malik
Linghui Tang

CAREER PLANNING & INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

Bill Smith, Chair
John Brown
Donna Davis
Wanda Fennell
Trellis Green

Joe Hutchinson
Larry Eisenberg
Daniel Michael
Patricia Munn

GRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Laurie Babin, Co-Chair
Beth LaFleur, Co-Chair
Stephen Bushardt
John Clark
Stan Clark
Francis Daniel
Chang Hsieh
David Sharp

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Stan Clark, Chair
Sean Salter
Brigitte Burgess
Tara Lopez
Bill Gunther
Gwen Pate
Cathy Price
Mike Vest
Fujun Lai

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Alvin Williams, Chair
Mary Anderson
Farhang Niroomand
David Duhon
Linghui Tang

ACADEMIC SUSPENSION COMMITTEE

Sean Salter, Chair
Dolly Loyd
Charles Sawyer
Amy Sevier

Kenneth Zantow

ACADEMIC CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Ernest King, Chair
Scott Magruder
Dolly Loyd
Johye Hwang

COLLEGE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Cheri Becker, Chair
Kuo Lane Chen
John Clark
Jim Henderson
Mark Klinedinst
Joy Kozar
Beth LaFleur
Daniel Monchuk
Talai Osmonbekov
Joe Peyrefitte
Catherine Price
Jie Yang

TENURE AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Tony Henthorne, Chair
Earnest King/fall
Tom Lindley/Spring
Catherine Price
Bob Smith
Sharon Topping
Joe Hutchinson
Stan Lewis
Frank Mixon

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Farhang Niroomand, Co-Chair
Gwen Pate, Co-Chair
Marc DePree
Zaher Hallab
Joy Kozar
Edward Nissan
Jennifer Sequeria

As the insert above indicates, there were 12 CoB committees during the 2005-06 academic year, and Albin **was not on a single one of them**. Not only that, there was no such committee as the "Curriculum Development Team" listed by Albin above.

As the evidence above stands, the entire list of CoB committee assignments on Albin's SEDONA vita is **bogus**.

The only thing that remains is Albin's listing of a department-level curriculum committee, which should hardly count for anything. Not only that, it is likely that most, if not all, of the CoB's accountants served on this so-called committee during the 2005-06 academic year.

At this point, we invite USMNEWS.NET columnist, Duane Cobb, to offer some concluding commentary.

Commentary by Duane Cobb

Most people in the CoB are probably familiar with Marvin Albin's double-counting (of journal articles) scandal from the late 1990s (1997-1998). Just the other day, USMNEWS.NET reporters provided evidence indicating that this same scandal extends into 2005, 2006, and 2007. Now, with this report, we learn that Albin's entire listing (Sedona, 2007) of 2005-06 Service to the CoB and to USM is bogus. The fact that USMNEWS.NET reporters are still stuck in the As of Accounting makes me wonder how much evidence will ultimately be accumulated.

Duane Cobb